



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

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Firstly I want to say a huge thank you to all the Families and staff for your continued dedication and hard work. Your support and commitment to our children makes all the difference and I truly appreciate the effort you put in every day. To the staff at West Kidlington, thank you for your passion in guiding and inspiring our children. Together, we create a nurturing environment where children can thrive and for that we are incredibly grateful.

Secondly, we are welcoming the half term! It's the perfect time to recharge and enjoy a well-deserved rest. Whether you're spending the break relaxing, working or seeing family and friends, we hope you make the most of this time. Take a breath, and get ready to return feeling refreshed and ready to jump back in!

I will be reminding children of helping at home without being asked, continue to be kind and keep up with the reading habits over the next two weeks.

I would also like to mention that we are having a non school uniform day on **Friday the 25th of April** in support of Oxfam and the Myanmar earthquake appeal. The school council are organising help. Any donation given would help provide sanitation, shelter, food and water for families.

There are also a number of free children's activities during the half term at Kidlington's library. which I have shared below.

The closing date for the KS2 Oxford fact file took place today. I will be looking through these over the Easter break. Well done to everyone who entered.

Our lovely Friends will have a table out this afternoon at pick up with some more uniform on. Please take a look.

Important Dates

Friday 4th April - BREAK UP

Tuesday 22nd April - School Reopens and Earth Day

25th April - Open Day and Non school uniform day

Garden update



We were bowled over by the participation of our Home Veg Pot event on Wednesday! We must have made up about 60 pots which was more than we were expecting, and the session was wonderfully busy. Depending on what you grew they should be ready to harvest in May or June. There are leaflets in the front greenhouse/entrance conservatory that explain general care and harvesting information. Please help yourself. You'll also see information about the benefits of the 'companion planting' for the vegetables you chose. We hope that your veg continues to grow strong but if they start to look a bit floppy, please get in contact with us and we can give you some of the surplus plants. Caring for your plants is pretty simple; prevent them from drying out and keep them out of the hot midday sun if possible. Try and water them first thing in the morning to set them up for the day. We are very grateful all our volunteers for helping and to Cherwell District for funding this event, enabling you to grow your own veg for free.

After Easter we are going to be busy sowing all kinds of vegetable and flower seeds. If you would like to help with our gardening sessions, please contact us. Next term we are also looking forward to working in collaboration with Wild Oxfordshire and CAG Oxfordshire as part of the Great Big Green Week and hopefully get the opportunity to get involved with classroom topics as well.





The
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Spring Storytime & Mosaics Craft

Join in with our fun spring Storytime and craft. Create a mosaic picture of your favourite spring things.

This is a drop-in session so there is no need to book.
Age 5-8yrs, must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 10th April 10:30am-11:30am

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Easter Colouring Competition

Call into the library for a colouring sheet or design your own. Choose any medium-paint, crayons, collage, felt pens- just use your imagination!

Entries must be returned to the library by
Saturday 26th April

Please put name, age, and contact phone number on the REVERSE

There will be prizes for the winners

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Guide Dogs visit

Meet and Greet with the Guide Dogs! Discover how these intelligent assistance dogs enable independent living with activities and simulation glasses to experience sight impairments for yourself

Come and join us:

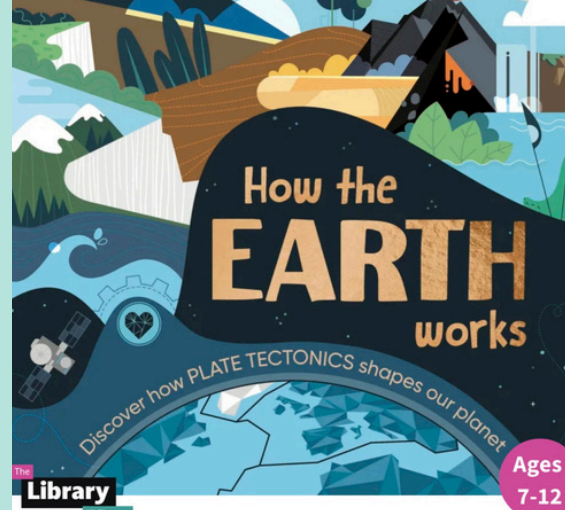
Saturday 12th April, 10am-1pm

No booking required

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Interactive science author event with

Lucia Perez-Diaz

Interested in the Earth? Join local Earth Scientist and illustrator Lucia Perez-Diaz as she talks about her latest book followed with games.

Come and join us:

Friday 11th April 2pm-3pm

Booking essential on 01865 815169 or kidlington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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IMPERIUM
SPORTS COACHING

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE

We will be running two weeks of our Holiday Course throughout the Easter Holidays.

DATES:

WEEK 1: Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th APRIL 2025

WEEK 2: Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th APRIL 2025



WHERE: West Kidlington Primary School

COST: £50 for all 3 days /£20 per day.

"My son **LOVES** coming to the holiday courses - it's his mission to come every holiday. The Imperium team do such a **FANTASTIC** job."

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Space Story Time with Sue Palmer

Thursday 17th April 11-12 pm

Interested in space exploration and becoming an astronaut? Join local author, Sue Palmer, as she reads from her May's Moon book series.

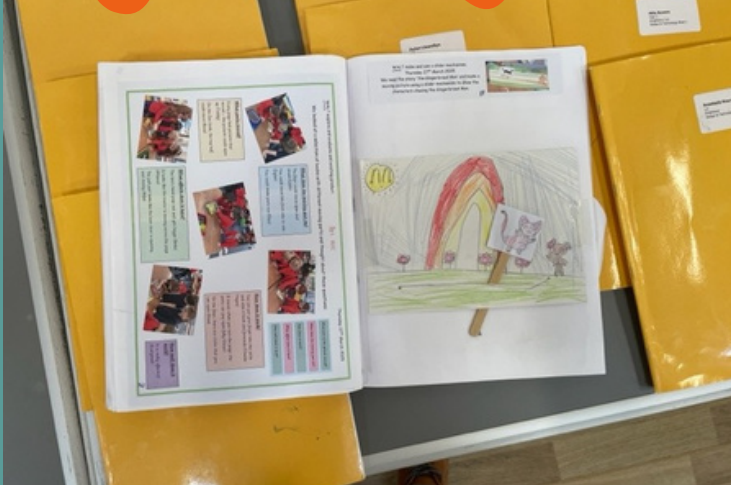
Followed by a book signing.

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DT EXCELLENCE



**This week's DT celebration
saw some amazing pieces and
effort from everyone.
*Cracking work guys keep it
up!***



HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Happy Easter from Grace Church Kidlington

Sunday 5th April



Between 10:30am and 11:30am - Starting by the **tennis courts in Exeter Park**.
Follow the storytellers trail, complete the puzzle and collect an Easter goody bag.
For ages 2-11 with their families and carers.

Sunday 20th April

At 10:30-11:30am at **Gosford Hill School**.

Discover how Jesus' resurrection changes everything for the better!



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OPEN DAY

Friday 25th April
9:30am - 10:30am

Get in touch & book your place:

West Kidlington Primary & Nursery School, OX5 1EA
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Tel: 01865 373 369

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ADMISSIONS PAGE**



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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.



Family Learning Online Workshops

April - May 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV213P	Emotional Regulation	Tue, 29/4/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV207P	Developing Resilience	Tue, 6/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV209P	Positive Discipline	Tue, 13/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV211P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Tue, 20/5/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare? These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV215P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 28/4/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV218P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 12/5/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV220	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with Remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.



01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk