



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
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Dear Families

Support for West Kidlington Friends

On Thursday, 20 girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in the NOSSP Football Festival, proudly hosted at West Kidlington Primary School.

In Mr Latham's nine years at West Kidlington, he has never seen a group of children enjoy a sporting festival more than yesterday. From the moment they arrived, our girls were beaming with excitement and pride at the opportunity to represent their school. Their enthusiasm, encouragement of one another and positive attitudes were evident throughout the event.

The festival provided a fantastic opportunity for the girls to develop their football skills, make new friendships and enjoy playing the game in a fun and supportive environment. Every player represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

To make the day even more memorable, one of our teams progressed all the way to the Cup Final. After an exciting and closely contested match, they narrowly missed out on the top spot, losing 3-2. The girls should be incredibly proud of their achievement and the resilience they showed right until the final whistle.

Well done to all 20 girls for being such fantastic ambassadors for West Kidlington Primary School. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves!

We need your support! Join the Friends today! If you're interested in contributing to the valuable fundraising efforts for the school's PTA, please reach out via email at westkidlingtonfriends@hotmail.com

To keep our fundraising activities going, we truly appreciate your help.



NUT-FREE School Policy

As a nut-free primary school, we kindly request that all parents refrain from sending any foods containing nuts to school. This measure is essential for protecting children with severe nut allergies and ensuring that our school remains a healthy and inclusive environment for all. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Encouraging safe arrival by bike

We promote walking or biking to school for all children. Our school consistently reminds children about safe biking practices. However, we have observed that many children who arrive independently on bikes are not behaving sensibly once they reach West Kidlington. These children have been addressed, and if they continue to ride around outside the school, where there are many people, they will no longer be permitted to leave their bikes at school.

Important Dates

Monday 12th October - Flu jabs for Reception - Y6

Tuesday 13th October - School Photographs

Friday 16th October - Early years open morning

Tuesday 20th October - BREAK UP



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EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

Nursery & Reception starters 2027

Friday 16th October

Session starts at 9.30am

Get in touch to book a place:

West Kidlington Nursery School, OX5 1EA
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01865 373369

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ADMISSIONS PAGE



CHILDREN'S COURSE:

Learn to Ride a Bike

THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (DCD/dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course takes place indoors, in a large event space. See this link to the ['Learn to Ride a Bike'](#) video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Brookes University, and the Oxford Dyspraxia Foundation group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: learntrabike@gmail.com



Next date:

Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct 2026

(1-2 hours every morning)

Venue:

MINI Plant Visitor Centre,
Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL
(Free parking in MINI Plant car park)



*Learn to Ride a Bike video
QR Code and webpage
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0

ONLINE SAFETY

IN JUST 4 SIMPLE STEPS

Keeping your child safe online - and knowing what to say no to and what to say yes to - can feel like an impossible task.

So keep it simple with these 4 Rules.

Protect your child from exploitation by strangers, problems with peers, content that harms their mental health, addictive products, violent and sexual content, poor sleep, reduced concentration and disrupted development.

1

NO SMART PHONE UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 12

Once you give your child a smart phone it is very hard to go back. Once they've got a smart phone it becomes almost impossible to control or monitor how they use it. So keep it simple: no smartphone. If your child really needs a phone you can get them an old fashioned feature phone for about £30.

2

NO SOCIAL MEDIA UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 16

Social media can be fun, but it can also be addictive and harmful. The social media platforms are not making sure that they are safe for children to use. So the world of social media is full of content that is dangerous or damaging for your minds, from cyberbullying to pornography. So just keep your child off social media.

3

NO YOUTUBE AND NO TIKTOK

The social media rule includes youtube and TikTok. These platforms are designed to be addictive. They weaken your child's ability to concentrate. It is very hard to monitor and supervise them and there is a lot of harmful content on there. Whilst they are kids, there is plenty for them to watch on things like iPlayer and Netflix.

4

NO GROUPS, NO STRANGERS, NO SNAPCHAT

Just because your child is in your house, it does not mean that they are safe from being exploited by adults or upset by other children. So if they use things like Whatsapp, it's family and close friends only. No one that you don't know, no being in big online groups and no deleting messages. And this includes gaming online.

AND REMEMBER...

Don't rely on your child being sensible and honest online to keep them safe.

Yes, we need to teach them to be those things, but it is not fair or realistic to ask young children to operate safely in an online world that is really not set up for them.

Your child will not thank you for these rules. They will tell you that other children don't have these rules.

But those other children are not your responsibility. It is your job to look after your own children.

The majority of parents worry about their children online - some of them decide that saying 'No' is an option. You can be one of those parents.

If using tech devices is making your child sad, anxious or angry then take those devices away from them.

If they are not following your rules then take those devices away from them.

This might not be easy when they are young, but it will be almost impossible as they get older.

Ultimately you are the adult and you have to decide what is best for your child.

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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