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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Thank you to all of the Families for attending the Parents Evenings held in school this week. These sessions are so important and we hold them early to help share crucial information that will support each child this year.



The sessions will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4pm. Children are allowed to sign up to one of the clubs throughout the year. We are unable to offer more than this.

Cartoon Club, School Choir and Origami run on 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov and 1st Dec. All Mondays!

Boxing Club will take place on 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov and 2nd Dec. This club takes place on Tuesdays.

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

Individual School Photos - Tuesday 14th October

Early Years Open Morning - Friday 17th October 9.30-10.30am

Term finishes on Tuesday 21st October (normal finish time)

School reopens on Monday 3rd November

Cartoon Drawing club, School Choir, Boxing and Origami clubs begin during the first week back



Thank you for supporting Hello Yellow Day. All the contributions will go towards Oxfordshire Mind and their efforts to help people's mental health.

The Colour Monsters have joined the Garden Team! Check out the new display in the entrance.

Family oracy question - how important is money? How do you know when you have enough



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On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 visited Edward Field school for a brilliant session with author Sarah Bowie. They got to do some speed drawing challenges, as well as look at drawing particular types of comic book characters. Well done Year 5 for representing our school so well, and for your fabulous drawings!



**ARCh is giving away
books**



Great Children's Book Giveaway

**Saturday 1st November
10am to 2pm**

**Kidlington Methodist
Church**

Oxford Road
OX5 2BP



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EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

Friday 17th October

Session available at 9:30am to 10:30am

Get in touch to book a space:

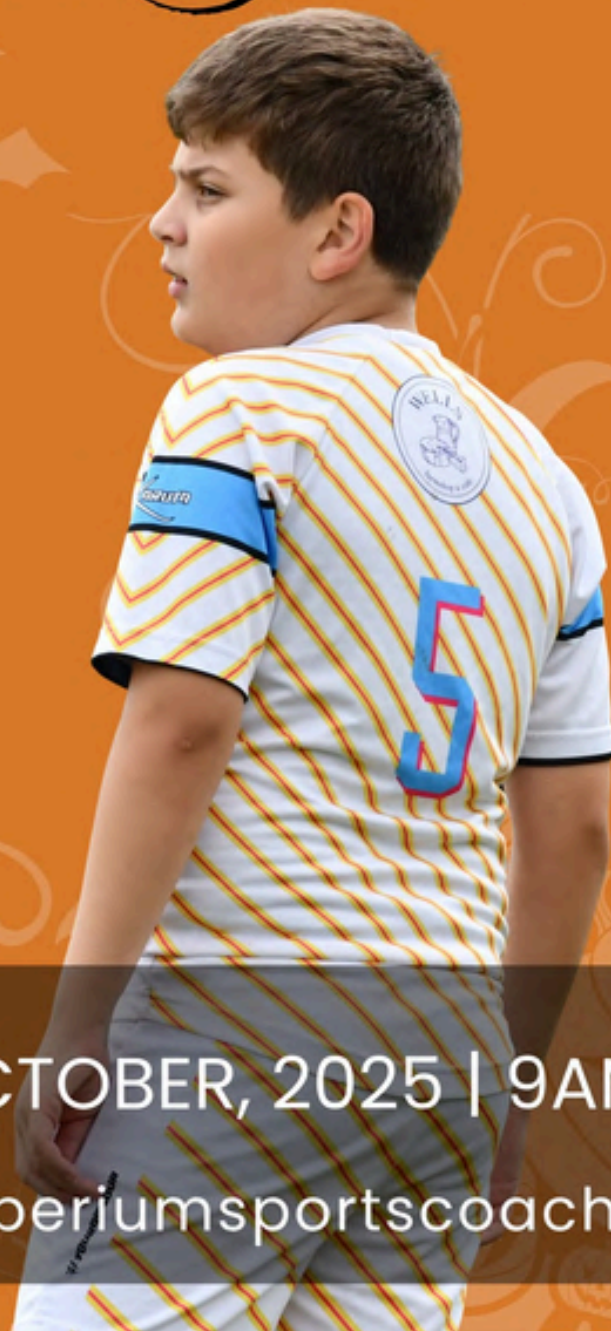
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ADMISSIONS PAGE**



OCTOBER

Holiday Course



27-29 OCTOBER, 2025 | 9AM - 3 PM

www.imperiumsportscoaching.com

Harvest 2025 - please could you help our local foodbank?



We will be supporting North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank this year. If you could help we are asking Families to bring any donations into school between Friday 17th October and Tuesday 21st October. We will have boxes ready on the main school gate. Please read a message from the foodbank below. Thank you for considering Families in real need.

'As always, we continue to help lots of people each week and we are able to maintain our full parcels for all those who have been referred to us for support. We provide basic items made up into parcels suitable for a family or individual as is needed. We are always grateful for all contributions of food people donate, using funds which are donated to us to buy food and fill any gaps. But at this time of year our shelves are getting emptier and we are appealing for help in building up stocks ready for the next few months.

Without the support of organisations including schools, churches and individuals throughout North Oxfordshire we would not manage to provide the parcels that we do. If you are able to support us, please make contact via the details at the header of this letter; we look forward to hearing from you. We are able to arrange collections.

The following food items are very welcome.

Tins of fruit, custard or pudding rice, soup, baked beans & spaghetti

Tins of meat, tuna & vegetables (i.e. peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes & tomatoes)

Rice (500g bags) Pasta (500g bags) Breakfast Cereals

Coffee, tea & small packets of sugar Long-life semi-skimmed milk & long-life fruit juice

Biscuits, jams & spreads Bars of chocolate make a treat

Also welcome - Toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry liquid or capsules, other cleaning materials

Soap, shampoo, deodorant and personal hygiene items



Garden Help - PLEASE consider!



Many children have benefited from this resource. The group of volunteers is just 3 and they need some more help. It does not need Garden experts to sign up. We need people who can help during a morning, possibly one morning a month. Could that be you? Please can you consider being a small part of the team and helping. Please get in contact with either myself, the school office or email louisaamyheywood@gmail.com

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Could you save a loved one in an emergency?

Join us on October 18th for a free session to learn key First Aid skills

A free 1½ hour session where we will cover how to look after an unresponsive breathing casualty and an unresponsive, not breathing casualty.

Get hands on with AEDs (Defibrillators), equipment that is key to saving a life.

Sessions start at:

09:00, 11:00 and 13:30.

Please scan this QR code to register your interest and select your time slot.



Alternatively, please email carl.sprake@sja.org.uk

**St John
Ambulance** 

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.**



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.