



# West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

We hope that your child has had a settled week and was able to share some of the learning from school. Please always ask that question when you see your child - **what did you learn today?**

Thank you to **Paul Burton**, who has three grandchildren in school, for repairing the Forest School gate. His work was appreciated!

On Wednesday Year 3/4 visited **Didcot Railway Centre** to launch their history topic for this term, 'The Coming of the Railways'. During the day the children took part in interactive storytelling to help them understand who Brunel was and a construction activity where they had to create a mini railway track to help them appreciate how railway lines had to be built avoiding obstacles. They were hands-on in the signalling centre and the engine shed where they were able to get on the footplate of a steam train. After a picnic lunch in the sunshine the children rode behind a very special engine, Pendennis Castle. They explored old carriages and engines before another steam train ride back. For many children this was their first school trip, we are very proud of them all. The behaviour was excellent all day and they children were praised by the volunteer staff at the centre who looked after us so well. Thank must also go to the extra staff members and parent volunteers who helped the day run so smoothly.

Our Nursery are looking for any donations of wellies. If you have any **wellies** that could be used for outside area, we would be grateful! We are looking for sizes 10-13.

## Garden Team update

The School Garden team have been working hard this week. They have given everyone in school some ideas. Please come and see what you could learn - composting, habitat building, water for wildlife and benefits for letting grass grow.



Does anyone have a toy tree house they would be happy to donate to our Reception class? We would be very grateful. Thank you



## Important Dates

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Dance Curriculum Day**

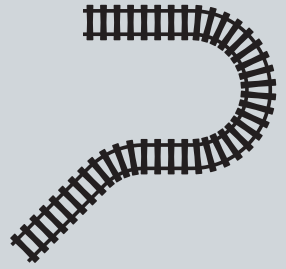
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - DT work being celebrated in hall (3.15pm)**

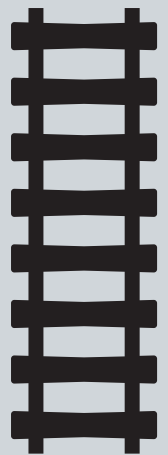
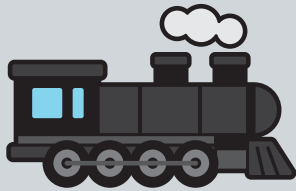
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Colour Run**

**Thursday 2nd July - New Reception parent meeting in school hall 6pm**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - whole school transition (time spent in new classes ready for September)**



# Year 3 and 4 Didcot Railway Museum visit



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# Colour Run

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Reception - 2:45-3.15pm

Year 1 & 2 - 3:20-3.50pm

Year 3 & 4 - 3:55-4.25pm

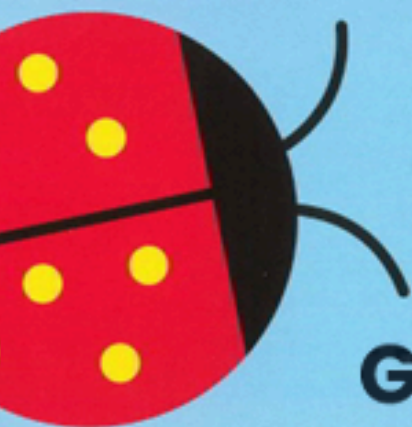
Year 5 & 6 - 4:30-5pm

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



'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)

# 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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