



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 9th December 2022



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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Kidmore End Choir attends the Big Sing

We are very proud of our school choir who sang beautifully at the Oxford Big Sing 2022, a charity concert for Christian Aid involving schools in the Oxford region at Oxford Town Hall. The Kidmore End Choir performed their own Christmas song as well as performing as a massed choir.

Mrs Thomas writes: Oxford Town Hall is quite spectacular with the most beautiful ornate ceilings and a loud grand organ. Orla and Ellie joined with other children from each of the other schools in a procession, walking along the aisle holding a candle and singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City". Each school then took to the stage to sing their chosen Christmas song. We sang "Simply Having a Wonderful Christmas Time". We listened to the charity organisers from Christian Aid and heard of all the help they had been able to give from donations received, including ways for farmers tackling climate change. We sang lots of songs together and sang an encore of "Svieta Vecheria" which means "Holy Supper".



Christmas events in school

As always it is a very busy time of year in school. On 29th November we went to St John's Church for an Advent Service. It was interesting to hear all about Christmas traditions from around the world, from as far away as Australia and Africa to closer to home in France, to listen to some lovely songs as well as admiring a range of art work.

The Christmas Performances from the Infants are well underway. Foundation and Year 1 entertained us with 'A Little Bird told Me' which retells the Nativity story from the viewpoint of a bird. Next week, Year 2 are performing 'A Midwife Crisis' to both the school and their parents. They have all worked so hard learning their lines and the teachers and teaching assistants have done a wonderful job of producing and putting so much work into the performances.

On Thursday we will be watching an online pantomime in the afternoon, whilst our parents' association set up our Christmas Fair. Held from 1515 - 1730 it promises to be a lot of fun and everyone is welcome. Our Choir will also be performing again and it will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Also next week will be Christmas dinners for the children. **On the day of their Christmas dinner the children may come to school in a Christmas jumper.**

FS & KS1 Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 14th - all other children must bring packed lunch.

KS2 Christmas dinner is on Thursday 15th December - please can all those in FS & KS1 bring a packed lunch.

Everyone will need a packed lunch on Friday 16th December - there are no school meals on that day.

And of course there is our traditional Christmas service - please join us on Friday 16th December at 9.05am in church for our Christmas readings and songs.

Fabulous Cross-Country Event

Huge congratulations to our cross-country runners on their stellar performances on Saturday at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School. Wonderful running from everyone, some fantastic podium places; the Year 5 Boys won the overall Winter Series participation award with the Year 6 boys in 2nd place, with Maksym in Year 6 receiving 3rd in the individual participation too. Thanks so much to all the brilliant organizers, and to our wonderful parents for pitching in, turning up and shivering with big smiles on their faces.



TEAM POINT SCORES

Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 1312
Neptune - 1102
Saturn - 1219
Jupiter - 1100



AUTUMN TERM
Week 10, 11 and 12
Stars of the Week

Week 10 - w/e 18/11/2022

FS - Eva
Year 1 - Sadie
Year 2 - Sophie
Year 3 - Lara
Year 4 - Darcy H
Year 5 - Farouk
Year 6 - Naomi

Week 11 - w/e 25/11/2022

FS - Hattie
Year 1 - Jamie
Year 2 - George
Year 3 - Oscar
Year 4 - Jamie
Year 5 - Olive
Year 6 - Estelle

Week 12 - w/e 02/12/2022

FS - Emerson
Year 1 - Charlie
Year 2 - Luca
Year 3 - Aashi
Year 4 - Ellie
Year 5 - Leo
Year 6 - Isaac

Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 96.25%.

From December, the school will begin to target parents whose child's attendance is under 90%. Currently the number of children under 90% attendance is 14 (8.4%).

The School Attendance Policy is being ratified with the following Government guidelines: [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

The attendance target for the school is 97%.

If you need to apply for your child to have leave from school, please complete the Leave Request Form on the website. It is possible that you will need to meet with Mr Griffin regarding the reasons for your request; thus we require at least two weeks' notice. Holidays will not be authorised.

KESA Update

Thank you too to all those parents who offered to have Bridges Boards advertising our Christmas Fair in their gardens. Bridges have been unable to organise this this year due to various delays but thank everyone for their support.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of UNNAMED lost property in the box. If the weather is fine, we will put the box on the playground for you have a look through. PLEASE name your child's items, even if just in biro on the label, although this needs to be checked regularly as it will wash out. Also please rename items that have been passed on to you.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year from Miss Dove
and all the staff at Kidmore End School**

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2023 - 2024 School Calendar

August '23						
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July '24						
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School Closed/ Holidays
 Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)

Half Day
 Bank Holiday



Kidmore End CE Primary School

ODST
Oxford Diocese
Salisbury Diocese

Visit us on our

Open Morning

Tuesday 10th January 2023
9:30am - 11am



- ✓ Nurturing village school only
7 minutes from Caversham
- ✓ For boys and girls aged
4 - 11 years
- ✓ Single-aged year groups
- ✓ Extensive outdoor facilities
- ✓ Wraparound care:
7.30am - 6pm
- ✓ Small school, big benefits

Booking is essential - please register online

The closing date for 2023 primary school applications
 (via your local authority) is Sunday 15th January 2023

Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End, Reading, RG4 9AU
 0118 3573149 office@kidmore-end.co.uk
www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days

Dates for the Diary

<https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/calendar>

Fri 9th Dec - 2.15pm FS & Y1 Nativity Performance
 Fri 9th Dec - KESA Christmas Movie Night & Santa Visit:
 Infants 3.30-5.30pm; Juniors 6-8pm
 Mon 12th Dec - KESA Elfridges Christmas Shopping -
 for children during school hours
 Mon 12th Dec - Shanly Homes Christmas colouring competition
 deadline
 Tue 13th Dec - Flu Nasal Spray (all year groups)
 Tue 13th Dec - 9.30am Y2 Nativity Performance
 Tue 13th Dec - 2pm Choir to Nursing Home
 Wed 14th Dec - KS1 Christmas Dinner
 Wed 14th Dec - 2.30pm RockSteady Concert
 Thu 15th Dec - KS2 Christmas Dinner
 Thu 15th Dec - Online Pantomime (PM)
 Thu 15th Dec - KESA Christmas Fair (with Choir) 3pm - 5.30pm
 Fri 16th Dec - Christmas Service in Church (AM)
 Fri 16th Dec - NO SCHOOL DINNERS - pack lunch for all children
 Fri 16th Dec - Last Day of Autumn Term: 1.30pm finish
 Mon 19th Dec - Lego Christmas Holiday Workshop @ School 9.30 -
 11.30am (see poster below)

Spring Term Dates 2023

Wed 4th Jan - First day back for children
Tue 10th Jan - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Sun 15th Jan - OCC deadline for primary school applications
Sun 21st Jan - 10am Cross Country @ The Oratory Prep
Tue 7th Feb - Parents' Evenings
Wed 8th Feb - Parents' Evenings

13th -17th Feb - Half Term

Mon 20th Feb - Inset Day (no school for pupils)
31st Mar - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 17th April - First day back for children
Mon 1st & Mon 8th May - Bank Holidays
Tues 9th May - Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week
Sat 13th May - KESA Ball

29th May – 2nd Jun – Half Term

Mon 12th Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Thu 15th Jun - Sat 17th Jun Year 5 Camping experience

Health Advice for Parents

There has been a lot in the media about Group A streptococcus/Scarlet fever infection. If you are concerned and would like further information please click here:

[Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus \(GAS\)/Scarlet Fever](#)



ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire

Text 07312 263227
to message a school health nurse



Or scan QR code here to start a chat



We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays. If you need help before you have been seen by a GP, please call 111 or dial 999. Our text number does not involve voice calls or MMS picture messages. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (texted does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). We might inform other relevant professionals if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first to prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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Lunch Boxes

Lunch boxes should be varied and consider the Eatwell Guide. Must not contain any chocolate, sweets or other confectionery, including cereal bars and processed fruit bars. Is packed by parents and children - they are more likely to enjoy if they helped make it.



Find Out More!
School Health UK
Transforming Lunchtimes

hello@schoolhealthuk.co.uk
www.schoolhealthuk.co.uk
03445 070 164

Top Tips!

- Squeeze some lemon on fruit to keep it fresh
- Use stronger tasting cheese - you'll use less!
- Get creative with fruit infused waters
- Choose wholegrain and skin on where possible
- Opt for lower fat fillings like turkey/chicken
- Remember low fat often means high sugar

Key Lunch Components

- Sources of Protein
- Carbohydrates
- Dairy & Alternatives
- Fruit & Veg
- Drinks

ONLY 1.6% OF PACKED LUNCHES MEET NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS AND ONLY ONE IN FIVE CONTAINS ANY VEGETABLES!

www.schoolhealthuk.co.uk

KESA Events



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ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

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TO SELECT A SURPRISE CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL.

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Out of School Activities

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Christmas Brick Building Workshop

Kidmore End Primary School
Monday 19th December
9.30-11.30am

£15 per child Age 5+

Join us for 2 hours of creative fun building with LEGO® bricks. Let them enjoy some screen free time using their imagination to create their models, all whilst building confidence and friendships and most importantly, having fun!

These sessions are open to all. Scan the QR code to book tickets or go to www.thecreativebrickcompany.co.uk/bespoke-events/

1000's of LEGO® Bricks **2 Hour Session**

Enhanced DBS Checked Facilitator **Fun and Creative Time Out**

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SANTA DASH
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Bishopswood Sports Ground
10am – 11am

Run, jog or walk for a great Claus!
 Followed by Beat the Santa/Elf in Goal

2km Distance (2 loops)

Ticket to 'Dash' includes your Santa Suit * stock dependant

Pre & Post 'Dash' treats and drinks available for purchase

Medal for every child who completes the 'Dash'

Entry Prices
 £25 - Family ticket (maximum of 4)
 £10 - Adult
 £5 Child (under 16)

Anyone under the age of 8 needs to be accompanied by an adult

Support your local football club
 Festive family fun for all the family

Confirm your entry rotherfieldunited.events@gmail.com
 OR 07908 923 591 All proceeds to Rotherfield United FC

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COMPETITION CLOSES ON 9TH JANUARY 2023

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GOOD LUCK

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