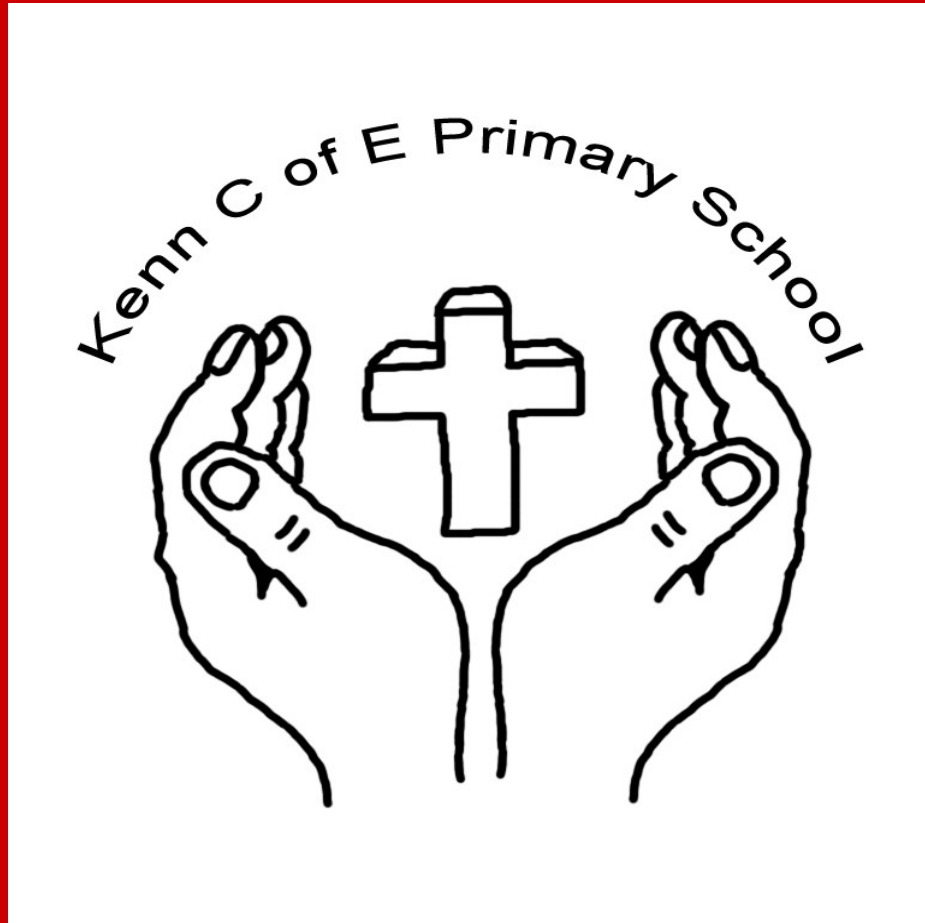


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Newsletter

October 2023

Diary of Events

Thursday 19th October	Class 4 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 19th October	Parents' Evening—Parent/Teacher Consultations	Classrooms	3.50— 6pm
Friday 20th October	Individual Photos (younger siblings can come in from 8.30am for a group photo)	Hall	AM
Monday 23rd— Friday 27th	Half Term	Home	
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day	Home	
Tuesday 7th November	Class 2 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 9th November	Class 1 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Tuesday 21st November	Class 4 going to the Narnia Experience in Exeter	Exeter	AM
Tuesday 28th November	Parents Forum	School	2.30— 3.30pm
Thursday 30th November	Mrs Bestwick's Coffee Afternoon- all parents welcome	Hall	2.30— 3.20pm
Thursday 30th + Friday 1st De- cember	SCARF PSHE themed days—all about mental health, feelings and emotions	School	All day
Friday 1st De- cember	PTA Christmas Disco at the Kenn Centre	Kenn Centre	After school
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Fair	Church	
Thursday 7th December	KS1 Nativity at Kenn Church	2—3.30pm	Church
Thursday 7th December	KS2 Carol Service	Church	6—7pm
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	School	All day
Friday 15th December	Last day of Autumn Term	School	
Wednesday 3rd January	Children return to school for the first day of the Spring Term	School	

Happy Harvest

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who joined us for our Harvest Assemblies this week and last at school, and also at St Andrew's Church last Sunday.

