



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

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

It is no secret that children and young people are spending more time online. With social media platforms baying for their attention this trend isn't going anywhere. But something getting less attention are chatbots. Whether it's researching homework with ChatGPT or making friends with a fictional persona on Character.ai, they are increasingly becoming a part of children's lives. If used in moderation they are generally considered a help rather than a hinderance. But some worry that they could be replacing human connection or spreading false information. Have a closer look at both the benefits and the dangers of chatbots for children, and what parents should keep in mind! Visit this link.

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/chatbots-and-children>



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 are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub(MASH) directly who will be able to advise you. If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

After several accidents involving the black railings outside of the school, we are asking all children to not climb in these area. The white tape is a reminder. Please can we ask that this is followed before and after school.



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)

School reopens on Monday 3rd November



Family oracy question - What has been the biggest change you have experienced in your life so far?

What else has happened in school?



Welcome to our new families! The children are beginning to settle into Nursery and discovering play, they are interested in everything and building positive relationships with each other and staff. This week children have made apple turnovers from apples growing in the Nursery garden and during the afternoon children have been to our on site nature area exploring the flora and fauna.



On Thursday, 14 of our Year 3 and 4 boys represented the school at the NOSSP football festival. Every child showed fantastic determination, teamwork and respect throughout the tournament, making us all very proud. For some of the boys, this was their first taste of competitive football, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Our Year 4 team had an excellent run, reaching the final of the cup competition. After a tense and hard-fought match, they were just pipped to the top spot with the very last kick of the game – a brilliant effort nonetheless!

A special mention goes to **Harry** and **Archie** in Year 6, who took on the role of team managers for the Year 3 squad. They made sure all of the boys enjoyed equal game time and the chance to try different positions – a fantastic example of leadership. Well done to every player who took part, and to all five schools who made the day such a success.

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



Garden Help - PLEASE consider!



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





STRATFIELD BRAKE
SPORTS GROUND
FRIEZE WAY,
KIDLINGTON OX5 1UP

**GOSFORD ALL BLACKS YOUTH RUGBY
INVITES ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES TO JOIN US FOR
AN OPEN SESSION THIS SUNDAY!**

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

SEND FRIENDLY GROUP AGE 4-18: 10-11 AM
AGES 4 TO 10 (RECEPTION TO YR 5): 9:30 - 10:30 AM
AGE 11 & 12 (YRS 6-7): 9:30AM - 10:45AM
U13 TO U17 BOYS (YEAR 8 UPWARDS): 11AM - 12:30PM

OPEN WEEKEND - OPEN SESSIONS

3 FREE TASTER SESSIONS!

REGISTER HERE:



YOUTH@GOSFORDRUGBY.COM



WWW.GOSFORDRUGBY.COM



Could you save a loved one in an emergency?

Join us on October 18th for a free session to learn key First Aid skills

A free 1½ hour session where we will cover how to look after an unresponsive breathing casualty and an unresponsive, not breathing casualty.

Get hands on with AEDs (Defibrillators), equipment that is key to saving a life.

Sessions start at:

09:00, 11:00 and 13:30.

Please scan this QR code to register your interest and select your time slot.



Alternatively, please email carl.sprake@sja.org.uk

St John
Ambulance 

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society



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



call 01865 375613, online at www.kaos.news

in person at Oxford Building Supplies High Street or
Anemone Florist Kidlington Centre



COME & TRY *football*

FOR GIRLS

FRIDAYS

4:20PM - 5:20PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5, & 6

LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION

WEST KIDLINGTON
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SCHOOL

ALL PLAYER
LEVELS
WELCOME!

WWW.IMPERIUMSPORTSCOACHING.COM





COME & TRY Dodgeball

FOR ALL

FRIDAYS

5:30pm - 6:30pm

YEARS 3 - 8

LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION

WWW.IMPERIUMSPORTSCOACHING.COM

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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.