

KENN C OF E NEWSLETTER

May 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday 1st June - Class 1 and 2 Visit to Dawlish Warren

Tuesday 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June - Class 2 (Group 2) Forest School

Wednesday 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June, 24th June - Swimming for Class 4

Saturday 6th June 9:00 - 11:00am. Staff and Parent session - gardening in Key Stage 1 and EYFS

Monday 8th June - PE Impact Day for all pupils - Pupils can come to school in PE kit

Friday 12th June - Sports Day 1:00pm - 3:15pm

Monday 15th June - Home Visits for new pupils. Phonic Screening check for pupils in Year 1 and selected Year 2 pupils

Thursday 18th June - Plymouth Aquarium Visit - Classes 1 and 2

Friday 19th June - Reserve Sports Day

Monday 22nd June - Fun Run Class 4

Tuesday 30th June, 7th July, 14th July, 21st July - Forest School EYFS pupils

Friday 17th July Lion King Rehearsal at TCS (AM) for Key Stage 2 pupils

Monday 20th July - Ivy Games at Exeter Arena

Wednesday 22nd July - Lion King final rehearsal and performance - show at 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd July - Staff, Parent and Class 4 Rounders Match 1:30pm - 3:15pm
- Year 6 reward - trip to the Orange Elephant

Friday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers' Collective Worship - Year 6 parents invited - 9:15am



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A Magical May

Dear Families

The first half of the Summer Term seems to have flown by! Although it was a short half term, it was filled with so many events, opportunities and celebrations. As we look ahead, the remainder of the academic year promises to be even busier.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs in May. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude, determination and resilience they demonstrated throughout the assessment period. They are a real credit to you as parents and carers, and to our school community as a whole.

We have also enjoyed a number of Trust-wide events, including our We Are Kenn, We Are Ivy week, which focused on giving back to others. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. They provided valuable opportunities for our pupils to think about the needs of others within our community while developing important life skills.

It was wonderful to see the children engaging so positively with a range of activities. Whether meeting local residents, taking orders and serving cream teas, supporting at Playbox, helping with gardening projects, inviting members of the community into school, or creating kindness pebbles to be displayed both in school and around the village, our pupils demonstrated kindness, confidence and a genuine desire to make a difference. There is so much to celebrate, and it has been a pleasure to watch the children continue to grow and develop as young people within the Kenn community.

We have recently renamed our School Council as the Ethos Group. While the children will continue to contribute to school improvement and pupil voice, we would also like them to play a greater role in supporting and developing the Christian distinctiveness of our school. Looking ahead, we are excited to provide opportunities for pupils to lead more Collective Worship sessions and to design a pupil survey, helping us gather their views and shape future developments within the school.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find celebrations from the past half term, information about upcoming events and, in some cases, requests for support. As a small team, we are incredibly grateful for any help families can offer.

It was also lovely to see an increased number of parents attending the recent PTA meeting. Going forward, the PTA will be sharing more information about the funds they raise and how these directly benefit your children. For example, the PTA generously contributed over £800 towards our recent visit to We The Curious, helping us keep costs affordable for families while still providing the rich and memorable experiences that we are so passionate about offering our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by everyone here at Kenn.

Help Needed

We urgently need help to clear some bushes and dig over our EYFS area. If you can spare some time on **Saturday 6th June from 9:00am until 11:00am** we would be most grateful. Please bring your own tools as our stock is limited. Tasks needed - cut back some vegetation and bushes, weed, dig and flatten an area to place a shed, dig an area for minibeasts in Key Stage 1. Please let us know if you can spare two hours. We are also hoping to enjoy a rounders match for Class 4 pupils, staff and parents in July. If you would like to be involved, let us know. Thank you.



The Lion King Performance

The children have now begun rehearsing in earnest for our end-of-year production of The Lion King, and excitement is really building across Key Stage 2. We know this will be a fantastic performance and a wonderful opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents and hard work.

To support rehearsals, we have arranged a number of sessions at Teignmouth Community School ahead of the final performance. As a result, we are asking for some support from families with transport where possible. All Key Stage 2 pupils will be involved in the production, and we very much hope that all families will be able to join us for the evening performance to celebrate the children's achievements.

As a small school, transport arrangements can be challenging. We currently have only two minibus drivers and share transport across three schools. Any help from families with journeys to and from rehearsals would therefore be hugely appreciated and will make a significant difference.