The children did a brilliant job with their poems, prayers, songs and dances. We would also like to thank you for the donations of long-life food that will be passed on to the local foodbank.



Good Luck Kenton Primary

Now that Kenton Primary have temporarily relocated to Hope Church in Dawlish, we would once again like to wish them luck with their future. I would also like to thank you all again for being so kind, patient and tolerant of any complications that their stay with us might have caused.

As ever, the children were incredible with how welcoming and compassionate they were. On the last afternoon that Kenton were with us, we had a special 'friendship' afternoon with all of the children having an extended play together. We then had a 'goodbye' assembly. Children from Kenn wrote prayers for the future to read out to Kenton. The handwritten prayers were then put in a picture frame along with a photo of the two schools together.



PE Next Half Term

Next half term (after the half term break), Mr. Tyrrell will continue to teach PE across the school on Fridays.

Mr Tyrrell will also be teaching KS1 gymnastics on Thursdays.

Please see the table below for which days children need to wear their PE kits next half term:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Thursday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)	Thursday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)	Wednesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)	Tuesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

Coffee Afternoons with Mrs Bestwick

Our SENDCO Mrs Bestwick will continue her hugely successful coffee afternoons this year. These coffee afternoons are a chance to meet other parents, discuss concerns as well as successes at home. All parents are very welcome.

These will be at 2.30pm until 3.30pm on the following dates:

Thursday 30th November

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 7th March

Thursday 23rd May

Thursday 4th July



Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day. There have been many examples of children not having their bottle in school. A bottle is essential to allow children to stay hydrated.





schoolmoney

School Money— a Message from Mrs Baker

I have had a few queries about School Money and how to use it as a parent since the beginning of the school year.

Trips will appear when a letter comes out to parents. There will be a consent and possibly a payment. If consent only is required please do not pay the 1p charge that is required to setup a trip on School Money. There will be a deadline, usually for the end of the week before the trip is due to take place, so that we can get risk assessments and paperwork ready well before the trip.

As from this week, I will be sending out school dinner arrears on a weekly basis, this will be generated and worded by School Money. It is up to you whether you prefer to budget weekly or monthly, we will need to see monthly payments on your account.

Please contact us at school if you have any issues with your School Money app, we are always happy to help.

Devon School Secondary Admissions

We are now over half way through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September.

We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their main-stream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools. If any of your children live outside of Devon County Council's boundary, they have to make an application to their home Local Authority, so there is a chance they will have applied to a neighbouring Authority, such as Plymouth or Torbay. Please be mindful of this if your school is close to a neighbouring authority.

Devon School Admissions

admissions@devon.gov.uk

Tel: 01392 383829



Forest School Festival

A group of Class 4 children had a lovely time at a special forest school session at Hal-don. The festival was designed to develop planning and building skills, as well as helping with self confidence and teamwork. All involved thoroughly enjoyed the event and created a very spectacular den!

Attendance and Punctuality

At Kenn, the punctuality and attendance levels are excellent compared to national averages. However, this doesn't stop us trying to always improve, as we know that research shows that there is a direct correlation between attendance/punctuality and academic success. Like you, we desperately want the best academic achievements for all learners. To help achieve this, please ensure that your child is in school as often as possible, and that you arrive with your child in the morning between the times of 8.40am and 8.55am. Thank you for your on going support.

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Welcome Mrs Clifton

We are very happy to introduce you all to Mrs Clifton, who will be working in the school office for two days a week. After half term, Mrs Baker will be working for three days a week, which will give her more time to spend with her family.



