



West Kidlington

Primary & Nursery School

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# WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

## Dear Families

We now have just two weeks left of this term. I have reminded children that we will then be at the halfway stage of the school year.

We tried hard to advertise and remind Families about the Internet Safety Meeting last Thursday on TEAMS. Three schools joined together and we had 14 Families represented. There are over 700 children who were not represented. How children interact online is a big part of their safety. I am not telling parents off - this is something I am very passionate about. Children spend far more time indoors on screens and it appears safe. If we are not monitoring this usage it can cause huge problems. My son is 13 and made a few mistakes whilst online and we have quite strict rules. We did not know he was talking to a man (who stole his money) in America on Tik-Tok trying to buy a pair of Nike Jordan trainers with his Christmas money.

Please take on any advice that we share with you. It is so important.

## How Safe is WhatsApp for Children?

### NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages and photos, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

## Important Dates

Valentine's Day cake sale - 14th Feb

Mother's Day Teas - 26th March

Parents Evening - 3rd March

Parents Evening - 5th March

# Young Voices 2025

On Thursday 30th January, children from all over the UK took part in Young Voices 2025 in the fabulous BP Live Arena in Birmingham. This incredible event brought together almost six thousand young singers for a fantastic concert experience. Our choir of thirty, Year 5 and 6 children performed and showcased their musical talents brilliantly. It was a truly memorable experience and great fun for the children, staff members and the very supportive parents who joined the audience in the evening. The children sang and danced the night away, performing with Jacob Collier, MC Grammar, Tommy Blaise, Souparnika Nair and Urban Strides. Various genres of music made up the programme, which included particular favourites Try Everything, a medley of songs from Hairspray, Marley Magic and of course, the ever-popular Pop Medley. In the months before the concert the choir worked incredibly hard, rehearsing the songs and learning the dance moves. This resulted in them being able to thoroughly enjoy the day itself. With their energy and enthusiasm, they did West Kidlington proud!

We are already excited and looking forward to Young Voices 2026!

**Thank you to Mrs Cook for her superb organisation of this experience. Big thank you to Mrs Channer, Mrs Kerry, Mrs Ward and Miss Dyer for their support at the event.**





# **HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE**

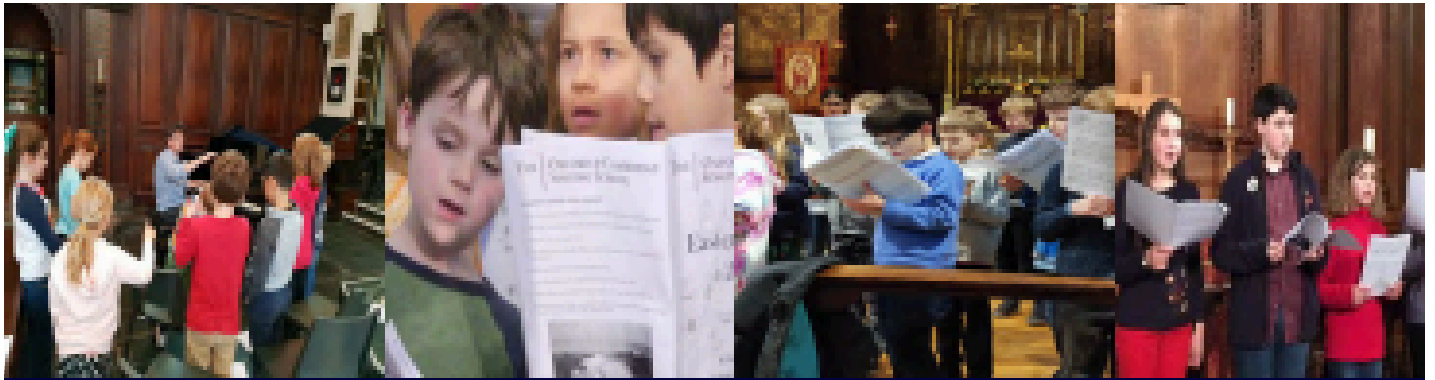


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# THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. And, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

**7 & 8 APRIL 2025**

**ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, JERICHO, OXFORD**

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## FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSE

### DATES:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> (February 2025)

TIME: 9:00am - 3pm

VENUE: West Kidlington Primary School

WHO FOR?: Children in years 1-8

### COST:

£20.00 per single day booking

£50.00 for all 3 days (10% discount for early bird booking)

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## WEST KIDLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL JIU JITSU CLASSES 4-17 YEARS TUESDAYS



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