If you are able to transport your own child, or support with transporting other children (with appropriate permission and paperwork in place), please let the school office know. Parents transporting another child will need to complete the necessary disclosure form and have written consent from the child's parent or carer.

Rehearsal Arrangements for Classes 3 and 4

Friday 17 July

Please drop your child at Teignmouth Community School between 9:00am and 9:30am.

School will transport the children back to Kenn for lunchtime.

If you are able to collect your own child from Teignmouth and return them to school, or support with transporting other children (with appropriate permission in place), we would be very grateful as this will help reduce the number of journeys required.

Tuesday 21 July

Please take your child directly to Teignmouth Community School for 10:00am. Children must come to school first to register at normal time.

Collection will be at 2:45pm from Teignmouth Community School.

If you are willing to transport another child, please contact the school office so that the necessary paperwork can be arranged. If you are unable to collect, we will drive the children back.

Wednesday 22 July – Performance Day

Please take your child to Teignmouth Community School for 10:00am. Children must register first.

Collection will be at 3:30pm from Teignmouth Community School.

We are asking parents of pupils in Classes 3 and 4 to collect their children from Teignmouth and then return them for the evening performance at 4:45pm, allowing time for costumes and final preparations ahead of the 6:00pm performance.

We will continue to do all we can to support transport arrangements, but any assistance from families is greatly appreciated and will help us ensure this is a truly memorable experience for the children.

Further information about tickets and seating will be shared shortly. We very much hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work and a fantastic way to end the school year.





Easter Service at St Andrew's Church

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderful Easter Service. It was a truly special occasion and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers come together to celebrate with us. The children were fantastic as they shared the Easter story, speaking clearly and confidently, and bringing the message of hope, love, and new beginnings to life. Their singing throughout the service was joyful and uplifting and the readings were spoken with confidence.

A particular highlight was the fabulous rendition of Spring Chicken, which was performed with great enthusiasm and energy, bringing smiles to everyone in the audience. The service ended beautifully with a performance from our school choir, following on from their amazing performance in the Ivy Trust Music Event last week.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and for the way they supported one another. Thank you also to our staff for organising such a meaningful event, and to our families for your continued support.



Our school vision links the parable of the sower - Matthew 13 1-9 *The seeds planted in God's good ground become strong and tall.*

Our school values support our vision - sowing kindness, courage and faith so that all can flourish.

We are going to be restarting our larger Ethos Group meetings this term. We will send you the date if you would like to be part of how we shape our vision and our school in the future.



Ivy Trust Music Event

Pupils from Classes 3 and 4 recently travelled to the Langstone Cliff Hotel to take part in the Ivy Trust Music Event. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children, who not only performed but also played an active role in creating their own song. Working closely with Pat and Elyfn from Sonopera, they contributed ideas for both the lyrics and the music, making the experience especially meaningful.

The children performed alongside pupils from other Ivy Trust schools, showcasing their hard work, creativity, and confidence on stage. It was a wonderful evening, culminating in a powerful full ensemble performance, where all the children came together to sing as one.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the project. It was a truly memorable experience and a wonderful opportunity for them to shine.

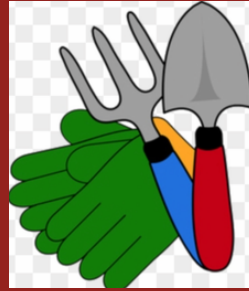


We are Kenn, We are Ivy

Our pupils embraced the spirit of *We Are Kenn, We Are Ivy* week, working together to support our school, our local community and each other. We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, kindness and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the week. Here are just some of the highlights:



Kenn values - Kindness, Courage and Faith



Sponsored Read

 **USBORNE**
Be Curious.

Usborne Book Winners

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the sponsored read.

Emily from Usborne delivered a very special collective worship, where children were presented with prizes for the most minutes read and the highest amounts raised through sponsorship. We were also delighted to recognise pupils nominated by their teachers for their hard work and commitment to reading.

Children were able to choose their own prizes, making the event even more special. Thanks to Emily the school also received an incredible £800 worth of books for our library.

Thank you to all of the children and parents who supported this initiative—we are very grateful.



We the Curious

Our KS2 children had an amazing trip to We The Curious! Throughout the day, the children explored the museum's interactive exhibits, getting hands-on with science, engineering, space, and the human body. From experimenting with light and sound to discovering how forces and technology work, there was excitement and curiosity around every corner.

