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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

Thank you to all of the Families of children in Reception and Year 1 for attending the Phonics Workshop. Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.



One of the main pieces of feedback from parents when Ofsted visited was a desire for more after school (free) clubs. We have been working with staff in school to create a system in which each child can have access to a 5/6 week club throughout the year. I would like to offer some pupil premium families access to these clubs first. The sessions will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4pm. Clubs include Lego, Dungeons & Dragons, Cooking, Cartoon Drawing and Choir. Club spaces are available to book through Arbor, just log into your school portal, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30am.

### What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Team immediately by contacting the school directly on 01865 373369.

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub(MASH) directly who will be able to advise you. If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

### Important Dates

Flu vaccinations Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - for Reception to Year 6

Parents Evening Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30-7pm

Parents Evening Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30-6pm

Individual School Photos - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Early Years Open Morning - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.30am

Term finishes on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October (normal finish time)

School reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



The Reception children are reading the story 'The Little **Red** Hen'. We wondered if anyone had a hen they could bring to school for the children to see? Please contact Mrs Longhurst in person or email [hlonghurst@west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:hlonghurst@west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk)



On Friday next week the children are invited to add something yellow to their school uniform. If people would like to donate anything on the gate to Young Minds, we will be collecting. This charity do a lot of work to help people who are struggling. Wear yellow to show people they are not alone in looking after their mental health.

**Family oracy question - what is your favourite time of year and why?**



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# EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Session available at 9:30am to 10:30am**

**Get in touch to book a space:**

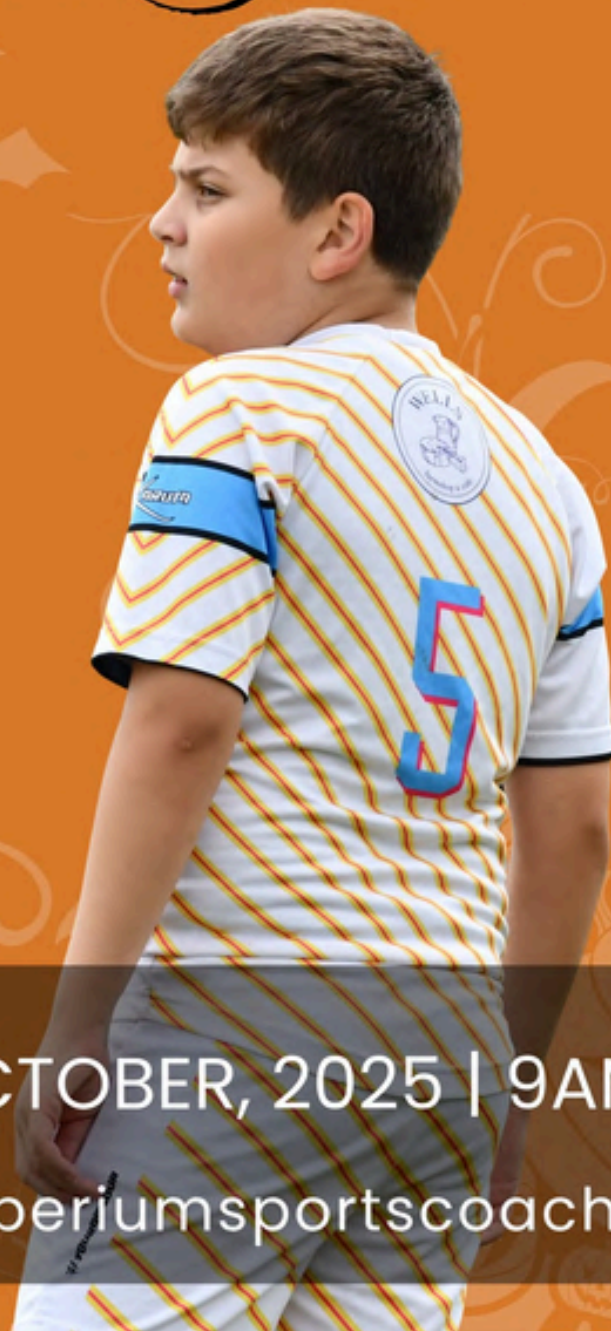
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ADMISSIONS PAGE**



# OCTOBER

## *Holiday Course*



27-29 OCTOBER, 2025 | 9AM - 3 PM

[www.imperiumsportscoaching.com](http://www.imperiumsportscoaching.com)



# Harvest 2025 - please could you help our local foodbank?



**We will be supporting North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank this year. If you could help we are asking Families to bring any donations into school between Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will have boxes ready on the main school gate. Please read a message from the foodbank below. Thank you for considering Families in real need.**

'As always, we continue to help lots of people each week and we are able to maintain our full parcels for all those who have been referred to us for support. We provide basic items made up into parcels suitable for a family or individual as is needed. We are always grateful for all contributions of food people donate, using funds which are donated to us to buy food and fill any gaps. But at this time of year our shelves are getting emptier and we are appealing for help in building up stocks ready for the next few months.

Without the support of organisations including schools, churches and individuals throughout North Oxfordshire we would not manage to provide the parcels that we do. If you are able to support us, please make contact via the details at the header of this letter; we look forward to hearing from you. We are able to arrange collections.

## **The following food items are very welcome.**

Tins of fruit, custard or pudding rice, soup, baked beans & spaghetti

Tins of meat, tuna & vegetables (i.e. peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes & tomatoes)

Rice (500g bags) Pasta (500g bags) Breakfast Cereals

Coffee, tea & small packets of sugar Long-life semi-skimmed milk & long-life fruit juice

Biscuits, jams & spreads Bars of chocolate make a treat

Also welcome - Toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry liquid or capsules, other cleaning materials

Soap, shampoo, deodorant and personal hygiene items



## **Garden Help - PLEASE consider!**



**Many children have benefited from this resource. The group of volunteers is just 3 and they need some more help. It does not need Garden experts to sign up. We need people who can help during a morning, possibly one morning a month. Could that be you? Please can you consider being a small part of the team and helping. Please get in contact with either myself, the school office or email [louisaamyheywood@gmail.com](mailto:louisaamyheywood@gmail.com)**

# ***HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE***



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



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# Could you save a loved one in an emergency?

**Join us on October 18<sup>th</sup> for a free session to learn key First Aid skills**

A free 1½ hour session where we will cover how to look after an unresponsive breathing casualty and an unresponsive, not breathing casualty.

Get hands on with AEDs (Defibrillators), equipment that is key to saving a life.

Sessions start at:

**09:00, 11:00 and 13:30.**

Please scan this QR code to register your interest and select your time slot.



Alternatively, please email [carl.sprake@sja.org.uk](mailto:carl.sprake@sja.org.uk)

**St John**  
Ambulance 



# Internet Safety SMART rule



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**TELL**

If you are getting cyberbullied always tell a trusted adult.

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



The video attached is to help children who may not feel confident about crossing 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.



## Attendance Matters!

We have seen an overall increase in attendance within recent years. Our current attendance 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 attendance high this year and for helping our young people get the education they deserve.

## 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.



## 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.