KENN C OF E NEWSLETTER

October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th November - first day of term

Tuesday 10th November - School photos

Tuesday 10th November - Forest School Year 3 begins for 4 Tuesdays

Wednesday 11th November - Class 3 visit to Escot

Thursday 12th November - Stay and Play for new pupils 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 18th November -Stay and Play for new pupils 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 19th November - Vision Screening Class 1 Pupils

Wednesday 25th November - Year 3 and 4 netball at Starcross (selected pupils)

Thursday 3rd December - Christingle making with Mothers Union for all pupils

Sunday 6th December - Christingle Service at St Andrews Church - pm

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Service at St Andrews Church - 9:00am

Friday 18th December - Last Day of term

Monday 4th January - term begins

An Opportunity-Filled October

What a wonderful start to the new academic year! For our new families, alongside our weekly updates, we also share a half-termly newsletter filled with celebrations, notices and updates from across our school community.

The start of term has been a real joy. We have seen our school vision brought to life time and again through the kindness, courage and faith shown by our Kenn community. We regularly revisit our vision, '***Sowing Kindness, Courage and Faith so that all can Flourish***', which underpins our actions and guides all that we do.

Thank you to every parent who has made additional contributions to support children to access our visits and opportunities. This is incredibly generous and illustrates the kindess within our community.

It is a pleasure to share with you how our children have been flourishing, both inside and outside the classroom. We hope you enjoy celebrating their achievements with us and wish you all a happy and restful half-term break.

Warm regards

Lorraine Curry

Our community flourishing in school

As many of you will be aware, we had the most wonderful summer show in July, and the children's performance of the Lion King was outstanding. When you visit our reception area, please take time to look at the wonderful celebration of this event outside Mrs Nunn's office.
We were joined by Mrs Katy Quinn, the CEO of Ivy Education Trust. Please see her kind message.

One of the real highlights of the end of term was having the opportunity to watch Kenn C of E Primary School's production of The Lion King. It was an absolutely outstanding performance and a wonderful celebration of the talent, confidence and hard work of our children.
From the moment the curtains opened, it was clear that something very special had been created. The children performed with incredible confidence, enthusiasm and pride, bringing the story to life in a way that captivated everyone in the audience. Having seen school productions over many years, I can honestly say that this year's performance represented a significant step forward. The quality of the acting, singing and stage presence was exceptional, and the children's confidence shone through in every scene.
The performance was made even more memorable by being hosted at Teignmouth Secondary School's auditorium. Providing our primary pupils with the opportunity to perform on a larger stage gave the event a real sense of occasion and helped create lasting memories for the children and their families. It is a wonderful example of what being part of Ivy Education Trust means in practice: schools working together, supporting one another and creating opportunities that enrich the experiences of our pupils. This reflects our belief that we are stronger together and our commitment to collaboration across the Trust.
The production also beautifully demonstrated the values that sit at the heart of Ivy Education Trust. The children's courage to step onto the stage and perform, their commitment throughout weeks of rehearsals, the collaboration required to bring the entire production together, and the compassion shown as they supported one another were evident throughout the evening. These values are central to who we are and what we aspire to be as a Trust.
I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to every child who took part. You should be incredibly proud of what you achieved. I would also like to thank the staff team at Kenn C of E Primary School for their dedication, creativity and countless hours of preparation. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to parents and carers for their encouragement, support and commitment. School productions require a tremendous team effort, and this success was only possible because of the partnership between school and home.
Well done to everyone involved. The Lion King was a truly amazing performance and a fitting way to celebrate another successful year at Kenn C of E Primary School.

Edurio Survey

Kenn Church of England Primary School has been recognised nationally in the Edurio Awards. This is based on pupil feedback in the 2025/26 surveys.

The Pupil Feedback in Action Award recognises a school's commitment to ensuring that pupil voice genuinely influences school improvement.

A wonderful achievement and a very proud moment for our school.

GB Athlete Visit

Great Athlete Day Raises £1,770.25!

We were delighted to welcome Team GB surfer Oli Adams to school for our Great Athlete Day. Pupils enjoyed taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit before hearing Oli share his inspiring sporting journey and the determination needed to succeed at the highest level.
The day was a huge success, raising an amazing £1,770.25, which will be used to purchase new sports equipment and support physical activity across the school.
A huge thank you to our families for their generous support and to Oli for inspiring our children to be active, resilient and ambitious.

