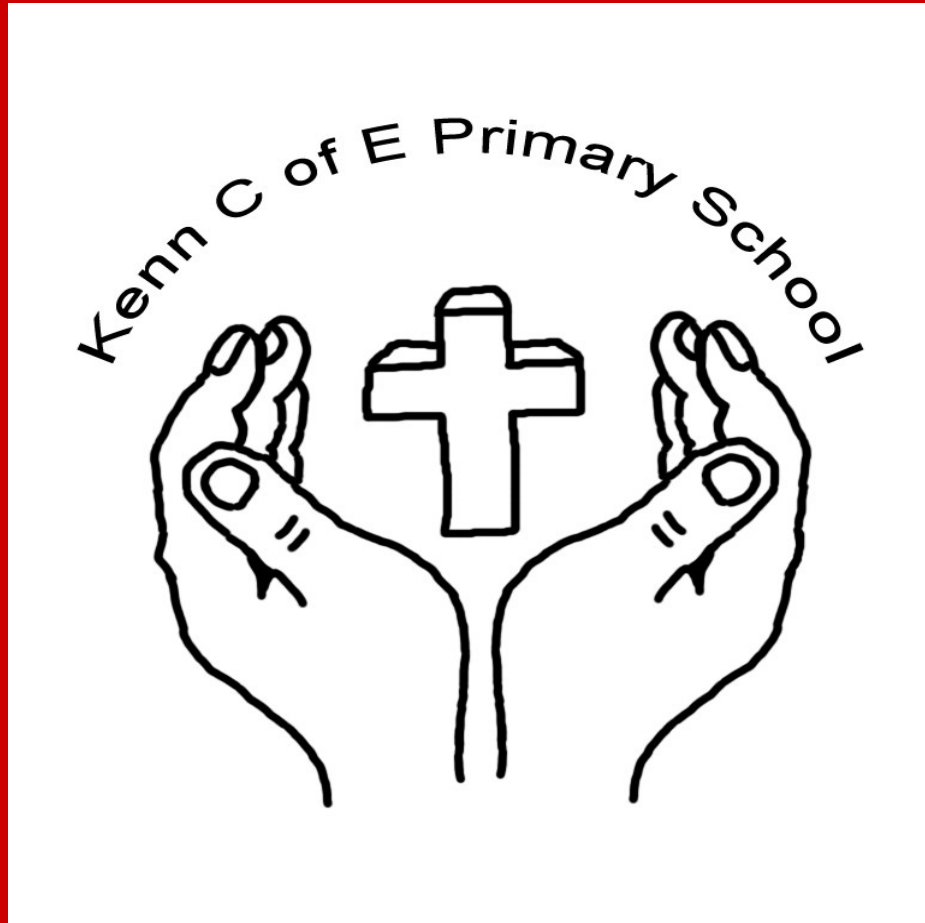


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Newsletter

December 2023

**Please Note—Children Return to
School on
Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

Diary of Events

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	
Friday 5th January	School Nurses to see Year R and Year 6	School	AM
Monday 29th January	Young Voices Choir trip to the O2	O2 Arena, London	All day
Friday 2nd February	National NSPCC Number Day Dress up as a Rockstar from Times Tables Rock Stars (wear trainers as it is also PE day)	School	All day
Friday 9th Feb	Non-Pupil Day	Home	All day
Monday 12th—Friday 16th Feb	Half Term	Home	All week
Monday 4th March	Class 3 Visit from Dental Nurse to talk about Dental Hygiene		

PE After Christmas

After Christmas, we will go back to KS2 Gymnastics with Mr Tyrrell on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Katie Murray will be doing dance with KS1 on Mondays. Please see the table below to show what when your child is doing PE and will need to wear their PE kit to school.

This is a good time to remember that PE kit should be a plain t-shirt in the colour of your child's house team, plain dark shorts or joggers, plain trainers and socks, and a plain dark hoodie or tracksuit top.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1	PE Dance				PE Games
Class 2	PE Dance				PE Games
Class 3				PE Gym	PE Games
Class 4				PE Gym	PE Games

Merry Christmas From Everyone at
Kenn C of E Primary!

We are coming towards the last week of term, and the Christmas holidays are just about here. The Christmas period is always a magical one in Primary School, and this year has been no different. All sorts of exciting events and activities have been happening in school. We have had Christmas dinner, hot chocolates at the Kenn Centre, a trip to Narnia, the KS1 Nativity, the KS2 Carols and Christingle, Christmas parties and even a school talent show! As ever, the children of Kenn C of E have taken everything in their stride and really enjoyed the whole build up to Christmas in school. As well as all of the celebrations, we have also taken time to appreciate the opportunities to show kindness and compassion at Christmas. A wonderful assembly from the Rotary Club all about life in Moldova helped the children understand that Christmas isn't the same all over the world, and it is a time for giving and sharing, as well as receiving and enjoying—thank you to those who put together a Christmas shoebox.



All of the staff have loved sharing the build up to Christmas with the children. We would all like to say a massive thank you to any well wishes, cards or gifts that you have sent our way. These are not necessary, but very much appreciated! We all wish you a happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!

Please find below a selection of beautiful photos of your lovely children all looking angelic and very Christmassy!





Young Voices Club + Dance Club

Miss Laing has had a wonderful time with her Monday dance club this term. The club will not run next term, but might start up again in the summer term, depending on demand. Miss Laing would like to thank all of the children who attended for their hard work and excellent dance skills!



We are excited to be taking children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to the largest children's choir in the world—Young Voices. This is at the O2 Arena in London on Monday 29th January. We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Lunn, our former art and music teacher, will be running a special club for Young Voices singers. The only day Mrs Lunn is able to run the club is after school on a Friday. This is the same time as Mr Tyrrell's football club. If your child is involved with both, they will have to choose which one to attend. If they want to go to Mr T's club for those days, they will still be learning the Young Voices songs in school so this shouldn't be a problem. Mrs Lunn's club will run from 3.30—4.30pm on Friday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th January. If you want your child to attend, please email the school office to let us know.

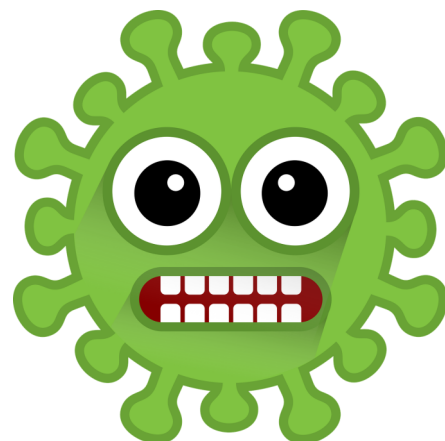
Lost property

We have lots of lost property in school. This includes lots of PE wear, school uniform and coats. We will be displaying all of the items outside of school on Friday afternoon. Please have a good look and claim what is yours. If we can't clear some of it, we will have to throw it away or donate it to charity.



Attendance Letters

You will all receive an attendance letter today with your child's attendance percentage for the term. This term we have seen a number of nasty illnesses in school, and we know that many of you have been suffering with these bugs and viruses. If your child attendance is low this term and this is due to one of these illnesses, please don't take offence at the letter, we have to send these out to encourage children's attendance to be the best it possibly can be. This is because we know that there is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement and future success.



Hopefully the spring term will bring the beginning of warmer weather and a reduction in the number of illnesses going around.

Coffee with Mrs Bestwick—change of time/date

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

Please note—we have had to change the date and time of the next meet up—

This will be at 9am to 10am on the morning of

Thursday 25th January.



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
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
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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					



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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

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