



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

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

We have had a lockdown practice in school this week. The children carried this task out sensibly and asked lots of questions during a follow up assembly. We have encouraged them to keep asking questions throughout the week to make sure they feel confident if the school ever went into a lockdown.

An external advisor who conducted our safeguarding annual audit on Tuesday expressed great satisfaction with all of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

Again, I would like to stress the importance of road safety when coming to school. We have had another near miss this week and would like to prevent this as much as possible.

I would like to apologise for any confusion around the date of Comic Relief. A different date was given at the start of the year.

We invite all children to take part in a non-school uniform day on March 21st in support of Comic Relief. Anyone who is able to help the charity is encouraged to give a £1 donation on the gate.

This Friday two of our pupils have been presented with Grace Saunders Character Awards. It is always amazing when we can give praise to our children. We would like to celebrate Odi who received a gold character award for her achievements in Dance and Ciara who received a silver character award for performing arts and being a member of a community group.



Important Dates

21st March - Comic Relief

26th March - Mother's Day Teas

19th March - KS1 walk to Kidlington High Street

Family oracy question - what do you think the world will be like in 25 years?

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!



Internet Safety SMART rule



R

RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



Year 1/2 have been learning all about the history of Kidlington this term. They were lucky enough to speak to a special visitor this week, Mr Blake (Miss Blake's Dad!), who came to talk to them all about the changes he has seen in Kidlington over the past 70 years. He answered lots of questions and told us some very interesting facts. A huge thank you to Mr Blake, and also Linda, for giving us a really special afternoon!

On the 19th of March there will be a walk to the highstreet of Kidlington for keystage 1.

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.



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.





Bring a Grown Up!

FREE Family
Learning Workshops
at Gosford Hill School
Spring Term 2025

Suitable
for children
in Years
4 - 6

Music Workshop **Monday 19 January, 4pm - 5pm**

Come along and join in with a fun recording workshop in the Music department.



Science Workshop **Thursday 27 March, 4pm - 5pm**

Join us for an interactive workshop where you will use science to help the Easter bunny solve problems, so that he can deliver his eggs on time. Lots of fun and plenty of chocolate!



German Workshop **Tuesday 1 April, 4pm - 5pm**

Come and explore German language and culture with an Easter theme. We will be learning key vocabulary through playing games and putting our linguistic skills to the test to find hidden Easter eggs.



We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these FREE workshops.

Scan the QR code today to book your place, or visit:
www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/community/bring-a-grown-up
Alternatively, you can give us a call on 01865 374971





School Garden update



We are looking forward to celebrating World Frog Day next Thursday! We will primarily be making a frog and toad abode using old terracotta pots, stones and logs. Please take some time to research what frogs and toads like so that your child can help with its design. We would welcome donations of materials and decorations that you think might be useful to construct an irresistible home. Please drop them off in the School Garden.



It was a very busy day in the School Garden on Tuesday and it was a joy to see children of all ages getting stuck in. A grandparent kindly donated some forget-me-not plants which we potted up into hand decorated pots. If your child made one, please remember to retrieve them from our outside greenhouse. You can keep the plant indoors if you want to keep a close eye on it, outdoors, or even plant it out into your own garden. We also planted 80 lettuce seeds which are being grown as part of our Home Veg Pots event on 2nd April. There was also lots of digging up the ground to uncover worms, and plenty of watering too.



Our Home Veg Pots event on Wednesday 2nd April is an ideal opportunity for the children to share with you the skills that they have learned in the School Garden, and they will love doing it with you. The activity will be very simple but will offer great rewards in the coming weeks. All you need to do is fill up a pot with compost and plant 6 little vegetable plants into it. It will probably take only 15 minutes to complete. Gloves will be available, and you are welcome to bring your own as well. All of the materials will be supplied free of charge thanks to funding from Cherwell District Council. If you would like to volunteer at this event or if you are able to look after some of our seedlings beforehand, please contact the school office.





Family Learning Online Workshops

April - May 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV213P	Emotional Regulation	Tue, 29/4/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV207P	Developing Resilience	Tue, 6/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV209P	Positive Discipline	Tue, 13/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV211P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Tue, 20/5/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare? These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV215P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 28/4/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV218P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 12/5/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV220	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with Remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.



01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk