



West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

Be kind, give your best!

WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

The term seems to be moving forward quickly. November seems to be the countdown to Advent. We will only start talking about Christmas in December! Next week we have our Friends Disco, I am sure the children are looking forward to this.

We announced the new School Council on Friday last week. We had so many children in Year 5 and 6 who spoke in assembly to put forward their case for being voted. Every single child spoke clearly and with a lot of personality; I was so impressed. All children received at least 7 votes and there was a tie in one class. Well done to Oscar, Eliza, Noel (Y5), Nel and Georgia. We have our first meeting next Friday.

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 have an URGENT concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

Reception Places

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 then please visit the Oxfordshire County Council website to apply for your Reception place for September.

Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications> to apply.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. If you miss the deadline, your application will be processed later in the year and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Important Dates

Cartoon Drawing club, School Choir, Boxing and Origami clubs begin. Final week of these clubs takes place W.B 1st December

School Disco - Wednesday 26th November

Strawberry Plant Sale - 28th November

School Pantomime in school - Friday 5th December (Friends Funded)

Bikeability Training for Y6 children - 8th - 11th December

KS2 Church Performance - St Mary's Church Kidlington, OX5 2BA - Monday 8th December (6-6.30pm)

Christmas School Lunch and Christmas Jumper day - Wednesday 10th December

DT work celebration - Wednesday 17th December 3.15pm, Families welcome

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Wednesday 17th December 9.30am

KS1 Christmas Performance for Families - Thursday 18th December 2.30pm

Reception Application Deadline - 15th January 2026

There are two sessions left of Boxing Club, Cartoon Club, Origami and Choir.



Family oracy question - What is the best book you have read?



Become a Teacher with The White Horse Federation

*In partnership with the
National Institute of Teaching (NlOT)*

**Are you passionate about making a difference
in young people's lives?**

The White Horse Federation (TWHF) offers exciting routes into teacher training (both Primary and Secondary) through the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT).

Why choose TWHF?

High-quality training and support
Opportunities across our network of schools
A clear pathway to a rewarding teaching career

**Find out more about the programmes and how you
can start your journey by visiting:**

<https://niot.org.uk/programmes/initial-teacher-training>

Join our FREE Webinar

Get into Teaching with TWHF

Dates: Thursday 18th December 2025
or

Thursday 8th January 2026

Time: 16:45 – 17:45

Sign up today!

<https://forms.office.com/e/8XJ1W7VAfQ>
or scan QR code



Sport in school



Football Festival Match Report – Year 5 & 6

Throughout the football festival, the boys from Year 5 and 6 demonstrated tremendous respect, resilience, and unity, doing our school proud both on and off the pitch. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination were clear for all to see, making it a memorable day of football.

Our Year 5 team enjoyed a superb run in the Cup Competition, progressing through the group stage without losing a single game and taking all 12 available points – an incredible achievement. In the Semi-Final, fate brought our two teams together as the Year 5s faced the Year 6s in what proved to be one of the most exciting matches of the day. Both sides played with heart and skill in a game that could have gone either way. After a tense draw, the match was decided by a dramatic penalty shoot-out that went to seven penalties each, with the Year 5s narrowly edging the victory.

In the Final, the Year 5s once again gave everything they had, battling hard in a tight contest that was ultimately decided by a single goal, losing 1-0 in a game that could easily have gone the other way.

A huge well done to all the children who took part – your effort, teamwork and attitude were outstanding. A special thank you also goes to the young leaders from Gosford Hill School for their excellent officiating and support throughout the event.

You've all represented our school brilliantly – well done teams!

More Sport in school...



Yesterday, children from Years 3 to 6 took part in a fantastic Cross Country Festival at Gosford Hill School. Despite the very cold weather, every child showed incredible resilience and determination to keep going, even when things got tough. A special congratulations goes to Sarah, Arthur, and Oliver, who all finished in the top three in their races — an amazing achievement! Well done to all of the children who took part. You represented our school brilliantly and should be very proud of your effort, teamwork, and perseverance.



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*Dreaming of
Summer*

STRAWBERRY

PLANT SALE

AFTER SCHOOL

ON

FRIDAY

28TH NOVEMBER

OUR SCHOOL
GARDEN



Charity no. 1002741

The Gatehouse:
Supporting Oxford's homeless and
vulnerably housed community since 1988
www.oxfordgatehouse.org



Winter Appeal:

Can you help us reach our goal?

Donations of just £10 can help us feed one
homeless individual for a week.

Nov 2025 - Feb 2026

Target: £10,000

Support our **Winter Appeal** today

www.justgiving.com/campaign/winterappeal25-26



HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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



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Family Learning Online Workshops Nov-Dec 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. These workshops are aimed at parents/carers of primary school age children.

Mondays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE and COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME
Visit website or phone	Emotional Regulation - P07906	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Positive Discipline - P07910	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Implementing Effective Routines - P07916	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Developing Resilience - P07918	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

Fridays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phone	Emotional Regulation	Fri, 14/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Positive Discipline	Fri, 21/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Implementing Effective Routines	Fri, 28/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Developing Resilience	Fri, 5/12/25	13:00 - 14:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.



01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Abingdon
& Witney
College

Oxfordshire
Adult
Learning

A FACULTY OF ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE

Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where? The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NW

When? Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 (teas and coffees served from 9am)
3rd November - 8th December

Cost? Free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts & Cs apply)

A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Managing meltdowns effectively

To book a place please email:

✉ info@mapletree.org.uk



Navigating the Teen Years

Oxford Hub
Windale Primary School
Windale Avenue
Oxford OX4 6JD

Connect with other parents, share experiences, and find support in creating a positive environment for your family.

Come along to gain valuable insights into:

- Teenage brain development
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Managing conflict
- Building resilience
- Setting boundaries
- Keeping safe on phones and online.



**Oxford
Hub**

6 Week Course

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30

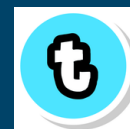
5th November - 10th December

To book a place please contact Penelope (teacher of the course) from Abingdon & Witney College.



penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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.**



[Watch video on YouTube](#)
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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.