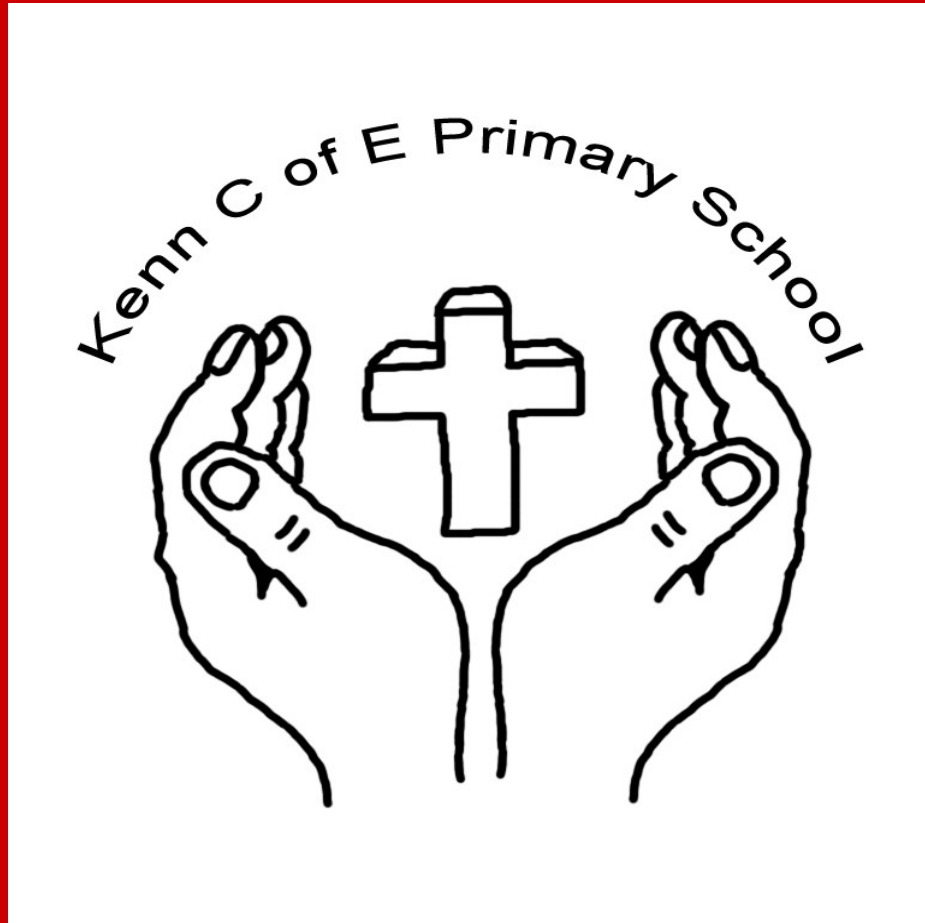


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## Newsletter

March 2023

# Diary of Events

Tuesday 7th + Thursday 9th March	Parent Consultation Meetings Sign up sheets will be sent out shortly	3.40pm —6pm	Classrooms
Wednesday 8th March	Class 2 Trip to Bicton Park		
Friday 10th March	Coat Swap at the end of the day	3.30pm	Outside the school build- ing
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day! Children are invited to Dress in Red for the day.	All day	School
Tuesday 28th March	Rotary Club Quiz for Year 6 children	4.30pm	School
Wednesday 29th March	Class 1 Trip to Haldon Forest	All day	Haldon
Thursday 30th March	Easter Assembly at the Church for the Whole School	2.00pm — 3.15pm	TBC
Friday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Competition In School	AM	Hall
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	After School	Playing Field
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Term		
Monday 17th April	Back to School for the Summer Term		
Monday 17th April	MED Theatre History Sessions with Class 3	PM	School
Monday May 1st	May Day Bank Holiday	All day	Home
Monday May 8th	King Charles' Coronation Bank Holiday	All day	Home
29th May—June 2nd	Half Term Break		Home
Monday 5th June	Para Olympian Swimmer David Hill visiting for Assembly	AM	School Hall
12th—16th June	Grenville House Residential for Class 4 all Week		Brixham
Friday 30th June	Kenn Sports Day	PM	School Field
Friday 7th July	Kenn Reserve Sports Day	PM	School Field
Friday 14th July	Summer Show	After School	TBC
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip	All day	???
Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	AM	School Hall
Friday 21st July	Break Up for Summer Holidays		Home
Wed 6th Sep	First Day Back to School	All day	School

# Ivy Education Trust

## TERM DATES 2022-23

	Sep-22					Oct-22					Nov-22				
Monday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
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School Holidays	School Days	Bank Holidays/Weekends	Non-Pupil Day
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## Ivy Education Trust: 2023-24 Academic Year

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key:	weekends	days outside Devon's school terms	Bank Holidays
	Training days	Occasional days	
		Academy days	

## Easter 2023 at Kenn C of E Primary

Easter is a very special time of the year—especially for the community in a Church school like Kenn C of E. We have some lovely plans for celebrating the occasion. Please see below for details.