Pupil leadership

Following the appointment of our Ethos Group, we have now appointed our School Sports Ambassadors and Play Leaders. We are delighted to welcome these pupils into their new roles and look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make throughout the year.
Their work will begin in earnest after half term, when pupils will help to lead Collective Worship, share updates on their actions and ideas, and support other children across our school family. Mr Tyrrell has trained our Playleaders this week, so they are ready to go with new games and activities for break and lunchtimes. We are excited to see their leadership develop as they take on new responsibilities, show our school values in action and help everyone at Kenn to flourish.
We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Forest School

Our Year 4 pupils have flourished during their Forest School sessions at Methley Meadow this term. These experiences provide valuable opportunities to develop practical skills, support wellbeing and build teamwork, confidence and independence.
Year 3 pupils will begin their sessions aftr half term, and we look forward to hearing about their adventures!
Please do support this valuable provision by making your contribution via Arbor. Forest School continues to be heavily subsidised by the school, so every contribution towards the costs is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Great Potheridge House Residential

What a wonderful few days Class 4 enjoyed on their residential trip to Great Potheridge House in North Devon! The children embraced every opportunity, taking part in a fantastic range of activities, including gorge scrambling, paddleboarding, canoeing, Jacob's Ladder, climbing and so much more.
Alongside all the adventure, the children developed their independence and teamwork by making their beds, looking after their rooms and preparing their own lunches. They challenged themselves, supported one another and showed real determination, growing in confidence with every experience.
It was wonderful to see our Christian vision and school values brought to life, with the children showing courage as they tackled new challenges, kindness as they encouraged and supported one another, and faith in themselves and each other.
We are incredibly proud of Class 4 and the way they embraced this opportunity. They returned with wonderful memories, a real sense of achievement and plenty of stories to share!

"I became more independent, by challenging myself and trying new things. The best part was the night walk because everyone kept trying to scare each other and it was fun."
Rex - Year 6

IVY Education Trust

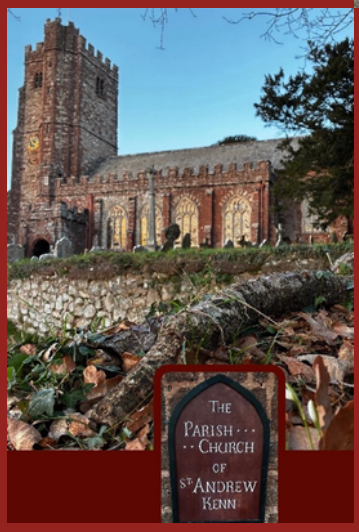
Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability, learning how to cycle safely and confidently in our local area. They developed their road awareness, practised making safe decisions and learnt how to navigate different traffic situations. The children showed great concentration, courage and responsibility throughout, developing valuable skills to help them become more independent and stay safe when cycling. Well done, Year 6!

Harvest Service

St Petrock's
Responding Positively to Homelessness

Thank you to all the families who joined us at St Andrew's Church for our Harvest Celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on why Harvest is so important, giving thanks for the food we eat and the people who work hard to produce it.
The children also put our school values into action by bringing donations for St Petrock's, Exeter's homeless charity, helping us to show kindness and care for those in our wider community.
We hope you enjoyed sharing this special celebration with us. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



Kenn values - Kindness, Courage and Faith

Pupils in Classes 2 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Wonder Dome, an immersive experience that brought the wonders of space to life and deepened their knowledge of our solar system and beyond. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore space in a truly engaging and memorable way.
Following the experience, Class 4 created some amazing artwork inspired by their journey through the universe!
A huge thank you to the Friends of Kenn for generously supporting half the cost of this fantastic experience. If you have not yet done so, please make your contribution via Arbor. Your support helps us to continue providing these exciting and enriching opportunities for our pupils.

The Wonder Dome

"We were designing pictures of rockets in space with colourful backgrounds, in the syle of an artist. I enjoyed it when we were using the posca pens."
Ifor Year 5

A huge thank you to the Mothers' Union and Sue, our Vicar, for introducing our Reception children to Teddy Small. Each child received their own hand-knitted teddy, lovingly made by Mothers' Union volunteers, to offer comfort and reassurance as they begin their school journey.
Through this lovely initiative, the children explored the importance of kindness, inclusion, celebrating differences and making sure everyone feels valued and loved. A wonderful way to help our youngest pupils feel welcome and to bring our school values to life!

Events/News Next Term

We are delighted to welcome Miss Georgia Brown to our Kenn family. Georgia will be completing her PGCE teaching placement with Mrs Fidler and the pupils in Class 4. We hope she enjoys her time with us and wish her every success as she develops her teaching skills and gains valuable experience at Kenn.
We are also welcoming Mrs Hamer back after her maternity leave,. We look forward to her rejoining our team.

Halloween Disco
Saturday 31st October - Kenn Centre

Christmas Dates

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our school and village community over the coming weeks.
The Mothers' Union will be helping some of our children to make Christingles for the village Christingle Service on **Sunday 6th December.** This is a lovely village tradition, and we are pleased that our pupils will be involved.

Our School Christmas Service will take place on **Wednesday 16th December at 9.00am.** This is always a very special occasion in our school calendar, bringing us together to celebrate the Christmas story. Families are warmly invited to join us, and we hope you will be able to share this special morning with us.

Attendance - 97.1%

A huge thank you for your support with attendance this half term. We have seen a real improvement across the school, which is wonderful, and I am incredibly proud of our school community for working together to make this happen.
Every day in school matters, right up to the very last day of term, as learning in phonics, maths and other subjects continues. Please remember that each school day is made up of two sessions, morning and afternoon. If your child is unable to attend in the morning, please do try to bring them in for the afternoon session if they are well enough to attend.
You will receive your child's attendance information by email. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, as we are always happy to work with families to offer support where needed.
We are also fortunate to have an Attendance Governor who works alongside the school to support and promote good attendance. Please see his introduction below.
Thank you again for your continued support. Every day really does count!

Hello, I am Rod Crook, newly appointed Governor for Cockwood, Kenn and Kenton schools; with the specific role of being the Link Governor for Attendance and Behaviour. In brief, this means that I will be monitoring each school's performance and looking particularly at ways to improve the rates of unauthorised absence. Research shows that pupils with lower attendance levels often perform less well than their peers who attend regularly. I look forward to meeting you at school events.

EYFS

Every pupil in Class 1 has been introduced to their new Year 6 buddy! These special partnerships will continue throughout the year, giving our youngest children a familiar, friendly face to help them feel confident, supported and part of the Kenn family. The children will enjoy spending time together, sharing activities and learning from one another. These relationships also provide our Year 6 pupils with valuable opportunities to develop their leadership skills, kindness and sense of responsibility, putting our school values into action.
We look forward to seeing these lovely friendships grow throughout the year!

A huge well done to Charlie Bob in Class 4, who demonstrated real courage when he called an ambulance when Mum Jenny had a severe allergic reaction. He saved her life. Thank goodness you demonstrated such quick thinking and we are so very proud of you!!

A request from Mrs Robinson

We would like to create a curiosity shed in our outside Reception area. This will include objects for the children to explore and fiddle with and to extend their play. We would appreciate donations of objects with buttons to press and things to twist and turn. Please see the list for some ideas:

- Keyboards
- Phones – wired and mobile with buttons and dials
- Alarm clocks
- Binoculars
- Spinning tops
- Wireless game controllers
- Remote controls

Flourishing Outside School

At Kenn, we love celebrating our children's achievements both in and out of school. This week, we are shining a spotlight on Class 4 and the many ways our pupils are flourishing!

🌟 Charlie has shown fantastic entrepreneurial spirit, selling pumpkins to raise funds, while Tommy is enjoying learning new skills at trampolining club.
🚤 Dillon has achieved Stage 5 in swimming, Ethan has earned his 100m swimming badge, Theo his 500m badge, and Summer is learning lifesaving skills. Jude has also proudly represented Devon at water polo.
💃 Myla is rehearsing with her dance group in Dawlish for the Dance World Cup. If they qualify, they will travel to Portugal to represent England!
🏆 Eloise achieved 1st place in shot put and 2nd in the standing long jump at an indoor athletics competition in Plymouth. Max earned the Golden Boot for the Dynamos after scoring an incredible 48 goals in one season, while Jack's Dawlish football team reached the semi-finals last season.
🚵 Mason is developing his mountain biking skills, and Rex came second in a banger racing championship, impressively as the youngest competitor!

What an amazing group of young people we have at Kenn! We are so proud of their dedication, courage and enthusiasm as they pursue their interests, develop new skills and achieve their goals. Keep flourishing, Class 4!

Term Dates for 2026/27 and 2027/28

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	30
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Wednesd	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		8	15	22	29	
	Dec-26					**Jan-27**					**Feb-27**				
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	INSET dates: Staff attend		

Ivy Education Trust Term Dates: 2027-28 Academic Year

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Dear God,
Thank you for our wonderful school family and for all the ways we have grown, learned and flourished this half term. Help us to show kindness to others, have courage to try new things and have faith in ourselves and each other.May we continue to sow seeds of goodness wherever we go, helping everyone to feel valued, supported and loved.
Amen.