



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
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Dear Families

CAMHS support

We're pleased to share the next OxPCF & NDC CAMHS Parent Carer Webinar Series, with eight free online sessions running monthly from September 2026 to April 2027.

Following previous webinars with the NDC CAMHS team, this next series will explore a range of topics you have told us are important to parent carers – from what to expect from the CAMHS NDC Service and parent carer burnout, to EBSA, masking, distress, online safety and eating difficulties.

Parent SEN Group

Save the date for our SEND Connect drop-in and chat session in Kidlington

Wednesday 7 October 2026

11:00am – 1:00pm

Exeter Hall

Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AB

Drop in at any time between 11am and 1pm for an informal chat with OxPCF and other parent carers. There's no need to stay for the whole session.

Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear about your child's move to primary school. If your child has started in a Reception class, please take a few minutes to fill in our short survey: [Moving onto Primary School – parent/carers questionnaire](#)

Your answers will help us understand what is going well and what could be better.



**New Nursery
Garden
completed!**

NUT-FREE School Policy

As a nut-free primary school, we kindly request that all parents refrain from sending any foods containing nuts to school. This measure is essential for protecting children with severe nut allergies and ensuring that our school remains a healthy and inclusive environment for all. We appreciate your understanding and support.



Encouraging safe arrival by bike

We promote walking or biking to school for all children. Our school consistently reminds children about safe biking practices. However, we have observed that many children who arrive independently on bikes are not behaving sensibly once they reach West Kidlington. These children have been addressed, and if they continue to ride around outside the school, where there are many people, they will no longer be permitted to leave their bikes at school. We appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing this important message.



Important Dates

Monday 12th October - Flu jabs for Reception - Y6

Tuesday 13th October - School Photographs

Friday 16th October - Early years open morning

Tuesday 20th October - BREAK UP

West Kidlington Children Dig for

VICTORY



Thank you so much to our amazing Garden Team for all their support



The Year 3/4 classes at West Kidlington Primary School experienced life during WW2 through an immersive outdoor learning session led by Ms. Lawrence, Mrs Cook and our School Garden volunteers. Dressed as evacuees, children learned about the Land Army, rationing, and the importance of growing their own food, planting winter vegetables in designated garden beds. They also explored a life-size Anderson Shelter, which sparked discussions about bomb protection and living conditions during air raids. The children made sandbags for the shelter and tasted a typical Land Girl's lunch, featuring boiled nettle sandwiches and potato soup. The event concluded with a euphonium performance of "The Lambeth Walk."



We are pleased to announce an open morning for our Early Years setting on Friday 16th October. If you are looking for a school for your child for Reception next year, or know anyone who is and would like to have a tour around the school then contact the office to book a place and come along at 9.30am for the open morning.



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EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

Nursery & Reception starters 2027

Friday 16th October

Session starts at 9.30am

Get in touch to book a place:

West Kidlington Nursery School, OX5 1EA
office@west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk
01865 373369

VISIT OUR
ADMISSIONS PAGE



Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament



Last Thursday, 12 pupils from Years 3 and 4 proudly represented West Kidlington Primary School at the NOSSP Football Festival. We were delighted to host the event on our newly marked football pitches, providing an excellent setting for a fantastic day of sport.

The festival focused on participation, enjoyment and teamwork, with no progression round, allowing every child to play in a positive and supportive environment. West Kidlington entered two teams, and all of our pupils did themselves and the school proud throughout the day.

The children consistently demonstrated our school values by showing kindness towards others, a strong desire to do well, and excellent resilience during some of the more challenging moments of the festival. Their positive attitudes, sportsmanship and determination were evident in every match they played.

We are extremely proud of all 12 pupils for representing the school so brilliantly and for making the most of this enjoyable football opportunity. Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Latham



CHILDREN'S COURSE:

Learn to Ride a Bike

THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (DCD/dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course takes place indoors, in a large event space. See this link to the ['Learn to Ride a Bike'](#) video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Brookes University, and the Oxford Dyspraxia Foundation group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: learntrabike@gmail.com



Next date:

Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct 2026

(1-2 hours every morning)

Venue:

MINI Plant Visitor Centre,
Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL
(Free parking in MINI Plant car park)



*Learn to Ride a Bike video
QR Code and webpage
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0

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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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