



# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope the children did help you out without being asked, continue with reading and did not demand too much. I have terrific news about our new Governor appointment. She will be a super addition and make a great link between parents and school.

### New Governor - Suzi Sentence

My son has been at West Kidlington School for the past two years. We are very happy that we chose this school as we believe it has a friendly, welcoming ethos where the children all support one another and the staff is a real team. I would like the opportunity to support the wider school community and help make decisions that benefit all the children. I have previous experience as a teacher, with ten years in mainstream primaries and six years in SEND teaching as a Teacher of Deaf Children and Young People, including having previously been part of the Leadership Team and having served as a Teacher Governor. I understand the strategic overview of the governing body, as it oversees school policies and practices, supports the headteacher and the White Horse Federation, monitors progress and School Improvement Plans and makes decisions that are in the best interest of all pupils. From a classroom perspective, I also understand the potential successes and difficulties for pupils and staff and the importance of having a holistic approach to support. I can bring my professional expertise, having led schools in English, Performing Arts and Religious Education as well as working in SEND, but also my perspective as a parent. I am committed to supporting the school's success and continued fairness and inclusivity.

### Important Dates

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6 SATS Parent information meeting. 6pm on Zoom - follow this link = <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79975682194?pwd=i9WGmCgbk7mcfl4wPwwqovDdPx8WYW.1>**

### Sports Day - 2026

We would like to inform you of some slight changes to our Sports Day this year. We will be trialling a new format where the event will take place over one day, rather than across three separate days as in previous years. Our current plan is for Reception and Key Stage 1 to take part in the morning, with Key Stage 2 events taking place in the afternoon. As we are still in the early stages of planning, specific timings have not yet been finalised. However, we hope this new structure will create a greater sense of excitement and community by dedicating the entire school day to celebrating sport and teamwork. Parents and carers are, of course, warmly invited to attend and cheer on the children as usual. Sports Day 2026 is scheduled for **Tuesday, 16th June 2026**, with a reserve date of Friday, 19th June 2026. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and appreciate your continued support.



# New Key Stage 1 toilet block and cloakroom



## Online Safety Guidance

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. We are sharing a new guide which aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

Please take time to read this - it is very useful for all of our families.

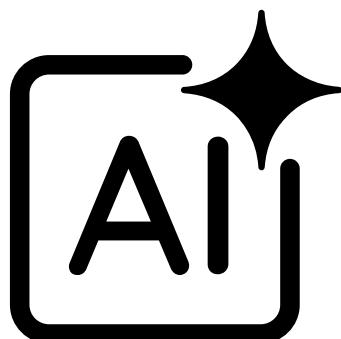
**The PDF is attached alongside the newsletter. There are 3 main themes to the guide.**



Screen time



When bad things happen



Artificial Intelligence

# **HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE**



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



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

