



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter



Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

October

4th—Harvest assembly
7th—Yr 6 SATS briefing
24th—Open Afternoon for 2025 entry
24th—Normal finish time
25th—INSET DAY
28th—HALF TERM

November

11th—Parent Consultation Week
12th—Individual school photos
15th—Children in Need Mile
25th—Year 6 Residential Week

December

3rd—Reception Play
10th—KS1 Play
12th—KS2 Carols by Candlelight
16th—Church Service (afternoon)
18th—Christmas Lunch
18th—Christmas Jumper Day
20th—1:30 Finish
23rd—Christmas Holidays

January

6th—INSET
7th—Back to school
7th—Science Week

[Term dates can be found here](#)
(This is a link)

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.



Autumn Term: # 1

Dear NKS Families,

Welcome to Autumn term and some serious autumn weather! I hope your children are settling into the school routine well and are enjoying learning new things and playing with friends. It's been a lovely start to the year and I am delighted at how settled our reception children are already.

We had some exciting news last week that I must share with you...

North Kidlington has been awarded the PLATINUM school games mark. It's so hard to get, and we have been given the award for both this year and next!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A very special thanks to:

Ms Dallimore-Gray, our PE Lead, and all the other members of staff across the school who are so passionate about PE and sport in all its forms.

Mark Jones, who teaches our children PE from Year 1 to Year 6 and runs numerous and diverse lunchtime sports clubs and targeted groups.

The North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership (NOSSP) who provide amazing support, training and opportunities to local schools

The children for joining in with such enthusiasm and supporting each other in their growth as athletes.





Running late & school lunches

If you are running late and will miss the morning register, please call the office to put in your child's lunch order. Mrs Rice and her team do not have a long time to turn around nearly 200 meals each day and late arrivals make this tricky.



Fun and exciting ideas for play and learning for 5-11 year olds in Oxfordshire. Try all 50 Things, learn new skills and discover your local area!

[Click Here](#)

Harvest

Every Year we hold a special Harvest assembly with the children to celebrate this wonderful time of year; to remember our connection to the earth and be thankful for the food it gives us. An incredibly important part of this are the donations we all bring in to give to the **North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank**. They have been in touch and said they are quite depleted at the moment and I would love for us to help restock their shelves. We are a community school and this means being an active part in supporting the people around us.

If you are able, **please can you donate any of the following by next Friday morning (4th October):**

- Tins of fruit, custard or pudding rice, soup, baked beans & spaghetti.
- Tins of meat, tuna & vegetables (i.e. peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes & tomatoes)
- Rice (500g bags). Pasta (500g bags). Breakfast Cereals
- Coffee, tea & small packets of sugar. Long-life semi-skimmed milk & long-life fruit juice.
- Biscuits, jams & spreads. Bars of chocolate make a treat.
- Toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry liquid or capsules, other cleaning materials.
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant personal hygiene items.

School Council

Another special part of the Harvest assembly is that it is the first official duty of our school counsellors. Each year the classes in Year 1 and above elect a someone to represent them on our school council. I meet with school council a couple of times a term to discuss ways we can improve the school. As I said to the children yesterday, it takes a huge amount of courage to stand up in front of your class and make a speech and then be subject to a vote. I am incredibly proud of all the children who gave it a go irrespective of whether they were elected or not. Activities such as this are so important in building so many skills we need for life and it is a great way to teach about democracy.

Year 3/4 Football

We don't like to let the playing grass grow under our feet, and so we have already been off to a sporting event this year. A team of super Year 3 & 4 boys went to West Kidlington last Thursday to compete in a local football event. We are very proud of them all for putting great effort and energy into the event.

Well done to: Reuben B., Freddie K-L., Sammy J., Harry M., Rocco S., Jake M., Toby M., Sidney H., Jude M., Charlie W., Loki R., Henry de la C., Joel D., Benjamin W. & Burt P.





[Click here to listen to Willow Class sing a lovely little Spanish song](#)

LOST PROPERTY

I keep finding so much lovely brand new uniform with no name on the label. With 300 children all wearing blue jumpers, it's almost impossible to find the owner when there is no name in.

You do not need to buy fancy stickers or take time sewing in a label. I find a cheap old biro does a great job.

Please label your children's clothes.

French or Spanish?

Some of you may remember that last year we asked you if you prefer we teach French or Spanish in KS2 (please see the previous issue for more details). Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey. The results were a pretty clear win for Spanish and so we have moved our scheme of work over to Spanish from this year. We will be supplementing our teaching with Duolingo Schools and children from Year 3 upwards will be able to access their account from home using their Google account. Given that over 500 million people speak Spanish over the world, this seems like a smart decision.

1. I would like you to teach my child/ren

[More Details](#)

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I don't mind	4



FoNKS

As many of you know we have a superb PTA here called FoNKS (Friends of North Kidlington School). I truly do not know what we would do without them as their fundraising provides so much for the children here. We are able to go on more trips than many other schools, have access to Chromebooks and a beautiful new library all because of their efforts. Not only that, the events they put on join us together as a community and provide some really fun experiences for our children.

Over the years, the team has got smaller and smaller making the work harder and harder to do. The world has changed and we are all so busy nowadays but if we can get more people into the FoNKS team we can share the load more so nobody is doing too much. We will be sharing the AGM meeting date very soon, so please come along if you think you can help, even if it is in a very small way. It is a great way to meet more parents and feel part of your child's school.

I went for a wander yesterday afternoon and look what I saw...

