



KIDLINKS NEWSLETTER



Summer '25

Welcome!

Welcome to our Summer Edition of the Kidlinks newsletter. Read on to find out what we've been getting up to over the last few months, and all our upcoming plans!

Kidlinks Groups

As we move through the Summer term, we've been as busy as ever, continuing to offer a range of groups for local families with children aged 0-5. Our drop-in sessions – including Little Acorns, Bouncing Babies, St Mary's Toddler Group, and SEN Squirrels – remain hugely popular, and our OBS breastfeeding support session is still in high demand!

During this sunny season, the children have been enjoying plenty of hands-on experiences and creative activities. We've been making the most of our outdoor garden space, and have especially enjoyed water play to keep us cool!



Kidlington Gala Day

Every year in July Kidlinks are invited by Kidlington Parish Council to be a part of Kidlington Gala Day in Exeter Hall grounds. This is a popular and well-attended annual event where local businesses, charities and other organisations come together to provide a day of free entertainment and activities for children and their families in our local community hall and grounds. Activities include Go-Karting, climbing walls, donkey rides, farm animals, face painting, live music, (just to name a few!), as well as tombolas, cake stalls and hot food vendors. Although Kidlinks were unable to provide their usual set-up of 0-5's floor-based activities due to the rain, we were there to chat to the parents and enjoy the rest of the fun once the rain eased up! Well done KPC for another fantastic effort for our community!



Summer schedule



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TUES	WEDS	THURS	IMPORTANT!
<p>SCAN ME!</p>  <p>10 - 11.30am *LITTLE ACORNS Stay & Play for ages 0-5 years at St John's</p>	<p>10 - 11.30am BOUNCING BABIES For babies aged 0 - 12 months at St Mary's</p> <p>12.30 - 2.30pm *OBS Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support By appointment at St John's</p>	<p>9.30 - 11am ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP Stay & Play for ages 0 - 5 years at St Mary's</p>	<p>*Older siblings welcome at Little Acorns!</p> <p>*OBS will be closed for on 13th and 27th August</p> <p>*Little Acorns Beach party: 19th August!</p>

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Kidlinks is unique

One of the things that makes Kidlinks truly special is our commitment to running many of our groups throughout the school holidays. This consistency offers families a sense of stability and routine, while also providing fun, low-cost experiences for their little ones.

We're pleased to share that our sessions will continue right through the six-week summer break - a welcome relief for many parents and carers! And even better, older siblings are welcome to join our popular Little Acorns drop-in group on Tuesdays, so no one gets left behind, and the whole family can join in the fun!



Building a stronger community

At Kidlinks, we know that meaningful growth comes through collaboration. One of the ways we continue to strengthen our service is by connecting with other organisations and learning from their experiences.

In May, our Lead Children & Family Worker visited the Red Kite Family Centre in Thame to gain insight into their work supporting local families. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas, discover creative approaches we could bring to Kidlinks, and pick up valuable tips on fundraising.

We're excited to build on what we've learned as we continue to grow and improve the support we offer families in our community. And this is just the beginning—more project visits are planned for the coming months, so stay tuned!

Term-time schedule



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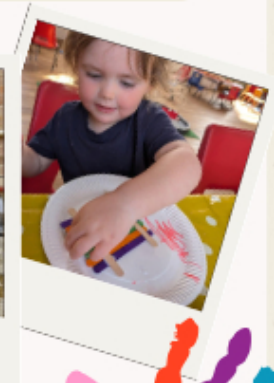
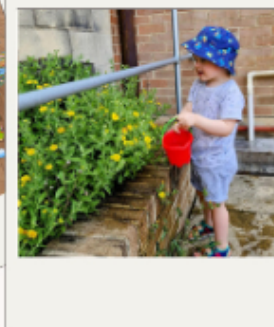
At Kidlinks, we're deeply grateful to everyone who helps make our work possible. Whether it's volunteering during our groups, working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly, or donating funding to support our sessions, your contributions are vital.

Thanks to your generosity, we're able to offer consistent, welcoming support to families throughout the year.

If you'd like to get involved - by giving your time or making a donation - we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can keep building a strong, supportive space for even more families in our community.

Upcoming Dates

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| ● | Kidlington Gala Day | 19th Jul |
| ● | Schools out for Summer | 22nd Jul |
| ● | Little Acorns Summer Party | 19th Aug |
| ● | SEN Squirrels starts back | 5 Sept |



We hope you've enjoyed reading about the progress of our charity project. To see what we get up to in our groups, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kidlinksuk

If you would like to know more or become involved in supporting and growing Kidlinks, please do get in touch at kidlington.communityhub@gmail.com