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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

What an amazing week of weather. The children have worked really hard in the heat and enjoyed the new running track that has been painted on the field.

Our Year 6 children sit their SATS tests in just 9 days. We will be taking good care of the children during the week. On the Thursday we will be offering a cooked breakfast (Sausage and hash brown baps) at 8.15am. The children will also be offered an extra breakfast in class each morning of bananas and croissants.

Our lunch time running club has been a huge success. Mr Latham has been joined by some very keen athletes. The children have been clocking up and recording the number of laps they have ran in total. Oscar, Harry and Casper have just completed 100 laps.

On Thursday 8th May in school we will be celebrating VE Day. We have an assembly planned with eye witness accounts of the special day. We will be sowing Poppy seeds and celebrating as a school.

Don't forget we reopen on Tuesday next week!



## Important Dates

5th May - Bank holiday - school closed  
8th May - VE Assembly in school  
12th - 15th May - Y6 KS2 SATS  
Thursday 22nd May - DT work on display for Families to come and see at 3.45pm

Family oracy question - what do you think the world will be like in 25 years?





# Garden update



We are making steady progress with sowing and planting out new vegetables and flowers. The beds are getting cleared of weeds and ready to welcome new growth. We were kindly donated some tomato plants which are in the conservatory entrance, some sweet pea seeds which will climb up the side of one of the sheds and also up triangular willow structures donated by the Kidlington Eco Group. We can't wait to see the delicate colours and smell the sweet scent of the sweet pea flowers.

Our chives featured as an ingredient in the children's school meals. Linda added it to their potato salad which the children enjoyed. It's wonderful to have this connection with the kitchen and we hope to be able to provide more for it in the coming months.

Some of the allium flowers are making an appearance now. Have you spotted them yet?



Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 are looking are growing plants this term and it's been delightful to support their learning where we can. We have also offered some of our surplus veg plants to the Reception class for them to add to their veg patch.

As always, if you would like to get involved with the garden, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear from you!

# ***HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE***



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

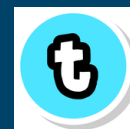


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# Internet Safety SMART rule



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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](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**




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.



# 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.



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Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

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