



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

We are enjoying seeing the children outside on the school field. This term we have introduced our Reception children onto the main playground/field, they are settling in well. The older children are taking good care of them and new friendships are forming.

Our Dance curriculum day went well and the children thrived in their session with MFDANCE. I have included the flyer for the Dance company who work at West Kidlington during an evening. Mc Hammer made a comeback during the afternoon! We have sent some flyers to children with an offer of a free trial.

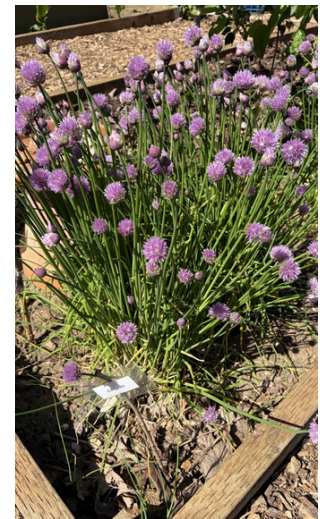
Next Friday in school we will celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We will be joining a national live assembly at 2.15pm.

I have been working with the School Council about several things of late. They have won a battle with me to have a Pyjama Day on Friday 22nd May. This is optional! If children would like to come to school in pyjamas and SENSIBLE footwear they can donate £1. This will be donated to The Blue Cross and Macmillan Cancer Charities.



Garden Team update

Please come and see what you could learn - composting, habitat building, water for wildlife and benefits for letting grass grow.



We are still looking for a toy tree house and any unwanted wellies for Nursery. We would be very grateful if you could help. Thank you.



Important Dates

- Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY**
- Wednesday 20th May - DT work being celebrated in hall (3.15pm)**
- Thursday 21st May - Colour Run**
- Friday 22nd May - Pyjama Day**
- Thursday 2nd July - New Reception parent meeting in school hall 6pm**
- Friday 10th July - whole school transition (time spent in new classes ready for September)**

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Colour Run

Thursday 21st May 2026

Reception - 2:45-3.15pm

Year 1 & 2 - 3:20-3.50pm

Year 3 & 4 - 3:55-4.25pm

Year 5 & 6 - 4:30-5pm

Sponsorship forms, cash (minimum £5) and waivers must be returned to the school office by Monday 11th May 2026 for your child to participate in the event.

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**VOTE FOR #62 (CHERWELL COLLECTIVE)
TO WIN BRANDING ON OXFORD BUS.**

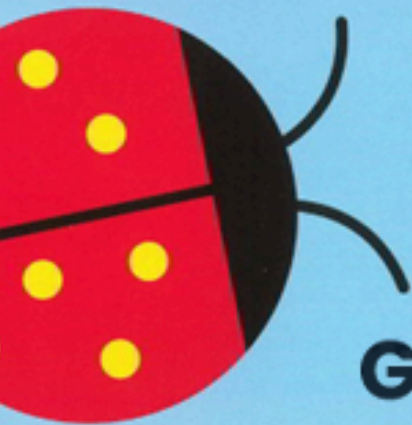


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'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'

Matilda



Rainbows

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun

for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 306016



Join a local Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

ONLINE SAFETY

IN JUST 4 SIMPLE STEPS

Keeping your child safe online - and knowing what to say no to and what to say yes to - can feel like an impossible task.

So keep it simple with these 4 Rules.

Protect your child from exploitation by strangers, problems with peers, content that harms their mental health, addictive products, violent and sexual content, poor sleep, reduced concentration and disrupted development.

1

NO SMART PHONE UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 12

Once you give your child a smart phone it is very hard to go back. Once they've got a smart phone it becomes almost impossible to control or monitor how they use it. So keep it simple: no smartphone. If your child really needs a phone you can get them an old fashioned feature phone for about £30.

2

NO SOCIAL MEDIA UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 16

Social media can be fun, but it can also be addictive and harmful. The social media platforms are not making sure that they are safe for children to use. So the world of social media is full of content that is dangerous or damaging for your minds, from cyberbullying to pornography. So just keep your child off social media.

3

NO YOUTUBE AND NO TIKTOK

The social media rule includes youtube and TikTok. These platforms are designed to be addictive. They weaken your child's ability to concentrate. It is very hard to monitor and supervise them and there is a lot of harmful content on there. Whilst they are kids, there is plenty for them to watch on things like iPlayer and Netflix.

4

NO GROUPS, NO STRANGERS, NO SNAPCHAT

Just because your child is in your house, it does not mean that they are safe from being exploited by adults or upset by other children. So if they use things like Whatsapp, it's family and close friends only. No one that you don't know, no being in big online groups and no deleting messages. And this includes gaming online.

AND REMEMBER...

Don't rely on your child being sensible and honest online to keep them safe.

Yes, we need to teach them to be those things, but it is not fair or realistic to ask young children to operate safely in an online world that is really not set up for them.

Your child will not thank you for these rules. They will tell you that other children don't have these rules.

But those other children are not your responsibility. It is your job to look after your own children.

The majority of parents worry about their children online - some of them decide that saying 'No' is an option. You can be one of those parents.

If using tech devices is making your child sad, anxious or angry then take those devices away from them.

If they are not following your rules then take those devices away from them.

This might not be easy when they are young, but it will be almost impossible as they get older.

Ultimately you are the adult and you have to decide what is best for your child.

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



**HOW MUCH TIME YOUR
CHILD SPENDS ON A
SCREEN IS IMPORTANT**



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