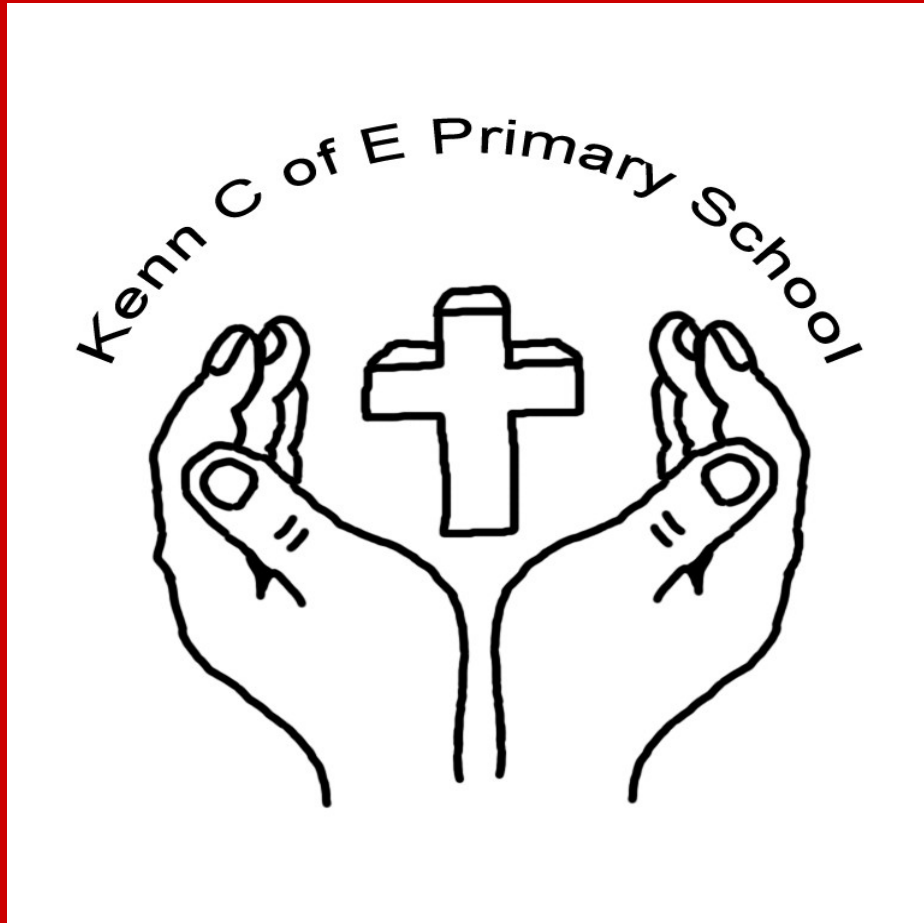


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Newsletter

November 2023

Diary of Events

Friday 17th November	Children in Need—non uniform + odd socks for anti-bullying day Suggested £1 donation at the school gate	School	All day
Tuesday 21st November	Class 4 going to the Narnia Experience in Exeter	Exeter	AM
Wednesday 22nd November	Selected KS2 children to dance festival	Dawlish	PM
Friday 24th November	UNICEF World Children Day—Dress in blue to celebrate	School	All day
Tuesday 28th November	Parent 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	
Wednesday 6th December	Christingle making with the Mothers' Union		
Thursday 7th December	KS1 Nativity at Kenn Church	2—3.30pm	Church
Thursday 7th December	KS2 Carol Service	Church	6—7pm
Friday 8th De- cember	Open morning for new parents—Christmas Activities in Class 1	Class 1	9.30— 11.30am
Monday 11th December	Class 4 Christmas Party	Hall	1—3pm
Tuesday 12th December	Class 3 Christmas Party	Hall	1—3pm
Wednesday 13th December	Class 1 + 2 Christmas Party	Hall	1—3pm
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	School	All day
Thursday 14th December	School Talent Show	School Hall	AM
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	
Monday 29th January	Young Voices Choir trip to the O2	O2 Arena, London	All day

Christmas 2023 at Kenn C of E Primary

Now that Christmas is fast approaching, we are excited to share our Christmas calendar with you. The activities and events are designed to help make this Christmas a magical time for our children. We have a very busy Christmas schedule, so please see below a list of events and some details to help you stay on top of things!



