



# West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

Be kind, give your best!

# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

At the time of writing this newsletter the children are filling the school hall for a Pantomime. There is a buzz and lots of excited children. Thank you so much to the Friends group who have raised funds to provide this experience. I will share some photos of Snow White next week!

Next week we will have lots of Year 6 children arriving to school with bikes, they are working on road safety. It could be particularly busy.

I am looking forward to welcoming some Families to St.Mary's Church on Monday evening next week. This year the school will only have about 50 children returning for the service.

### 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 have an URGENT concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

### Reception Places

Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications> to apply.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. If you miss the deadline, your application will be processed later in the year and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

**We have our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like to wear one to school then they would be very welcome!**



### Important Dates

Bikeability Training for Y6 children - 8th - 11th December

KS2 Church Performance - St Mary's Church Kidlington, OX5 2BA - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December (6-6.30pm)

Christmas School Lunch and Christmas Jumper day - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

School Raffle Prize Draw, Cake Sale and Garden Plant Sale - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and Reception Performance - Tuesday 16th December 9.15am

DT work celebration - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm, Families welcome

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Reception Application Deadline - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thank you for supporting the School Poppy Appeal. West Kidlington PS raised an impressive £272.65. The British Legion wrote to the school and thanked us.



**Family oracy question - What is the best gift you have ever received?**

# Autism & ADHD: Strategies To Improve Sleep

Join us for our free webinar.

Register now



We know how important sleep is in your child's routine. That's why we're hosting a free webinar with Helen Rutherford, Specialist Sleep Practitioner from The Sleep Charity.

Supporting parents & carers

 Date: Wednesday 17th December

 Time: 10am - 11am

In this webinar, Helen will explore:

- ✓ What happens when children sleep, including how it supports their learning, behaviour, and development, and how this knowledge helps you choose strategies that truly make a difference.
- ✓ Why general advice isn't always enough in supporting your neurodivergent child, and how you can adapt strategies to their needs.
- ✓ Practical take-away strategies to help your child build healthy, lasting sleep habits.

## **Register Your Free Place**

### **Helen Rutherford, Specialist Sleep Practitioner from The Sleep Charity**

Helen Rutherford has been a Specialist Sleep Practitioner since 2016. Her professional practice has focused on working with children who have additional needs. Her experience now extends into a fourth decade. She has a breadth of experience including management and leadership roles. These have included time as a Portage service manager (a home visiting educational service for preschool children with special educational needs and disability) and Family Liaison Officer on the staff of a special educational needs school in Worcestershire.





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*Can you help us reach our goal?*

Donations of just £10 can help us feed one  
homeless individual for a week.

**Nov 2025 - Feb 2026**

**Target: £10,000**

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on stage

17 - 21 February  
2026



# Gang Show

## 2026


Radley College Theatre  
Oxford

Box Office  
is  
**OPEN!**

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# **HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE**



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



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