- We are very excited to invite you all to a special whole-school Easter assembly in St Andrew's Kenn Church on Thursday 30th March at 2pm. There will be a range of songs, poems and readings, all around the theme of Easter, new beginnings and Salvation. We will bring the children down to the Church after lunch. Year 2 and older will walk (weather permitting), and Reception and Year 1 will catch a lift in the minibus. The assembly will be finished by around 3pm. Children are welcome to go home with parents directly from the Church. We will bring children back to school in the minibus if they don't have an adult attending the assembly. No tickets are needed. Feel free to bring your wallets and purses as hopefully Friends of Kenn School will be selling snacks and drinks, and there will be a collection at the end for the Church.



- Easter Egg Trail: Friday 31st March. Join us for the return of our Easter Egg trail around the school playing fields straight after school on Friday. Trail costs £2 each with a yummy Easter egg prize at the end, and automatic entry into the BIG Easter Egg Prize Draw. We really hope you can join us, everyone is welcome!



- Easter / Spring Hat competition: Friday 31st March. We are hosting an Easter bonnet competition, hats can be in any shape or form as long as they are Easter or spring themed. Baseball cap with bunny ears, old straw hat with spring flowers, colour an easter theme on a homemade paper hat or wear a bobble hat with a chick on it. We can't wait to see your creations, wear your hat to school Friday, 50p to enter, prizes for KS1 and KS2.



## World Book Day 2023

We have had so much fun in school for World Book Day! The children have been fantastic—so many children have joined in with the celebrations! There are always children (and parents!) who find the whole experience of dressing up very stressful, so a massive well done to you all for joining in.

The reason for celebrating World Book Day is really just to remember how fantastic books are, and to help share a 'Love of Reading' with the children.

Also, we would like to say a very big thank you for all of your donations for our book sale. We really appreciate your support.

In the afternoon, the children were treated to a surprise visit by children's performer Rob Pudner, who helped promote our love of reading with a special book performance. Happy World Book Day everyone!





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NGL

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NGL (which stands for 'Not Gonna Lie') is an app through which users share a link to their Instagram story or Twitter account, inviting their followers to give anonymous feedback. The app includes some prewritten questions (such as 'if you could change anything about me, what would it be?'), plus the option to ask followers to simply 'send me anonymous messages'. All replies go into the user's NGL inbox, with the sender remaining anonymous – although subscribers to the app can receive hints about who each message was from.

## ANONYMITY AND OVERSHARING

Anonymous messaging gives rise to the 'online disinhibition effect', which causes users to feel detached from their words and actions in the digital world. This can make young people in particular (as they tend to act more impulsively online) far more likely to disclose personal information on the internet, as well as making ill-advised confessions or revealing their fears and insecurities.

## PROTECTION FOR BULLIES

Having their identity hidden makes bullies feel safe from repercussions, so anonymous chat sites are a major avenue for cyberbullying. NGL claims to use AI to filter out insulting terms, but our expert sent a range of such phrases (starting with 'cow' and 'ugly', and becoming progressively more offensive) to a 'dummy' account. All of these trial messages were delivered to the recipient's inbox.

## COSTLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

NGL offers a subscription where – for a weekly fee – users can unlock hints about who's been messaging them, including the sender's approximate location and which device they used. Young people will naturally be extremely curious about who sent which message (especially if they have a lot of Instagram or Twitter followers) and may be unable to resist spending money to find out.

## INFLATED ENGAGEMENT

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In June 2022, NGL had to revise its terms of service: informing users if a message was sent by the app's developers as opposed to genuine followers. It emerged that, previously, NGL's makers had attempted to boost engagement with the app (as well as enticing users to pay for subscriptions) by sending fake anonymous messages from bots. This update was rolled out very quietly by the team.

## QUESTIONABLE SUPPORT

NGL does have a 'report this message' button for users to flag upsetting content. After sending a message, however, an automated reply arrives stating "... NGL is 100% anonymous and we have no way of knowing the identity of the user and would not be able to find out, even if we tried." This did not fill our expert with confidence that the app can address bad behaviour adequately.

## ACCIDENTALLY GOING VIRAL

The messages on NGL itself are anonymous, but users can share these messages via their Instagram story or Twitter feed – enabling all their followers (or anyone, if their accounts are set to 'public') to see them. If a young person has disclosed something embarrassing or identifiable on NGL, without realising, this information has the potential to be re-shared very quickly to a far wider audience.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY

Blocking another user on NGL will prevent them sending anonymous messages to your child in the short term – although a determined abuser could get around that obstacle simply by setting up a new Instagram account. If your child continually receives negative messages that upset them, it might be worth encouraging them to consider whether they really need to use the app at all.

### EXPLAIN ANONYMOUS APPS

We understand that a conversation with your child about the risks of anonymous messaging may seem difficult to initiate (especially if you aren't that comfortable with using social media yourself). It is vital, however, that young people understand that, for some people, having their identity obscured online can make them feel more powerful and less accountable for their actions.

### BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

To avoid your child running up an eye-watering bill through an NGL subscription (or indeed any kind of costly in-app purchases), go into the settings on whatever devices they use to go online and either disable the ability to make purchases or protect that function with a password. If those options aren't available, it's prudent to ensure there aren't any payment methods linked to their account.

### THINK BEFORE SENDING

Regardless of whether a messaging app is anonymous or not, it's a good idea to regularly talk to your child about how it's wise to think through what they're sharing before they post it. Emphasise that nothing is truly private once it's online. If the post is something your child might hesitate to say to someone face to face, then it's probably not the sort of thing they should be writing online either.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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## Uniform Reminder

Here is a reminder to parents about the expected uniform children wear to school. At Kenn, we believe that if children are looking smart, they will feel smart and will be ready to learn. When children are not in the correct uniform they will be asked why, and if the issue persists, a letter will be sent home. Below is a list of the expected uniform. If purchasing it is a problem, please see us in school as we are sometimes given good condition uniform that children have grown out of and parents have passed on. Likewise—if you have any good condition uniform that your child no longer needs, please pass it our way and we can distribute where needed.

### Uniform

Our school uniform is available to order through Thomas Moore, 102/104 Fore St, Exeter EX4 3JB. Price lists are available from the school office orders can be placed online at

<http://www.thomasmooretomaster.com/kenn-primary-school-45-c.asp>

### Recommended uniform

- Dark grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers or shorts
- White shirt /polo shirt
- Cardigan or sweatshirt burgundy
- Grey, white or burgundy socks or tights
- Black shoes, flat or low heeled and not trainers
- Summer dress red & white check/stripe
- White or plain closed toe sandals – to provide good and safe support for feet at playtime. No crocs, at any time for safety reasons.
- Sunhat to be provided in the summer

### PE

PE kit includes the following items:

- PE bag
- House team colour T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Change of socks
- Plimsolls no laces for Class 1 or trainers for older children, to reflect the level of activity undertaken
- Track suit bottoms and sweater for outdoor wear

**Hair:** Plain hair bands. No party hair bands or hair accessories, including hair colour.

***Long hair to be tied back at all times***

### Jewellery

Watch and ear studs are permitted. No other jewellery permitted unless related to a specific need.

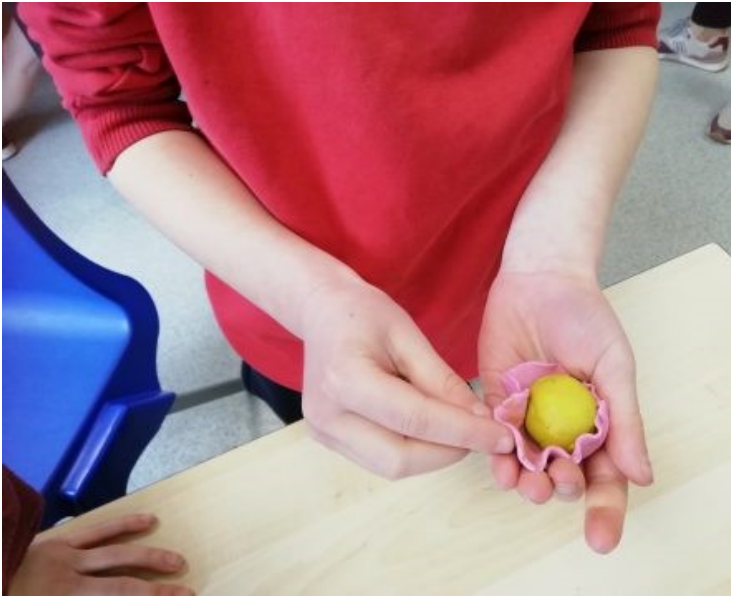
**Nail varnish:** Not permitted

School bags can also be ordered through Thomas Moore

We have water bottles for sale in the school office, which are then available for pupils to access throughout the day.

## Rocks and Rumbles

Class 3 have been enjoying their new Geography topic "Rocks and Rumbles". Today we learned about the structure of the Earth and constructed (not to scale!) models of the Earth showing the inner core, outer core, mantle, oceanic crust and continental crust. The children worked patiently and enthusiastically, rolling out their plasticine carefully to wrap around each new layer. Well done everyone!



## Water Bottles

Please ensure that children have water in their water bottles. We are seeing an increasing number of children having squash or juice in their bottles. Although we understand that children often prefer this, as well as being healthier, water is much easier to clean up following the inevitable spills!

## Coat Swap!

On Friday 10th March, we will be having our first ever 'coat swap'. This involves parents bringing in any unwanted, good condition coats that your children have outgrown, and any parents who need a new coat for their child helping themselves to a coat. Everyone 's a winner! Please drop in your unwanted coats between now and then ready for the swap at the end of the school day.