



West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

Be kind, give your best!

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

We have finally made it to the last week of term. Thankyou for all of your support this year. I do hope the Christmas period is relatively stress-free for families! I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Thank you once again for the Pantomime provided by Friends. EVERY child had a brilliant time. The cake & plant sale and raffle was well attended on Wednesday. Thank you for joining in. Supporting our amazing PTA group is much appreciated. Thank you to Charlotte Christie (Chair of Governors) for announcing winners of the raffle. I spent a very wet day in Swindon.

The Year 6 children completed their Bikeability course this week. The lead instructor shared that he had been working in schools for over 20 years and our West Kidlington group were the most responsive and well-behaved children he had taught.

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.

Reception Places

Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications> to apply.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. If you miss the deadline, your application will be processed later in the year and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Important Dates

Nursery and Reception Performance -
Tuesday 16th December 9.15am

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

Reception Application Deadline - 15th
January 2026

SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 6th
JANUARY

THANK
YOU



Family oracy question - What are you hoping from 2026?

Girls' Football - New Kit!



Steve on Lights



What a fantastic day of football it was for our girls' teams at the recent NOSSP school festival! Not only did they show great skill and teamwork on the pitch, but they also demonstrated wonderful leadership and sportsmanship as they managed their own teams throughout the day.

Both our West Kidlington Blues and West Kidlington Yellows played brilliantly, with the semi-final seeing an all-West Kidlington clash! It was a tightly fought match, with the Yellows just edging it 1-0 to book their place in the final. In the end, the Yellows finished 1st and the Blues secured an impressive 4th place in the cup competition – a superb result all round!

The girls looked absolutely fabulous in their brand-new festival tops, kindly sponsored by Steve Heywood (parent of Arthur and Edith), with additional support from Mr Latham's Imperium Sports Coaching. A huge thank you to both for helping our teams look as good as they played!

And if you looked closely, you might have spotted the special touch on the back of the shirts – a message close to our hearts reminding everyone that attendance matters.

A massive well done to all the girls for representing West Kidlington so proudly – both on and off the pitch.



School Christmas Lunch



Thank you to Julia and Linda (and school staff for serving) for cooking a superb Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The children loved it. There was very little leftover. Arlo said the Turkey and sausages were the best part. Ella disagreed - she went with roast potatoes. Father Christmas visited the lunch, he was impressed.



Oxford Castle - Year 1/2 visit



On Tuesday this week, Year 1/2 were lucky enough to spend the day at Oxford Castle as part of their History Unit this term. Whilst on the trip, the children got to experience a tour of Oxford Castle, travel up the mound and also complete a fascinating workshop all about Empress Matilda and her daring escape from the tower!

Parent Support Speaker Session

Nurturing Ourselves, Connecting with Our Children

January

21

6:30 - 8 pm

A Free Session for Parents & Caregivers Supporting children with emotional, behavioural, or learning needs.

- Reframe self-care as essential, not optional
- Discover realistic strategies for emotional and nervous system regulation during times of stress, challenge or overwhelm
- Build a take away toolkit you can use to overcome parenting, professional or personal challenges with increased confidence, resilience understanding and ease.

Guest Expert: Sam Young

Wild AP/ A new way of being - Youth worker and complementary therapist specialising in complex needs and challenging behaviours.



St Mary's
Church
Kidlington

(Parking
available)

FREE - scan the QR code
to book your place:

Email Rachel with any questions at
parentlinkspsg@gmail.com



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/119483976821>





PARENTLINKS



New Parent
Support Group
for 2026!

A brand new peer support group for parents of primary school-aged children that have additional needs and/or mental health concerns.

This is a parent-focused group, facilitated by a professionally accredited therapist (UKCP/MBACP) It provides a safe and supportive space to share and talk through the challenges you may be facing with your child.



When?

**Beginning
January 2026
(date tbc)**

Where?

St Mary's Church Hall
Church Street
Kidlington OX5 2AZ

Cost?

Free!

**Empowering parents through shared
experience and professional support**

If this sounds like the group for you, please get in touch with Rachel at parentlinkspsg@gmail.com to request more information or to reserve a space. Alternatively, send a message on our Facebook page below.

(A start date and time will be agreed once we have sufficient numbers to attend)



www.facebook.com/parentlinkspsg

Autism & ADHD: Strategies To Improve Sleep

Join us for our free webinar.

Register now



We know how important sleep is in your child's routine. That's why we're hosting a free webinar with Helen Rutherford, Specialist Sleep Practitioner from The Sleep Charity.

Supporting parents & carers



Date: Wednesday 17th December



Time: 10am - 11am

In this webinar, Helen will explore:

- ✓ What happens when children sleep, including how it supports their learning, behaviour, and development, and how this knowledge helps you choose strategies that truly make a difference.
- ✓ Why general advice isn't always enough in supporting your neurodivergent child, and how you can adapt strategies to their needs.
- ✓ Practical take-away strategies to help your child build healthy, lasting sleep habits.

Register Your Free Place

Helen Rutherford, Specialist Sleep Practitioner from The Sleep Charity

Helen Rutherford has been a Specialist Sleep Practitioner since 2016. Her professional practice has focused on working with children who have additional needs. Her experience now extends into a fourth decade. She has a breadth of experience including management and leadership roles. These have included time as a Portage service manager (a home visiting educational service for preschool children with special educational needs and disability) and Family Liaison Officer on the staff of a special educational needs school in Worcestershire.



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Nov 2025 - Feb 2026

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on stage

17 - 21 February
2026



Gang Show

2026

Radley College Theatre
Oxford

Box Office

is


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HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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