

KENN C OF E NEWSLETTER

July 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th Sept - Inset days

Monday 7th Sept - term begins

Week beginning Monday 14th Sept - Bikeability
Year 6

Weds 23rd to Friday 25th Sept - Class 4
residential to Great Potheridge House



A Joyous June and July

We have reached the end of term – and what a year we have had!

There is so much to celebrate at Kenn, but I would like to make a special mention of our children, who show us every day just how far they have come. Our school values are constantly being lived by our school family, and we can look back with pride at so many achievements, both academically and socially.

Our pupils have much to celebrate. Children in EYFS and Year 1 have achieved strong end-of-year outcomes, with an excellent percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check and achieving a Good Level of Development in EYFS. Our Year 6 pupils have also achieved writing SATs results that are above the national average - a great achievement.

However, beyond the academic successes, we have witnessed kindness, positive behaviour, resilience and friendship every single day. These qualities make Kenn such a special place to learn and grow.

This week, we have witnessed a wonderful performance in Teignmouth, where our Key Stage 2 children shone on stage in their production of The Lion King.

The year has flown by, and it is wonderful to take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved together.





Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We really value your feedback. While there were many strengths highlighted, we are always looking for ways to improve. In September, we will send out a short follow-up survey asking for your suggestions and advice on the key areas we will be focussing on. Thank you once again for helping us to continue making Kenn the very best it can be.

Just a reminder that payments for the Class 4 Residential are still required as the visit takes place quite quickly into the new academic year. Please contact us at school if you have any concerns.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Kenn. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and have consistently gone above and beyond to support our children, families and one another. I am incredibly grateful for their dedication and commitment.

I wish you all a wonderful restful summer with your families.

Warm regards

Lorraine Curry

Celebrations from the half term

We enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day, expertly organised by Mr Tyrrell. The children gave the very best of themselves throughout the afternoon, demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship as they competed to earn points for their house teams. It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by children, staff and families alike. A huge congratulations to the Green Team, who were crowned the overall winners on the day. Well done to every child for taking part with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Sports Day



Curriculum visits - Dawlish Warren and Plymouth Aquarium

🐟🐟 Plymouth Aquarium Visit 🐟🐟

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Plymouth Aquarium, where they explored the wonders of the marine world. The children were fascinated by the colourful fish, graceful rays, sharks and many other sea creatures, while learning about different ocean habitats and the importance of protecting our marine environment. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to bring classroom learning to life and inspire curiosity about the natural world. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who kindly volunteered to support the trip and help make it such a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience.

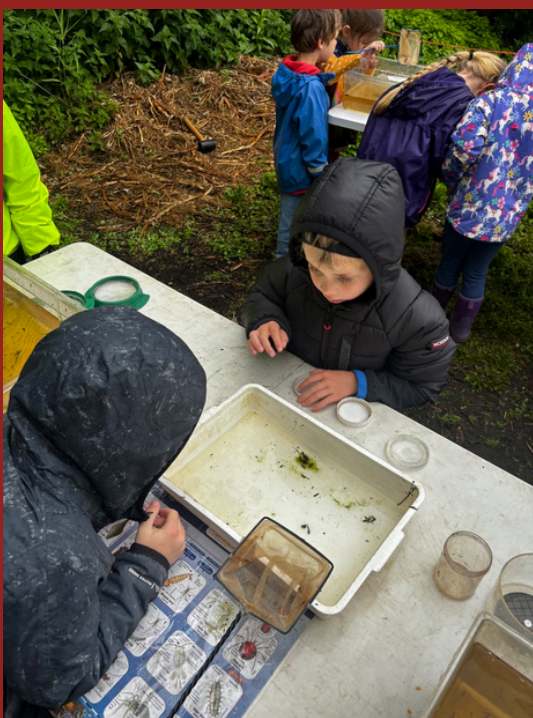


🦋 Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve Visit 🦋

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a wonderful day at Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor learning activities. Through pond dipping, minibeast hunts and grass sweeping, the children discovered a variety of fascinating wildlife while learning about habitats, life cycles and the importance of protecting our local environment.

The visit brought their science learning to life, encouraging curiosity, teamwork and careful observation. The children also enjoyed time on the beach, exploring the coastline and making the most of the beautiful surroundings.

It was a fantastic day of discovery and outdoor learning. Well done to all the pupils for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm, and thank you to the staff and volunteers at Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve for providing such an enjoyable and memorable experience.





Ivy Olympics Success

Our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Ivy Olympics this week, competing in a range of sporting activities against other schools across our Ivy family.

The children had the exciting opportunity to meet Leon Greenwood, a British Olympic bobsledder, who inspired them with his motivational talk, encouraged them throughout the day and presented the medals at the end of the competition.

Ten teams took part, and we are incredibly proud that Kenn achieved both 1st and 3rd place. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the children's teamwork, determination and sporting ability.

