



# West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

Welcome back - Term 4! We hope that you had some sort of rest last week. It was quite a wet one; surely the weather will turn soon?

Thank you to everyone that voted in our local Tesco's store over the past 2 months. We were delighted to learn during half-term that Squirrels has secured £1,500 in funding because of the community's support so thank you. We are looking to spend this money on outdoor equipment and cooking resources to enhance the provision.

Next week is World Book Day! On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating books and reading throughout the school. As ever, we invite children to dress up as a book character, if they would like to. Dressing-up can be a fun way to get talking about books, sharing recommendations, and celebrating what we enjoy reading. Remember, the book is the important part - it doesn't need to cost any money or add any stress to your Wednesday evening! If you would like some low-cost ideas, visit the WBD website for more info: <https://www.worldbookday.com/.../2026-1-e1-50-dressing.../>

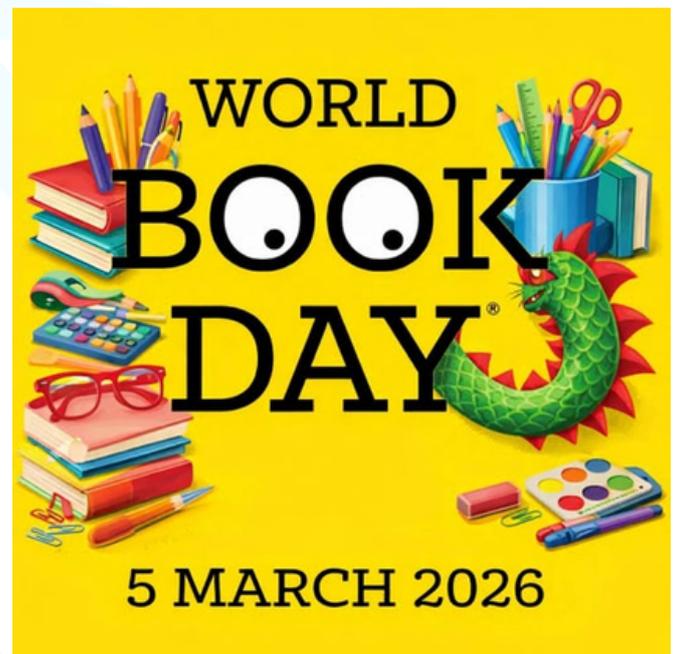
We look forward to hearing about lots of favourite books and characters next week!

## Important Dates

**School Garden Open Mornings:**  
**Monday 9th March - would you consider coming along and helping for a few hours? Please?**

**PARENTS EVENING DATES -**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**



**Celebrate World Book Day with us!**

Come and celebrate World Book Day with us at the library! Bring your favourite book and share or make a costume here!

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3.00pm-4.30pm**

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/library](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/library)

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Please can we remind parents that our playground is a mobile phone free zone. We have seen an increase of parents on their phones this week at drop off and pick up times.

# Grow the Tallest Sunflower!

Sow your seeds with  
Our School Garden

**Monday 16th March**

during break and lunch times, and after school

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## West Kidlington Primary School



# 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.**

# Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**15:20 - 16.10 or 16:30 - 17:20**

Please come and join us for a fun and memorable afternoon celebrating Mum! Children are invited to bring Mum, Nan, Aunt or another special adult to celebrate.

£5 per adult,  
includes a cream  
tea

Scan the QR code  
to book before  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
2026

Family photo taken  
upon arrival

£1.50 per child,  
includes a drink  
and cake or biscuit



Taking place in the  
school hall

# FOODIE WALL ART

## COMPETITION

Let your imaginations run wild and win £200 fund for your school and £20 book voucher for **YOU!**

**DEADLINE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**CREATE AN A4 PAGE OF COLOURFUL, FOODIE-INSPIRED LANDSCAPES.**

THINK BROCCOLI TREES, BAGUETTE FENCES, OR EVEN CARROT CHIMNEYS – THE MORE CREATIVE, THE BETTER!

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR **NAME, AGE AND SCHOOL** ON THE BACK!

EITHER POST TO **HOP HOUSE TN2 4HS** OR EMAILED TO **INFO@CATERLINKLTD.CO.UK**

*Good  
luck*



# 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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