Mrs Clifton is from Dawlish and has extensive experience in lots of different areas. Please come down to the office to say hello if you get the chance.

KS1 and KS2 Homework

Homework is something that the school provides to help children with their learning, create a link for parents between school and home, and help children get used to learning at home, ready for secondary school. We have tried lots of different ways of doing homework over the years, always with the desire to get the balance right between too much and not enough.



With the changing society that we live in, with different pressure on time and attention, this balance will also change. Following feedback from children, parents and teachers, we have decided to change the homework structure for next half term.

For Reception children, homework is their daily reading.

For Years 1 to 6, the homework will focus on reading, spelling and maths fluency (either addition facts or times tables)

Year 1 + 2 will have weekly spellings and addition facts (number bonds) to learn off by heart in their homework books, as well as daily reading.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have homework set half termly, with spellings and times tables set out (and links to relevant online resources) in a week by week plan. The homework books need to come back once a week to enable teachers to check progress. Daily reading is also suggested. Children will not be punished for not completing their homework, but will be encouraged to do so, as it will really benefit them in class to become more fluent with their reading, spelling and multiplication. There will also be an optional 'Quest' for children to complete and bring in to show the class when complete. Children can spend as much time as they like on this task.

This change of system will have been devised directly from the feedback that I have had from children, staff and parents. The aim is for this homework to be simple, manageable and helpful for children with their learning. Finding a homework system that suits everybody is extremely difficult, but hopefully this will be a positive change for most.



Donations Wanted!

for this year's



Christmas Fair


Raising money for St Andrews Church, Kenn

Do you have any of the following items that you can donate, please?

Bric-a-Brac *Toys & teddies* **Puzzles** *Books*

Gifts (*unwanted presents*) **Bottles** *Board Games*

Items for the tombola or raffle



If you are able to donate any of the items these can be put under the covered section outside the school entrance door:

w/c 27th November

*** Photographer Wanted ***



We would like to offer family portraits with Santa - would you be able to help please?

Please contact Ayesha 0741 1565999

We would like to invite you in to watch your child in their class assembly this term. These assemblies will be a chance for the children to share the work they have been doing in class, perform in front of an audience and see their grown ups in school—how exciting!



The assemblies will be in the hall, and will be from 3.00 pm—3.20pm

You are welcome to bring other relatives if they wish to come, but there may only be standing room only at the back of the hall.

We would love to see you in school—here are the dates:

Class 1— 9th November

Class 2— 7th November

Class 3— 17th October

Class 4— 19th October

Ivy Education Trust: 2023-24 Academic Year

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

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it *does* offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Come along and join our Christmas community day



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

When: Sunday 26th November 2023

Where: The Kenn Centre

Time: 10.30am – 12.30 or 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Price: Donation of £5 per wreath

(Sponsorship options available)



Please bring any decorations you wish to use - Foliage and wire will be supplied

This would be a great opportunity to use any unwanted or unloved decorations you no longer use



Refreshments available

All proceeds go to local charities inc Kennford Playbox & Friends of Kenn PTA

Email: admin@kennschool.co.uk

St Andrews Church, Kenn

All creatures great and
small

Pet Service

Join us in celebrating and blessing our much
loved pets, recognising the joy they bring to
our lives

Sunday 5th November, 2023
10:00am



EVERYONE WELCOME - two legged, four legged or otherwise
www.churchofstandrew.org.uk on Facebook: standrewskenn

St Andrews Church and Community Open Space Committee

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Calling all budding photographers from 5 years old and beyond, we'd love to see your outdoor photographs of our beautiful parish.

**£1 PER ENTRY
ENTER NOW!**

**You have until March 2024 to
enter the competition.**

Further information can be found on the entry form which is available from St Andrews Church, Kennford Stores and Kenn Primary School.

All proceeds to St Andrews Church and Community Open Space Committee

Email: admin@kennschool.co.uk