



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

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Week 2 already! It has been lovely seeing the children coming into school this week. The weather has allowed us to be on the school field, which means freedom and football. I am really pleased with how our new Y6 have settled. These children are our benchmark. What they do in school, online, outside of the school gate is crucial. They are responding to this challenge. Our new Wellbeing Champions in Y6 have begun their training this week.

Our top tips for starting a new school year!

- **Take on new challenges**
- **Get sleeping routines sorted**
- **Be organised in the morning - be on time**
- **Try and make new friends**
- **Ask for help if needed**
- **Smile**
- **Read, read, read!**



Garden Help - PLEASE consider!

I met with the amazing Garden Team this week and they have assured me that they are happy to continue providing a School Garden. 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



Important Dates

Travelling Book Fair in school - Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th September in the school hall or playground (weather dependent)

Phonics Workshop for Reception Families - 8.45am - Tuesday 30th September

Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Families - 8.45am - Wednesday 1st October

Flu vaccinations Monday 6th October - for Reception to Year 6

Parents Evening Monday 6th October - 3.30-7pm

Parents Evening Wednesday 8th October - 3.30-6pm

Individual School Photos - Tuesday 14th October

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



SAFE



Don't give out your personal information. Keep your full name, address, mobile number, email address, school name and friends' full names secret. Otherwise people can use this information to contact you. Your passwords and nicknames should be secret. If you have to give an online screen name or nickname, never use your real name, and try not to use things that are easy to guess like your parent's name or a pet's name. When you send a text or photo message from your mobile, your phone number automatically goes with it. So think carefully, especially before sending photos of yourself or friends from your camera-phone.

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



Edith and Adora shared the new text that Year 3 and 4 are studying this week. Edith created her own homework and made a Kapok Tree from Lego.

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society



presents

THE CABARET ON SOUTH STREET

Favourite show tunes in a brand new musical!

Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th
Sat 25th Oct 2025

7:30 pm

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

Tickets: £15, 17yrs & under £10

VIP Tickets: £20, 17yrs & under £15



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COME & TRY *football*

FOR GIRLS

FRIDAYS

4:20PM - 5:20PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5, & 6

LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION

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ALL PLAYER
LEVELS
WELCOME!

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COME & TRY Dodgeball

FOR ALL

FRIDAYS

5:30pm - 6:30pm

YEARS 3 - 8

LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION

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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 keeping 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.