Throughout the day, our pupils demonstrated our school values of Kindness, Courage and Faith in everything they did. They represented Kenn brilliantly and were a real credit to our school.

A huge well done to everyone involved!



Forest School Fun

Class 1 pupils have enjoyed some fantastic Forest School sessions this half term. One of their favourite activities was making their own ice cream outdoors – a delicious treat that everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

Forest School provides children with valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Through hands-on experiences in nature, pupils develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills, while also building a deeper appreciation and respect for the natural environment. These sessions encourage curiosity, creativity and independence, helping children to grow both academically and personally.



Always Club winners

Well done to our Always Club winners for the Summer Term. We enjoyed a visit to Teignmouth mini golf with the Spring Term winners. It was great fun!

Pupils from Class 4 competed against Starcross School at Dartmoor 3 ball.



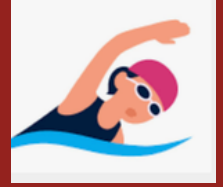
The Lion King

What an amazing performance from our Key Stage 2 children in The Lion King. It was an evening to remember and we are very proud! Over £500 was raised on the night - a huge thank you .





Individual Achievement



★ Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements ★

A huge congratulations to Ben, who travelled to Sardinia during the holidays and learnt to windsurf. He mastered this fantastic new skill and had an amazing time. Ben also told us that Jemima did brilliantly too – well done, Jemima!

Otilie recently competed in a national swimming competition, racing in the two-length breaststroke event. She achieved an incredible 3rd place. What a fantastic accomplishment – we are so proud of you!

Charlie B took part in his very first pony race with his pony, Queenie, and won by an incredible 15 lengths! What an outstanding achievement – congratulations, Charlie!

We love hearing about the wonderful things our children achieve both in and out of school. Thank you to everyone who shares these special moments with us. It is always a pleasure to celebrate the talents, determination and successes of our Kenn children. Well done to you all!

IET Term Dates: 2026-27 Academic Year

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

Well done to all of the children who achieved 95% or improved attendance for the Summer Term. 34 pupils achieved 100% for the term. Class 1 and 2 will enjoy a reward with their teachers and Key Stage 2 will play dodgeball with Mr Tyrell. A special mention goes to Summer, Emily and Leo who achieved 100% attendance for the year.

Staffing Structure

Our class structure remains unchanged. Please see the class teacher information below:

Mrs Robinson – Class 1 (EYFS)

Mrs Tyrrell and Mrs Garner – Class 2 (Years 1 & 2)

Miss Laing – Class 3 (Years 3 & 4)

Mrs Fidler – Class 4 (Years 5 & 6)

A message from Mrs Bestwick



Dear Families,

I want to take a moment to thank you all.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of Kenn Primary School for so many years. I have loved watching generations of children grow, flourish, and develop into confident young people. The sense of community here is truly special, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of it both as a teacher and as a resident of the village.

Although I will miss everyone very much, I know I will still see many of you while walking my dog around the village, which is a comforting thought.

The tea party last week was a wonderful and unexpected surprise. I felt deeply touched by the kindness shown to me, and it was such a pleasure to chat with former staff members and so many parents. My sincere thanks go to everyone who helped organise such a memorable occasion.

The Headland Hotel has long been one of my favourite places to stay, and I was truly moved by the generosity of the voucher I received. Thank you so much for such a thoughtful gift. As we head into the much-anticipated summer holidays, I would like to wish every family a restful, happy, and enjoyable break. Thank you once again for your kindness, support, and friendship over the years.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Bestwick



We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Arrowsmith as they begin exciting new chapters. Thank you Mrs B, Mrs T and Mrs A for your dedication, care and unwavering support for the children and families of Kenn. Your kindness, commitment and hard work have made a real difference to so many lives, and your contributions to our school community will be remembered with great appreciation. We wish you every happiness and success in your future adventures. You will always be a part of the Kenn family, and we hope you will keep in touch.

What a wonderful group of pupils you have been! We are so sad to see you leave us as you move on to the next stage of your education.

We hope you all enjoyed your special trip to Orange Elephant. A huge thank you to Alfie's mum for so generously treating the children—it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of your time at Kenn. Thank you all for being such fantastic members of our school family. You have each brought your own unique talents, kindness and personalities to our school, and we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.

Good luck to James, Anna, Henry, Alfie, Ralph, Ben, Brooke, Annabel and Lizzie as you begin your new adventures. We will miss you all very much, but we know you will continue to shine wherever you go.



A farewell to our Year 6 pupils



A Prayer for Our Leavers

Loving God,
Thank You for our wonderful Year 6 pupils and for all they have achieved during their time at Kenn.

As they say goodbye, bless them with courage, kindness and confidence for the journey ahead. Help them to make new friends, embrace new opportunities and always remember that they will forever be part of the Kenn family.

We are so proud of them and wish them every happiness.
Amen.

