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Primary & Nursery School  
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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

Just one week to go before the Easter break. The children are working hard and enjoying being on the school field.

Lots of the children have been enjoying building dens outside, the problem is we are running out of sticks. Could you help? Do you have a pile of sticks in a garden that could be reused at school?

The feedback from The Mother's Day Teas was positive. Everyone felt looked after. A lot of work went into this. Poppy did a super job leading on this. She wanted to share these words...

*I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that was involved and helped with the Mother's Day Teas. So many people helped in various ways from covering in Squirrels, to helping serve food/drinks and even stopping on your way home and getting involved. It could not have happened without everyone's support!*

*Many Mums and Nans expressed their appreciation and gratitude on the evening and praised all of the effort and time everyone had put in so thank you. It was amazing! Theo, Oscar, Tom and Hasan did a great job with the paper decorations.*



The Friends group will be organising a table of summer uniform after school today. Please come and help yourselves.

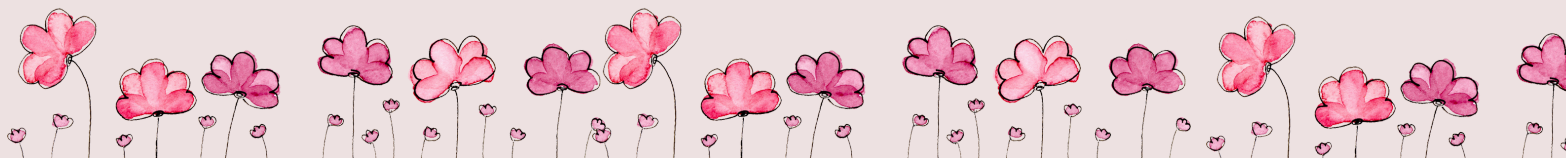


### Important Dates

Friday 4th April - BREAK UP  
Tuesday 22nd April - School Reopens  
25th April - Open Day



# Mother's Day Teas





## German Workshop Tuesday 1 April, 4pm - 5pm

Come and explore German language and culture with an Easter theme. We will be learning key vocabulary through playing games and putting our linguistic skills to the test to find hidden Easter eggs. Book a slot at Gosford School. Bring a parent and enjoy some language fun.



# IMPERIUM

SPORTS COACHING

## EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE

We will be running two weeks of our Holiday Course throughout the Easter Holidays.

### DATES:

**WEEK 1:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

**WEEK 2:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025



**WHERE:** West Kidlington Primary School

**COST:** £50 for all 3 days /£20 per day.

"My son **LOVES** coming to the holiday courses - it's his mission to come every holiday. The Imperium team do such a **FANTASTIC** job."

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# **HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE**



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



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## MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

### R RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.




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.

# Happy Easter from Grace Church Kidlington

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**



Between 10:30am and 11:30am - Starting by the **tennis courts in Exeter Park**.  
Follow the storytellers trail, complete the puzzle and collect an Easter goody bag.  
For ages 2-11 with their families and carers.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

At 10:30-11:30am at **Gosford Hill School**.

Discover how Jesus' resurrection changes everything for the better!



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# OPEN DAY

**Friday 25th April**  
**9:30am - 10:30am**

**Get in touch & book your place:**  
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# Family Learning Online Workshops

## April - May 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.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV213P	Emotional Regulation	Tue, 29/4/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV207P	Developing Resilience	Tue, 6/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV209P	Positive Discipline	Tue, 13/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV211P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Tue, 20/5/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare? These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV215P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 28/4/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV218P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 12/5/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV220	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with Remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

 01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

# School Garden Update



## Grow Your Own Home Veg Pot

with **OUR SCHOOL  
GARDEN**

After school on  
**WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL**

A fun and easy activity of planting a  
pot of vegetables to take home.



FREE EVENT AND  
EVERYTHING SUPPLIED!  
Kindly Funded by the Cherwell District  
Council Wellbeing Department.

The garden was filled with a hubbub of excitement and hopping about last Thursday as we celebrated World Frog Day. It was delightful to see children from across the school which included some Nursery children who were on their way to see real frogs and frog spawn in the Forest School pond. Hopefully some of those frogs will venture out and spend some time in the new frog abode in The School Garden. Thanks to Sri and Arthur for helping with making the origami jumping frogs, and to our volunteers for giving up their time to run the day.



FREE EVENT AFTER SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL.

Please join us for our Home Veg Pot event where you will plant some vegetables to take home with you. No gardening experience necessary! The School Garden volunteers will be on hand to guide you through some simple planting techniques to ensure you have some tasty veg to enjoy at home. You will realise just how easy it is to plant your own veg and everybody will enjoy watching them grow.

This event celebrates  
Community Garden Week  
and is funded by Cherwell  
District Council Wellbeing  
Department.



Spring is officially here, and our bulbs are now emerging and spreading colour around the school. The tulips at the main entrance are particularly vibrant and stand tall against a little cluster of daffodils. Have a look around the School Garden and the white wall bed to see what else you can spot.  
if you would like to help at our Home Veg Pot event on Wednesday, please contact the school office or a School Garden volunteer. We would also welcome help at any other time as well!