



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

October

5th Harvest Assembly—donations please
6th FoNKS Entertainer
16th Flu Vaccination
20th INSET
23rd Half-Term
30th Back to school
30th (week) Year 6 Bikability

November

13th–16th: Parent Consultations
17th Children in Need Mile
20th—Year 6 residential
30th Kidlington Lights on (Choir)

December

6th Reception Nativity
12th KS1 Nativity
13th Christmas lunch and Jumper
14th KS2 Carols by Candlelight
18th Church Service
20th 1:30 Finish
21st Christmas Holidays

January

8th INSET
9th Back to School
9th Science Week

Autumn Term: # 2

Dear parents and carers,

The children seem to be settling back into the swing of things now. It is lovely to see how calm and happy Apple Class are when I pop over to see them.

Travelling to school safely

I am a big fan of active travel and I am always happy to see children walking to school or arriving on bikes and scooters. Please can you ensure cyclists are wearing a bike helmet as we have many children who come without one or have it hanging off their handlebars rather than on their heads. Vann always comes in kitted out very safely, so thought I would share his excellent example.



Junior Parkrun

Talking of being active, have you seen there is a junior parkrun in Kidlington? Kidlington Junior Parkrun is a brilliant free 2k event for children from 4 to 14. It's held at Park Hill Recreation Ground every Sunday at 9am. Further details can be found [here](#). If you enjoy running yourself or want to get fitter, then there is a super adult Parkrun at [Cutteslowe and Sunnymead Park on Saturday mornings](#) and another one in Bicester.

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.





North Kidlington Primary School

Tuesday

★ Discovery Club | All Years

Wednesday

★ Football Club | KS2

Thursday

★ Girls Football | All Years

£28.50 for 6 weeks

3:15PM - 4:15PM

Starting from
Tuesday 12th Sept 2023

To book:

Visit www.superstarsportmidlands.co.uk
Please click on 'South Midlands' when booking

**We are
committed
to keeping
your children
fit, active
and healthy!**



We love singing at NKS. In Apple class, the children sing nursery rhymes and other songs to help them learn every day.

Across the rest of the school, we come together for Key Stage singing assemblies and always have a song or two for special events like Harvest or our Christmas service at the church.

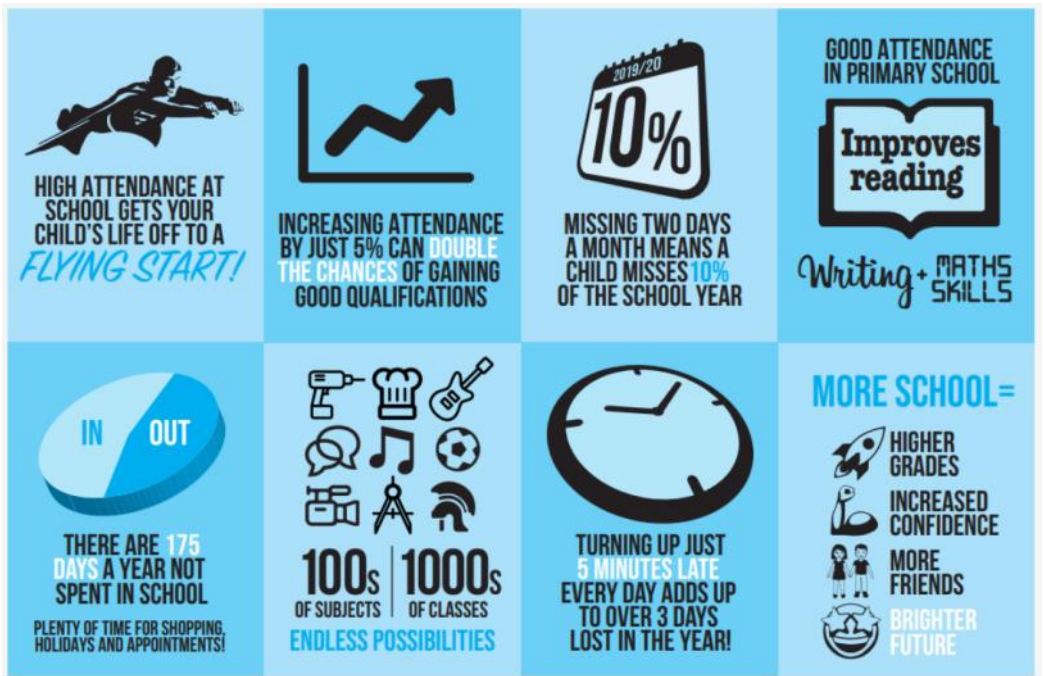
Miss Claxton runs a fabulous KS2 choir and every year, the choir sings in local residential homes and at the Kidlington Lights Switch On. Every two years, they attend the Young Voices Concert held at the Birmingham O2 Arena.