Thursday 7th December— Class 1 + 2 Nativity 2.00— 3.30pm Kenn Church

Please join us for our KS1 Nativity play in St Andrew's Church at Kenn. We will bring the children down to the Church after lunch by minibus ready for a 2pm start. Details of any props or costumes will be shared soon, but we have most of the costumes at school already.

Thursday 7th December—Class 3 + 4 Carol and Christingle Service 6—7pm

All KS2 families are invited to come along for the lovely, festive service at St Andrew's Church. Children will sing a collection of Carols and read Christmas poems that they have written. They will then receive their Christingles (that they will make on Wednesday 6th in school).

Friday 8th December—Next Year's New Starters Open Morning 9.30—11.30am

This is a Christmas themed open morning for parents with children who will be 4 next year. Parents and their 3 year olds can come in for any time between 9.30am and 11.30am and join in with Christmas activities and games.

Christmas Parties (Class 4 Monday 11th Dec, Class 3 Tuesday 12th Dec and Class 1 and 2 Wednesday 13th Dec)

These afternoon parties involve various party games and activities. Children can bring party clothes in a bag if they like, and bring in a snack box for themselves (no nuts please!)

Talent Show—Thursday 14th December

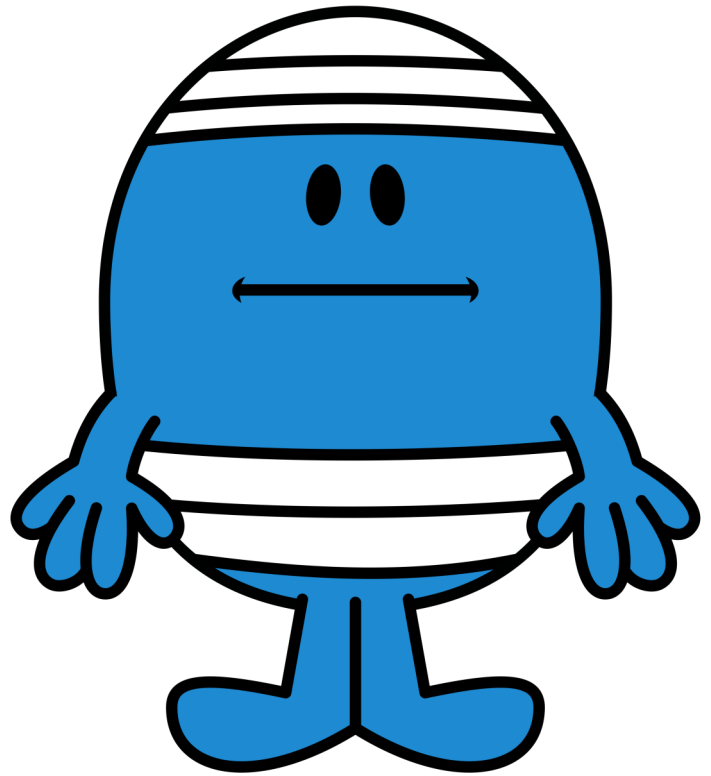
Children are invited to perform an act of their choice in front of the other children. Any performances need to be booked in by children handing the application form into Mr. Baxter. Application forms are available from the school office from December 1st.

Bumped Heads

Following a review of our 'bumped heads policy', we will be more selective about calling you on the telephone to inform you that your child has bumped their head. We will continue to call if there is a visible mark, or if we are concerned for any reason. We will not call if it is a very minor bump. In this scenario, we will simply send home an accident slip (either in your child's book bag or pocket).

Please look check book bags for these slips.

Please be reassured that if we are at all concerned, we will call you in the first instance.



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



Snacks—Fruit and no Nuts

Please remember that children can bring in a fruit snack every day. Most children get hungry midway through the morning, so these snacks are a great way of keeping them going until lunch. We only have a fruit waste bin in the playground, so please ensure that all snacks are fruit—either in their natural state, or cut up in a Tupperware container. Please also remember that we are a no-nut school—we have children with life threatening allergies to nuts.



New Logo!

Following input from children, parent groups, staff and Exeter Diocese, we are delighted to share our new school logo with you all. The maroon background is in place to show what it will look like on school jumpers from September 2024. The lengthy design process has resulted in a final logo that I hope you all agree is an excellent remodelling of our existing one. This logo will be used on uniform, on letter headings and on the school website. The image has been formed to represent our rural locality, our link with St Andrew's Church, and our belief in nature, positivity, hope and growth. Thomas Moore will be stocking uniform with the new logo next September. Any uniform with the old logo will of course be fine to use.



**Kenn C of E
Primary School**

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	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	
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	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
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	
Tuesday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
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Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
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					

Coats

Please don't forget to send your child into school with a coat now it is getting very chilly and wet.

If you have any spare coats that no longer fit your child, Mrs Garner is making a school collection to give on to those who need them, or use as spares at school. Thank you!



Survey Results + New Starters' Survey

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and year 6 leavers who kindly participated in our surveys at the end of Summer term. We had a good response rate and overall had an increase in responses compared to the same surveys last year. Across Cockwood, Kenn and Kenton schools we have an annual cycle of surveys alongside face-to-face facilitated workshops to engage with staff, parents, carers and pupils. Your feedback, whether positive or negative, is invaluable to us. As well as participating in our online anonymous surveys, you are also welcome to talk to any member of staff or the Governing Body. Each school also has an Ideas Box for pupils to share their thoughts and these are reviewed by members of the School Council. Within my role as Parent Governor I work closely with Heads of School to review feedback and share our achievements as well as act on areas for improvement. A report of survey outcomes is available to review and we will be taking on board feedback and providing regular updates via our newsletters. Should you have any questions feel free to get in touch.

Carla Custons-Cole, Parent Governor

“Fantastic school with a wonderful head teacher and teachers. Amazing quality of teaching and a safe, happy environment where children thrive”.

Parent/carer of pupil attending Kenn school

New starter survey— we really value the feedback from parents of new starters (reception children) on how we welcomed you into school and helped your child to settle. If you are able too, please fill out the survey that is found by following the link below (Class 1 parents only please).

<https://forms.gle/ARxMjGxb1jQ7rYKR6>

Christmas DISCO



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23

Organised by The Friends of Kenn Primary School

Friday 1st December



Attendance optional

KS1 5:00–6:00 (£5 entry and includes 3 items)*

KS2 6:20–7:20 (£3.50 entry then all items 50p each)

Tickets on the door

Santa hats for sale @ £1 each

Facepainting

Glitter Tattoos

Popcorn & Crisps

The Kenn Centre

Kennford, EX6 7TW

Sweet bags

*KS1 children can bring additional money but they must be responsible for it

Christmas Open Morning

Friday 8th December

@ Kenn Primary

9:30 until 11:30

Come and join us for some festival activities and craft.





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



Victorian Day at Morwellham Quay.

This term Class 3 had an exciting visit to the Victorian village at Morwellham Quay in Tavistock. The children had the opportunity to immerse themselves completely in this Victorian experience. We tried on Victorian clothing and discovered that not all clothing in Victorian times was equal! Rich Victorians wore brightly coloured garments made from silk or wool and poor Victorians had to wear drab cotton and wool clothing which they had to repair year after year.

We visited the Victorian classroom where Miss Towns (the very strict teacher) made us sit up straight and write our names on blackboards. If we even moved or spoke we were punished with the cane. (pretend!) The poor left handed children were told they would have to tie their left hand behind their back!

Finally we took an exhilarating ride into the copper mine. We felt how cold, dark and dusty it was and understood how hard it must have been for Victorian children to work down there. We learned so much! What a brilliant day! We would all like to say a massive thank you to our amazing PTA for heavily subsidising this trip.



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.



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 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



MP Visit—a Snippet from Mel Stride's Website!

Pupils from Kenn Church of England Primary School hosted a visit from local MP and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Mel Stride on Friday (10/11/23). Organised by Headteacher Joe Baxter as part of UK Parliament Week, Mr Stride spoke to Year 5 and 6 pupils about his roles as an MP and cabinet minister, and answered questions on topics such as climate change. During the visit Mr Stride complimented staff on their recent positive recent Ofsted Report which confirmed the school continues to be 'Good'.

Mr Stride said:

“It was great to visit Kenn Primary School and meet a class of pupils with such interest in how the parliamentary process works. There were some brilliant questions and I wouldn't be surprised if there were some future journalists in the room!”

Mr Baxter added:

“Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been busy learning about Westminster as part of UK Parliament Week so to talk to Mel and make what they have been learning seem a lot more real was fantastic.”

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





the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am