The highlight for many was the incredible solar planetarium show where the children were completely in awe as they journeyed through space and learned more about our fascinating solar system. They also thoroughly enjoyed the thrilling "Launch It!" science show packed with explosive experiments, fiery reactions and exciting demonstrations that had everyone amazed and laughing along.

It was a fantastic day full of discovery, teamwork and unforgettable learning experiences!



RNLI Visit

We were delighted to welcome visitors from the RNLI to lead a special collective worship session for our pupils.

During the visit, the children learned about the important work of the RNLI and how they help to keep people safe at sea. They also shared valuable water safety advice, including how to stay safe when visiting the coast and what to do in an emergency.

The session was engaging and informative, with pupils showing great interest and asking thoughtful questions throughout. It was a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of water safety in an enjoyable and memorable way.

We would like to thank the RNLI for providing such a valuable experience for all of our children.



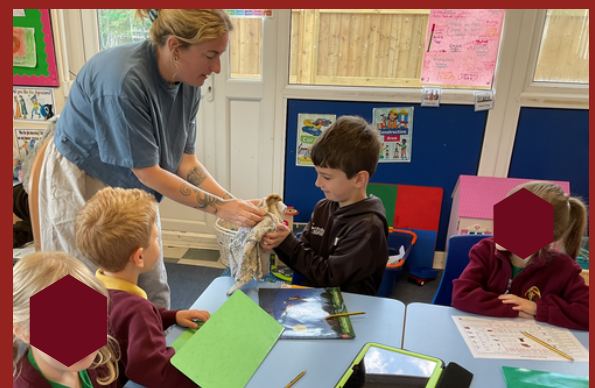
Always Club winners

Classes 1 and 2 have enjoyed an exciting and memorable term. Pupils were delighted to welcome a range of animal visitors to school, including baby lambs and chickens, providing a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the natural world.

In History, children in Class 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London. As part of their learning, they designed and built their own Tudor-style houses before watching them burn in a carefully managed demonstration. This hands-on experience helped bring this important historical event to life and gave pupils a deeper understanding of how the fire spread through London in 1666.



Well done to our Always Club Winners for the Spring Term. We are finalising their reward and they will enjoy their treat very soon.





We are incredibly grateful to the Wiseman family for bringing in their chickens and to the Berry family for sharing their lambs with us.

Individual Achievement

We are always delighted to hear about the achievements of our pupils outside of school and the many ways in which they continue to flourish.

A huge congratulations to Jude, who has recently passed out as a cadet in the Royal Marines Volunteer Cadet Corps (VCC). Over the past eight months, Jude has successfully completed a range of training activities, including navigation, first aid, camouflage and concealment, drill practice and the Commando Challenge. This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as one of the youngest recruits in his group.

We are incredibly proud of Jude's commitment, resilience and determination, and we look forward to hearing about his future successes.



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, helps children build confidence, develop friendships and maintain a sense of belonging within our school community. We know that children learn best when they attend regularly and arrive on time. Even a small number of missed days can mean missing important learning experiences and make it harder for children to keep up with their peers.

To celebrate the commitment shown by our pupils, we are hoping to organise a special reward for all children who achieve **100% attendance or show improved attendance** this term. Further details will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and flourish.

How you can help

We would be grateful if you could:

- Ensure your child attends school every day, unless they are genuinely unwell
- Plan appointments outside of term time where possible
- Inform us promptly of any absences
- Work with us to address any barriers to attendance

Your partnership in this matter is invaluable, and together we can ensure every pupil has the best possible start to their day.

Just a reminder that we have a two week half term in October. Please consider this when booking holidays to avoid taking the children out of school in term time.



	Sep-26				Oct-26				Nov-26					
Monday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26	
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28	
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	Dec-26				Jan-27				Feb-27					
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	Mar-27				Apr-27				May-27					
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	Jun-27				Jul-27				Aug-27					
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key: Term dates: Pupils attend (Yellow), Non-term dates (Green), Bank Holidays (Pink), INSET dates: Staff attend (Blue)

A Prayer being shared with the children this week

Dear God,
 Thank you for teaching us through the Parable of the Sower. Help us to be like the good soil—ready to listen, learn and grow.
 Help us to show kindness to others, courage when things are difficult, and faith in you, ourselves and one another.
 May our words and actions help good things to grow in our school and in the world around us.
 Amen.