



West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 5. I hope that you had some sort of rest over the Easter break. There are lots of things happening during the term. Please keep a close eye on the important date section of the newsletter.

I would like to place in writing how grateful I am to several people who have given up time to support the school. This type of volunteering is so kind and makes a HUGE difference.

Katrina - Ella's mum and Ferenc - David's dad. These two parents did a superb job of tidying and preparing the Reception allotment.

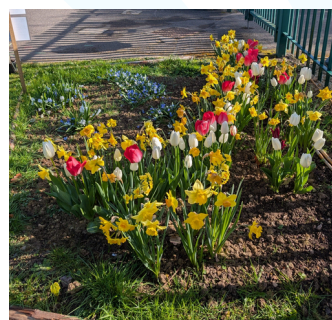
Cora has been busy jet washing and leaf blowing. During the Easter holidays she has been a site leader! Mr Williams also drafted in Stephen to attend to the front of school, this is looking so much better.

George and Harry have been working tirelessly to get the school bike shed looking more presentable.

Finally, a big thank you to Richard Demczak who has tidied school by collecting waste wood that has accumulated.

Garden Team - entry into the Bulb4Kids competition

The School Garden team's competition entry has now been submitted. The Team have done a wonderful job, the entrance to school has been transformed. Our design is of our school's logo. We are delighted with how it has turned out. We chose to plant them near the entrance to the school so everyone can enjoy the burst of colour and scent as they arrive and leave school.



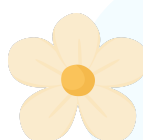
Important Dates

Wednesday 29th April - Dance Curriculum Day

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 20th May - DT work being celebrated in hall (3.15pm)

Thursday 21st May - Colour Run



**THIS MY
THEATRE**

Alice's Adventures

In

Wonderland



Book Tickets



SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 5PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH
KIDLINGTON

Full tour information at: thisismytheatre.com



Musical Dialogue



Dame Imogen Cooper

in conversation about
the pleasures and
pressures of being an
international pianist -



Tim Horton

- also a brilliant pianist
and Kidlington resident



26TH APRIL 2026 @ 6PM

St Mary's, Church Street, Kidlington OX5 2BA

Tickets £25 - discounts available

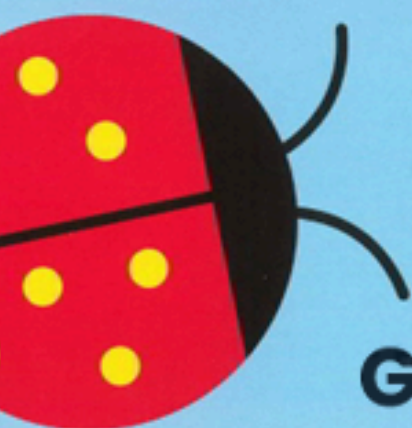
Booking - fosmk.org.uk or Eventbrite





'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'

Matilda



Rainbows

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun

for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 306016



Join a local Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

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Colour Run

Thursday 21st May 2026

Reception - 2:45-3.15pm

Year 1 & 2 - 3:20-3.50pm

Year 3 & 4 - 3:55-4.25pm

Year 5 & 6 - 4:30-5pm

Sponsorship forms, cash (minimum £5) and waivers must be returned to the school office by Monday 11th May 2026 for your child to participate in the event.

ONLINE SAFETY

IN JUST 4 SIMPLE STEPS

Keeping your child safe online - and knowing what to say no to and what to say yes to - can feel like an impossible task.

So keep it simple with these 4 Rules.

Protect your child from exploitation by strangers, problems with peers, content that harms their mental health, addictive products, violent and sexual content, poor sleep, reduced concentration and disrupted development.

1

NO SMART PHONE UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 12

Once you give your child a smart phone it is very hard to go back. Once they've got a smart phone it becomes almost impossible to control or monitor how they use it. So keep it simple: no smartphone. If your child really needs a phone you can get them an old fashioned feature phone for about £30.

2

NO SOCIAL MEDIA UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS 16

Social media can be fun, but it can also be addictive and harmful. The social media platforms are not making sure that they are safe for children to use. So the world of social media is full of content that is dangerous or damaging for your minds, from cyberbullying to pornography. So just keep your child off social media.

3

NO YOUTUBE AND NO TIKTOK

The social media rule includes youtube and TikTok. These platforms are designed to be addictive. They weaken your child's ability to concentrate. It is very hard to monitor and supervise them and there is a lot of harmful content on there. Whilst they are kids, there is plenty for them to watch on things like iPlayer and Netflix.

4

NO GROUPS, NO STRANGERS, NO SNAPCHAT

Just because your child is in your house, it does not mean that they are safe from being exploited by adults or upset by other children. So if they use things like Whatsapp, it's family and close friends only. No one that you don't know, no being in big online groups and no deleting messages. And this includes gaming online.

AND REMEMBER...

Don't rely on your child being sensible and honest online to keep them safe.

Yes, we need to teach them to be those things, but it is not fair or realistic to ask young children to operate safely in an online world that is really not set up for them.

Your child will not thank you for these rules. They will tell you that other children don't have these rules.

But those other children are not your responsibility. It is your job to look after your own children.

The majority of parents worry about their children online - some of them decide that saying 'No' is an option. You can be one of those parents.

If using tech devices is making your child sad, anxious or angry then take those devices away from them.

If they are not following your rules then take those devices away from them.

This might not be easy when they are young, but it will be almost impossible as they get older.

Ultimately you are the adult and you have to decide what is best for your child.

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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