



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

July

24th Leavers' assembly
24th Last day (1:30 finish)

September

2nd Inset
3rd Inset
4th Back to School

[Term dates for next year can be found here \(This is a link\)](#)

Summer Term: # 4

Dear NKS Families,

What a super summer term we have had at NKS. There have been so many opportunities for the children to shine and they have risen to the challenge (much better than the weather has).

It has been brilliant to have been able to invite you in for Sports Day races, recorder concerts, showing off work and the fabulous Year 5 / 6 play, The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan! We are very much a community here and we want you to feel involved in what we do here.

The Summer Fayre was such a success; I think we had record crowds at the event. It was also another place for our children to showcase their talents with Ellagance Dance Academy, Maypole, Choir and Reception children delighting us with their performances. Thanks, as always, to the team of very hardworking people behind the summer fayre organisation. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive PTA (FoNKS).

We had a very successful transition morning yesterday. This is where children get to know their new teacher, TAs and class with fun activities and information sharing. Those children not changing class were brilliant at showing their kindness values and helping the new children to settle. We were pleased that 3 of our new starters from other schools were able to join us for this.

Our last event is our leavers' assembly next Wednesday. If the weather is fine, we would like to invite our Year 6 families to come and join the celebration of their child's time with us. We are so aware of the importance of our role in taking children from 4 years old and helping them to develop into independent and kind humans ready to make the move to secondary school. We are always very proud of what the children achieve in their time with us and it will be great to share that with you. Gates open just after 10 and the assembly should start at around 10:30. Sadly, if it rains we have to move the assembly inside and we just can't fit guests into the hall along with the rest of the school. So far though, it is looking good.

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Teaching Staff for September

Apple Class

Green Apple – Mrs Lloyd (Ms Fidler & Miss Claxton on Wednesdays)

Red Apple – Mrs Preston

KS1

Oak Class – Mrs Jones

Ash Class – Miss Smith

Maple Class – Mrs Ledger (Mrs Müldür on Fridays)

LKS2

Willow Class – Mrs Harvey (Mon, Tues & Wed) Miss Claxton (Thurs – Fri)

Cedar Class – Miss Bowman

Chestnut Class – Ms Oddi

UKS2

Acer Class – Ms Dallimore-Gray

Pine Class – Mr Leach

Beech Class – Mrs Vaughan

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Hunt who, after 12 years, has taken the difficult decision to leave NKS. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the best. We are delighted that Mrs Lloyd will be teaching Green Apples from September and we thank Mrs Browning for lending us her talent this year.

We are currently looking for a teacher to cover Miss Bowman when she goes off on maternity leave in October and I will let you know who we find as soon as I can.

We are very lucky to have such a super team of teachers and support staff at NKS. I wish you could see how hard they work for your children and the passion they put into what we do here. I wish them all a restful and enjoyable summer ready for another super year at NKS.

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Miss Stone

Miss Stone is stepping down from her role as TA at NKS. She has been here for nearly 20 years and has worked so hard for the school. Many of your children will know her through sports and she is often the one going to events, running around sorting out kit and driving the minibus. She has been a real asset and we will miss her. You still may see her around though as she will be popping in to help with sporting events occasionally.

French or Spanish?



We have been having a big debate in school about what language to teach the children. We have always taught French as that is traditionally what is taught in primary schools. However...Spanish is more commonly spoken across the world and could be more useful for the children. I also think it is a bit easier to learn. On top of that, we know that Gosford Hill teach French and German. They teach these from scratch though and so we were debating whether it would be better to teach French to align with secondary or give them another language to get their teeth into. It came down to a vote and that ended with a 50-50 split. So...can you help us to decide? Please select whether you would like us to teach the children French or Spanish in this very quick one question survey. Thank you!

[Click Here for a one question super fast survey](#)

Clerk to Governors

Our amazing Clerk to Governors, Bryony Thomas is retiring this year. We are looking for someone organised to take over this role. It is around 2 hours per week, 6 evenings over the school year. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the office. Office.2357@north-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk.

Perfecting Playtimes

A little while ago I sent out a playtime survey for you to fill in. Thank you so much to the people who took the time to do this. The information will be used to try and improve playtimes over the next two years. I was fascinated with the thoughts and opinions many of you shared in the comments section too which have really got me thinking about how we can help our children more.

Here is a summary of some of the questions:

1. How important do you think playtime is for our children? (Tick one) (0 point)

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Extremely important	38
Very Important	6
Somewhat Important	1
Not so Important	0
Not at all Important	0



2. Currently, how much does your child, or children, enjoy their school playtimes? (Feel free to ask them!) (Tick one)

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Playtime is brilliant	20
Playtime is good	20
Playtime is neither good nor bad	3
Playtime is a bit boring	1
Playtime is horrible	1



4. Do you think playtime at our school is: (Tick one) (0 point)

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 Insights

Too short	10
Just right	23
Too long	1
Not sure	11



6. 6. How did you benefit from that playtime? (Tick all that apply) (0 point)

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Friendships	45
Physical skills	38
Self-control	14
Emotional skills	22
Awareness of the natural world	23



8. Do you feel your own child or children have the same opportunities to play outdoors as you did? (Tick one)

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Insights

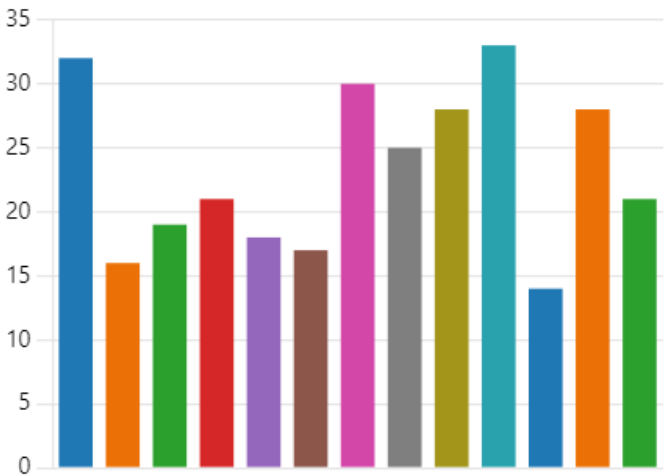
Yes	17
No	27



10. We want to improve the play opportunities at our school. What types of things would you like to see? (Tick all that apply)

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More sports equipment to play ...	32
Lots of junk to play with (cardbo...	16
A big play kitchen	19
Water play	21
Sand play	18
Scooters and skateboards	17
Music to dance to	30
Social areas	25
Trees to climb	28
Climbing frames	33
Small world (dolls, mini cars, din...	14
Ball games (tennis, volleyball, ba...	28
More space for football	21





Sport at NKS

North Kidlington has had one of our best years for sport this year. Although we are not all about the competitions and put on and attend a range of sporting activities for all abilities, I can't lie...it is nice to win. This year we have made it to the county finals for nearly every competitive event we have attended.

It takes a lot of prep and planning (and the fixing of a minibus) for this to happen but it is well worth the effort. Alongside, physical fitness, sport teaches us so many life skills irrespective of how good you are or what position you come.

Well done to our Quad Kids county finalists who represented us so well in Banbury a couple of weeks ago. The NKS Quad Kids superstars are... Tayo O., Archie S., Freddie K-L., Matthew U., Leo J., Annabel D., Harriet E., Daniella E., Amie Q., Ioana A., Toby P., Benjamin S., Ben C., Theo H., Felix M., Emily D., Florence W., Hannah H., Maisy C. & Ayla I.



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Our super cricketers recently went to the county final and came third place which is a real achievement. They were then invited to Gosford Hill School where they were presented with an award. Well done to Benjamin S., Theo H., Rohan D., Felix M., Thomas U., Ben C., Cody M-M., Jacob L., Lucas L., Leo J., Hannah H., Jessica R., Maisy C., Ayla I., Milana D., Honey-Rose W., Maya K., Maira W., Megan M. & Safi H.



If I do not see you before the holidays, I hope you have an amazing summer. We look forward to doing it all again next year. Good luck to all of our Year 6s and other leavers—we will miss you.

Emilie Fidler

19/7/24



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