



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

The children in Year 6 worked incredibly hard during the SATS week. It is a tough week but a positive experience and something that will support them to become more resilient.

The children enjoyed sausage and hash brown baps before the third Maths test. Thank you Linda!

Our **assembly** on Monday is being delivered by the Police (PC Rob Kelly) and will focus on **knife crime**. This is material that is suitable for KS2 children only.

HELP

The School Garden continues to be a hive of activity and a safe place for quiet conversations and mindfulness. To maintain continuity with our projects and time with the children, **we really could do with some extra help. Just 3 hours a month would be amazing. You don't need to have any gardening experience! Please get in contact with the office if you think you could help.**

Roblox, the popular Minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools.

Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme.

Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more details:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>

Please can we remind families to come and have a look at the lost property baskets if your children are missing any items, we have two of them. One in the front porch (Green House) by the school office, and another in our KS2 building corridor.

Important Dates

- Friday 16th May - Lucky Ticket Event after school
- Thursday 22nd May - DT work on display for Families to come and see from 3.20pm
- Friday 23rd May - School closes for Half Term
- 2nd June - Class photos
- Wednesday 11th June - Father's Day Scavenger Hunt
- Monday 16th June - KS1 Sports Day at 9.15am
- Tuesday 17th June - KS2 Sports Day at 9.15am
- Friday 20th June - Reception Sports Day at 9.15am
- Friday 11th July - School Summer Social

Family oracy question - if you could add a new subject to the school curriculum, what would it be?

Join the **ZOO** Trails

CELEBRATION & TREASURE HUNT!

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY
10AM – 1PM
EXETER HALL PARK

- CELEBRATE the new Parrot Trail!
- TREASURE hunt with prizes!
- PLUS! Join a social stroll on part of the Parrot Trail



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Garden update



Join us after school on Wednesday 11th June to make your very own mini ecosystem nature reserve to keep at home! Our School Garden has teamed up with Wild Oxfordshire to put on this free event for the Kidlington community to take care of wildlife and insects.

We can offer this free as we have managed to secure some funding from CAG Oxfordshire and Wild Oxfordshire! We have limited resources, so you need to book your place in advance.

Please go to our Eventbrite event page to secure your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-mini-ecosystems-for-insects-west-kidlington-school-tickets-1359887422889?aff=oddtcreator>



This event is on the same day as the Friends' Father's Day Scavenger Hunt so why not do both activities and make it a really special occasion. Or, if celebrating Father's Day isn't your cup of tea, the mini ecosystem nature reserve would make an excellent alternative activity.

If you would like to help run this event, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office.

The school kitchen has made use of the lettuce growing in Our School Garden and created a lovely salad for the children. They've used more of our herbs and will use some of the radish in the coming weeks. We are delighted that the kitchen is making use of our produce that the children have helped to grow from seed!

Our fruit trees are looking healthy at the moment, and we are really hoping that we'll get some fruits growing this year. We had lots of blossom and little fruitlets are appearing on both the pear and apple trees. It will be interesting to notice all the changes as the fruit grows, and the seasons change. Our strawberry plants are also looking like they may give us lots of lovely fruit this year too.

In February, our Young Carers planted lots of sunflower seeds and last week we planted some of them out along the main gate fence. We have more to plant out and are excited to introduce happy sunflower faces to welcome you into the school.



IMPERIUM

SPORTS COACHING

MAY Holiday Course

For years 1-8

21th, 28th, 29th MAY

9am - 3pm

imperiumsportscoaching.com

The kitchen team were able to use some of the produce grown in the School Garden this week. A lovely salad. The new menu is very tasty!



OXFORDSHIRE SHORT BREAKS



[Cooper School Churchill Road, Bicester OX26 4RS](#)

Join our fun and friendly sessions featuring sports, arts and crafts, and sensory equipment.

Dates 27th 28th 29th May 10am-3pm

“FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND AGED 5-18 YEARS, OPERATING ON A 1:4 RATIO. SESSIONS ARE £20/DAY. ISS FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES, CONTACT CHARLIE.FAUX@SPORTWORKSLTD.CO.UK TO FIND OUT MORE.



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HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



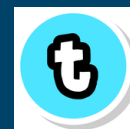
***HOW MUCH TIME YOUR
CHILD SPENDS ON A
SCREEN IS IMPORTANT***



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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 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.