Singing has been proven to lower cortisol and relieve stress and tension. Studies have shown that when people sing, endorphins and oxytocin are released by the brain which in turn lowers stress and anxiety levels.

Honest Absences

Every year we have children who have a day off or a holiday in term time and we are told they are sick. What parents may not realise is the other children tell us where they are, or the child themselves announces that they are going to be sick tomorrow to the class teacher. When this does happen the absence goes as unauthorised on our system, but more importantly, it really worries me that the children are being taught to lie. We would far prefer you are honest about this situation and the child not be put in a difficult and dishonest position.

Ideally though, your child should be in school every day unless they are genuinely sick. We have noticed that children who have lower attendance seem to struggle more with anxiety, academic attainment and friendships when they return to school—this is a genuine national concern after the Pandemic and educationalists and mental health professionals are very worried about the long term impacts of poor attendance.



Mechanic Update

Thank you so much for all the offers of help with our request for a mechanic. We found the expertise we needed and hopefully I will be able to update you with some exciting news soon.

On-Site Nursery

I know many of you with younger children are currently taking them to nurseries elsewhere in the community or not putting them in nursery at all since the closure of Magpies. The County Council do intend to find another provider to take the space. I will let you know any further information as it comes my way.



Year 3 / 4 Footballers

I had a great afternoon with some keen Year 3 & 4 footballers at a tournament held at West Kidlington School. We had 2 mixed teams and both of them did brilliantly. I was particularly proud of the way our children always said well done to the other team at the end and supported their team when they were not on the pitch. We are still waiting for the results, but I know both teams did well as they won most of their games. It ended up with a funny second round match as we had to play each other. The children handled this very well (but were definitely playing to win).



Some thank yous

We are very grateful to Lucas L who noticed that our washing machine was broken. Our washing machine is very useful—particularly for smelly sports kits and bibs. Over the summer Lucas wrote to lots of washing machine manufacturers and managed to get us a brand new Miele washing machine! Far nicer than the one we had before.

We also want to say a big thank you to the Earl family for tidying up our pond area yesterday. It was very overgrown and messy and looks lovely now. I did not realise we had so many fish.





Are you thinking of doing something worth sponsoring?

Did you know our PTA, FoNKS, is a registered charity?

If you have been thinking about running the Oxford Half, Climbing Ben Nevis or knitting the longest scarf in England and would like a brilliant charity to support, do please consider us.

We are currently fundraising to improve the playground for the children and any support would be gratefully received.

St Mary's Choristers children's choir

St Mary's Choristers is a thriving children's choir based at St Mary's Church, Kidlington. We rehearse every Friday evening in school term time. Membership is completely free and choristers receive expert tuition in singing, music theory and performance, while developing independence, leadership and teamwork skills. We are looking to recruit some new choristers this term. If your child enjoys making music and is in years 3-6, please email stmaryschoristers@gmail.com for more details.

Easy Fundraising

North Kidlington School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northkidlingtonschool/>

If you're shopping from your computer, there's a handy browser extension you can add which is a helpful reminder when you visit a website to shop which is included. There's now also for iPhones/iPad (unfortunately not for Android phones). <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

Secondary school applications

Is your child going to secondary school in September—applications are now open. You can apply for a place online through the [Oxfordshire County Council website](https://www.oxfordshirecc.gov.uk/).

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Emilie Fidler

29/09/03

Do you have a child starting school in September 2024?

At North Kidlington School, we are committed to inspiring and developing young minds in a calm and nurturing environment. We learn through fun, practical and purposeful activities and we encourage our children to be independent and resilient. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon so you can find out more about our school.



Come to our Open Afternoon
Thursday 19th October 2023
At 1.30pm



Register your interest in attending the Open Afternoon by emailing
the school office.2357@north-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk

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**This year
we aim
to...**

Get the library running smoothly and then turn our focus to the playground.

Improve our RE, Music and French Curriculum and make sure we are assessing the children effectively.

Use our governing board to help ensure we have the best curriculum for our children.

Make sure we are all using the school's new vision and values.

Target key improvement areas in English and think more about how boys learn.

Ensure staff professional development is efficient, effective and affordable.