



West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

Be kind, give your best!

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need next Friday with a non-school uniform day. Friday 14th November - cash donations on the gate.



Remembrance Day

We will be holding a minute silence in school next Tuesday 11th November to think about the impact of war. Children who are part of Scout or Guide groups are invited to wear their uniform in school on this day. This is optional.



School Governor Vacancy

Please continue to read the letter as there is additional information included about our Governing Board. Would you be interested in becoming a Governor? Deadline has been extended until Friday 14th November.

TESCO

As you may have seen Squirrels, our wraparound care club, has been selected by Groundwork UK to be voted upon for funding in local Tesco's stores. Please help us secure funding for a project that supports some of the children within the school community by voting in Tesco's. Voting commences from the first week of October until mid-January 2026.

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.

Important Dates

Cartoon Drawing club, School Choir, Boxing and Origami clubs begin. Final week of these clubs takes place W.B 1st December

Anti Bullying awareness - 10th-14th November

World Kindness Day - Thursday 13th November

Children in Need non-school uniform - Friday 14th November

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football tournament - Thursday 20th November at WKPS

School Disco - Wednesday 26th November

School Pantomime in school - Friday 5th December (Friends Funded)

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

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

Christmas School Lunch and Christmas Jumper day - Wednesday 10th December

DT work celebration - Wednesday 17th December 3.15pm, Families welcome

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Wednesday 17th December 9.30am

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Thursday 18th December 2.30pm

Family oracy question - would you rather be the best player in the worst team, or the worst player on the best team?



Dear Parents

Several of the school's Governors have come to the end of their term of office and the school is seeking Parent Governors to join the Local Governing Body (LGB). We need help to maintain high-quality education for all our pupils. This interesting role includes:

- Supporting the values of The White Horse Federation (TWHF)
- Developing knowledge of teaching, learning, and assessment
- Monitoring school performance and providing constructive feedback
- Asking questions and reviewing personal contributions
- Attending six meetings a year (4-6pm)

Other school visits take place throughout the school year and we always take into consideration our Governors are quite often working people!

The role includes training and support to undertake the role. A DBS check is mandatory for new governors.

Interested candidates express their interest using the link below. If you have any difficulties with the online form, please come and speak to the school office or email the clerk.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GJnzumy2fV>

If you would like more information or have any further questions, please email the clerk at governors@west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk

Applications are due by November 14th

If we have more applicants than are needed, we will organise a parent election.

We would like to share a huge thank you to Matt Payne who has been a Governor for four years. He has been an asset and helped support the school's positive direction. He is more than willing to talk to anyone interested about becoming a Governor. Please email the school office if you would like to communicate with Matt.

Please think about taking on the role. We need committed parent governors to make the Local Governing Body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Christie
Chair of Governors

Simon Isherwood
Headteacher

Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society

Christmas Charity Concert

Nowell, Nowell



Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

St. Mary's Church, Kidlington

7:30 PM

Tickets: £15; 16 yrs & under £10

for tickets call 01865 375613, online at www.kaos.news
or in person at Oxford Building Supplies High Street
and Anemone Florist Kidlington Centre

registered charity no. 1170572

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Family Learning Online Workshops Nov-Dec 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. These workshops are aimed at parents/carers of primary school age children.

Mondays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE and COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME
Visit website or phone	Emotional Regulation - P07906	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Positive Discipline - P07910	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Implementing Effective Routines - P07916	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Developing Resilience - P07918	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

Fridays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phone	Emotional Regulation	Fri, 14/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Positive Discipline	Fri, 21/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Implementing Effective Routines	Fri, 28/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Developing Resilience	Fri, 5/12/25	13:00 - 14:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.



01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where? The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NW

When? Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 (teas and coffees served from 9am)
3rd November - 8th December

Cost? Free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts & Cs apply)

A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Managing meltdowns effectively

To book a place please email:



info@mapletree.org.uk



Navigating the Teen Years

Oxford Hub
Windale Primary School
Windale Avenue
Oxford OX4 6JD

Connect with other parents, share experiences, and find support in creating a positive environment for your family.

Come along to gain valuable insights into:

- Teenage brain development
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Managing conflict
- Building resilience
- Setting boundaries
- Keeping safe on phones and online.



**Oxford
Hub**

6 Week Course

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30

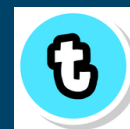
5th November - 10th December

To book a place please contact Penelope (teacher of the course) from Abingdon & Witney College.



penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



[Watch video on YouTube](#)
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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.