

10th September 2026



Dear Carers and Parents

Welcome to the 2026-2027 academic year. I hope you all had a happy and safe summer holiday.

It has been delightful to see our learners return and settle in so well. Fifteen new families have joined, or will soon be joining, Kennel Lane School. We wish you all a warm welcome to our school community.

Please find below some key dates for your diaries for the Autumn Term:

- Week commencing 14th September – TALENTS Meetings
- 14.00pm Friday 18th September – EYFS & KS1 Carers & Parents – Curriculum and Assessment, including Earwig
- 09.15am Friday 25th September – Secondary Carers & Parents – Coffee Morning
- 13.45pm Thursday 01st October – Primary KS2 & Woodlands Carers & Parents – Coffee Afternoon
- AM Thursday 10th December – Primary and Fir & Yew Carers & Parents – Christmas Production
- AM Friday 11th December – Secondary and Pine & Chestnut Carers & Parents – Christmas Production
- PM Friday 11th December – Meadow Carers & Parents – Christmas Showcase

In addition, here are a couple of important dates for later in the year:

- Friday 21st May 2027 – Sports Day (timings to be confirmed)
- Monday 05th July 2027 – Meet the new class teacher / tutor event 2027-2028 (timings to be confirmed)
- PM Thursday 15th July 2027 – Year 6 Transition assembly
- AM Friday 16th July 2027 – Year 14 Leavers assembly

To support and encourage our learners to explore books and develop a love of reading, we now have two new Book Sheds: one outside the Front Office and one outside the EYFS and KS1 entrance. Please feel free to help yourselves and encourage your young people to do the same. If you have any children's books at home in good condition, we would gratefully welcome donations.

From September 2026, Benedict's Law has come into effect. This means all schools have a duty to implement robust, mandatory allergy and anaphylaxis safety measures. We are required to stock spare, in-date adrenaline auto-injectors (such as EpiPens) on the premises for emergency use. During our INSET days, colleagues across the school completed certificated training, alongside training delivered by the NHS. We have been advised that if a learner presents with anaphylaxis, even if they have no known allergies, the risk of **not administering** adrenaline is greater than administering it. Therefore, we will assume consent from all carers and parents unless we receive written correspondence withdrawing consent. Any correspondence should be sent to office@kennellaneschool.com.

During this academic year, building work will begin in the Summer Term to demolish our Support and Intervention Team building and replace it with a purpose-built modular facility for learners who access the Woodlands Hub. The aim is to provide a safe and secure learning environment that better supports learners' independence and meets the needs of those with greater mobility requirements.

I look forward to sharing what we have been up to during September in our first monthly newsletter at the end of the month.

Best wishes

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