West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
Be kind, give your best!

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Our two INSET days focused on various pieces of training, including challenge, modelling and SEN support. All of the teachers were able to spend sessions sharing information about children if they are moving onto a new teacher.

I hope that by the time you read this you will know which class your child is in and who their teacher is. This is what the school structure will look like next year. I will be working alongside Poppy in Puffins on a Thursday.

Reception (one class)	Mrs Bhomra/ Mrs Longhurst		
Year 1 and 2 (three classes)	Mrs Artis/Mrs Simpson	Mr Pearson	Mrs Jacquest/Mrs Simpson
Year 3 and 4 (three classes)	Miss Lawrence	Mrs Cook/Mrs Simpson	Mrs Harkins
Year 5 and 6 (three classes)	Mr Earl	Miss Ellis	Mrs Cole/Mrs Killen

On Tuesday this week we received the results for our Y6 SATS. The children have all excelled. The results are the highest the school have had for over 12 years. The headline figure for Primary Schools is the number of children who meet the expected standard in Reading, Maths and Writing. **This year 76% of our children met this standard. The national average in 2025 was 62%.** THIS IS INCREDIBLE. 88% of the children met the standard in Writing, 85% met this in Reading and in Maths. The school is so proud of EVERY child. All of the children met the standard in at least one subject area. The Y6 children get more details of their results in their school report. All families receive these next Friday.

The school would like to make a special mention to **Gabor** in Year 6. During the week that he completed his SATS, he was also sitting his GCSE Maths Papers! He will find out how he did in August. Well done Gabor! Well done to Arthur for representing the school at the Spelling Bee finals. In this picture he is thinking very hard!

Important Dates

Friday 11th July - School Summer Social - 4.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 15th July at 6pm - Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 16th July at 2pm - Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 16th July at 6pm - Reception Welcome Meeting

Family oracy question - Do you enjoy being away from school for 6 weeks?

Illuminate Play Therapy

PLAY THERAPY

Available at West Kidlington Primary and Nursery School

Play therapy can support children with:

- **emotional struggles**, such as anxiety, anger, deep sadness, shame
- **big behaviours**, like aggression, tantrums, defiance, fussiness
- **everyday challenges**, like friendship issues, disappointment, low confidence
- **difficult experiences**, such as trauma, bereavement, parental separation
- **big changes**, like starting a new school, a new sibling, a house move

If your child is struggling, play therapy may be able to help.

Get in touch for a free initial call

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Story Garden

Explore nature with a FREE children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

5 July to 6 September 2025

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden, celebrates adventure, fantasy and the great outdoors.

Tap into a world of imagination through reading and exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

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HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE

HOW MUCH TIME YOUR CHILD SPENDS ON A SCREEN IS IMPORTANT

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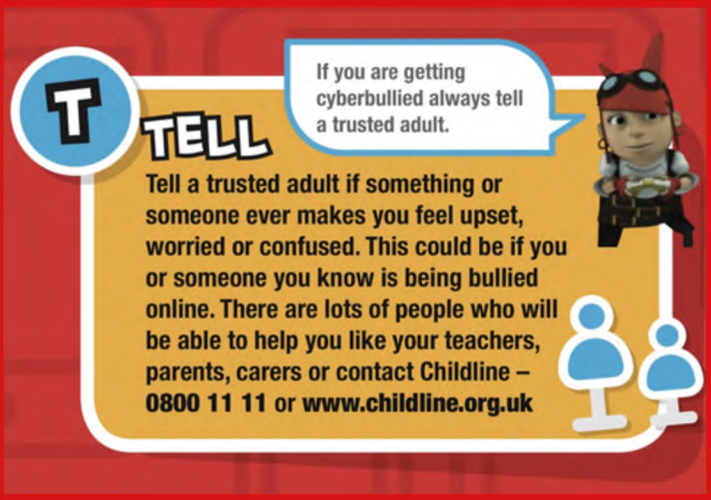
Internet Safety SMART rule



Attendance Matters!

We have seen an overall increase in attendace within recent years. Our current attendace is above the national average at 95.3%

	21-22	22-23	23-24
West Kidlington	95%	95.1%	95.3%
National	93.7%	95%	93%

We would like to thank all families for keep attendace high this year and for helping our young people get the education they deserve.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Effects of lateness

Arriving late to school can have negative impacts on learning including feeling stressed, missing important information, difficulty settling in and potentially feeling isolated from peers due to their late arrival. It can also affect overall academic performance.

The video attached is to help children who may not feel confident about crosssing roads safely. Our staff do teach this however, if we do this in conjunction with parents we hope to ensure all of our pupils are safe when it comes to the roads. Thank you.

Tips to avoid lateness

- Ensure a routine is set
- Open communication with the school
- Positive reinforcement
- Address underlying issues

We want to support families by ensuring each child is on time to school. If any support is needed for your child or family then please arrange an appointment with Mr Isherwood through the school office.