



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 6th October		
Tues 7th October		
Weds 8th October	Sixth Form Icebreaker in the Hall	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 9th October	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge	
Fri 10th October	Non-school uniform day for World Mental Health Day Year 10 Interform Competition	11:30am - 2:00pm

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 13th October	Year 8 Interform Competition Pt 1	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tues 14th October	Year 8 Interform Competition Pt 2	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Weds 15th October	Year 7 Welcome Event Bring a Grown Up! Computing Workshop	4:00pm - 5:00pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 16th October	Restart a Heart (Year 7) Year 9 Interform Competition	12:25pm - 3:15pm
Fri 17th October	Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Westgate Shopping Centre Year 7 Interform Competition	10:15am - 1:00pm 10:30am - 12:30pm

Non-School Uniform Day for World Mental Health Day – Next Friday 10th October

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To mark World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October, the PALS have organised for our students to participate in YoungMind's 'Hello Yellow' fundraiser. Students in Years 7-11 are invited to wear something yellow as part of their outfit on this day. Sixth Form students are encouraged to wear a yellow fancy-dress costume on this day, to raise money for YoungMinds who work hard to support the mental health of young people. The suggested donation is £1, donations can be made via ParentPay or cash on the day. There will also be a bake sale in the English corridor at lunch time, which all year groups are welcome to attend.

Posted on behalf of the PALS Team

Ghost-ford Hill School – Tuesday 21st October (4:30pm to 6:00pm)



Ghost-ford Hill School is back for another night of spooks and scares in 2025!

Our much-loved Halloween event returns for one night only on Tuesday 21st October. Children in Years 4-6 are invited to wear their best fancy dress and creep through our classrooms in search of sweets and treats. But beware... who knows what ghouls and goblins might be lurking in the corridors after dark?

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Parents and carers are welcome to join the adventure or relax with a warm cup of tea or coffee. We'd love to see you there!

Please complete this short Google Form to register your interest in attending: <https://forms.gle/Wz166tVAuDe9jwSS7>

Posted by – Mr Birchall



Bring a Grown Up! – FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School

Throughout the academic year, Gosford Hill School hosts a series of fun family-oriented learning sessions, during which we invite **primary school-aged children in Years 4-6** to 'Bring a Grown Up!' and try something new!

This Autumn term, come and create your own computer character, join us for a textiles workshop, learn all about Christmas traditions in France or have fun solving some Maths puzzles and quizzes, at one of our free family learning workshops.

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Computing Workshop – Wednesday 15th October

Textiles Workshop – Tuesday 4th November

Maths Workshop – Tuesday 2nd December

French Workshop – Monday 8th December

[Please click here](#) to learn more or to book. Places are limited so please book sooner than later to avoid disappointment. All sessions start promptly at 4pm and run for an hour.

Please note that only one ticket is required to be booked to enable participation for one child and one accompanying parent. Should you need help with ticket booking, please give us a call on 01865 374971.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Medic Mentor – Free Online Conferences for Students Interested in Dentistry or Medicine

Medic Mentor are running Free Virtual Get Into Medicine and Dentistry Conferences, offering a complete guide to the application process, including:

- Timelines, school choices, and UCAS updates
- Personal statements (new format)
- Interviews and UCAT
- Leadership, awards, work experience & scholarships

These conferences provide invaluable insight from doctors, dentists, and current students, helping prepare for applications and future careers.

Dates:

[Medicine](#): Sat 4th Oct & Sun 5th Oct, 9am–1:30pm

[Dentistry](#): Sat 18th Oct, 9am–1:30pm

Please click the links above for more information or to register.

Posted by – Miss Brimble

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Please check your junk or spam inbox for any school-related communications

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It has come to our attention that some school-related communications may have been misdirected to parents' and carers' junk or spam email folders. We kindly ask you to check these folders and mark any school emails as 'safe' to help ensure you continue receiving important updates.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Water Bottles

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Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle with them to school so that they can remain hydrated during the day.. Water bottles can be filled up during break or lunchtime from one of the water fountains.

Posted on behalf of the Student Support Team

Recognising Excellent Attendance

Well done to:

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- The 425 students with 100% attendance still this term! A fantastic achievement.
- The 597 students with attendance significantly above the national average.
- The 265 students who have improved their attendance in the last two weeks, showing resilience after an unavoidable absence.

We know that attendance makes a significant difference for students academic and holistic educational outcomes so appreciate the support of students and families in showing great resilience so far this year.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Safeguarding

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If you have a safeguarding concern within school hours, please send a message to the following email address: safeguarding@gosfordhillschool.org

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school hours please contact our local MASH Team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 050 7666**.

Posted by – Mr La Porte



Gosford Hill School Admissions Open

for students joining us in September 2026



It's an exciting time to join
Gosford Hill School...

- Rated Good by Ofsted.
- Excellent GCSE and A Level results.
- We are the first school in Oxfordshire to be part of the Department for Education's Schools Rebuilding programme.



Apply online now:

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/admissions

Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT

Low noise and environmentally friendly KIDLINGTON FIREWORKS & LASER SHOW

Wednesday 5 November 2025

At Stratfield Brake



Gates open from 6pm

Freestyle fire show by Arron - before the display

No Parking Available

£1 discount for tickets bought in advance from
Exeter Hall and local businesses

Organised by Kidlington Parish Council



WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

GIRLS!

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

SCHOOL YEARS 4 - 6 : U11 • 7 - 8 : U13

9 - 11 : U16 • 12 - 13 : U18



info@abingdoneagles.com

Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society



THE CABARET ON SOUTH STREET

Favourite show tunes in a brand new musical!

Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th

Sat 25th Oct 2025

7:30 pm

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

Tickets: £15, 17yrs & under £10
VIP Tickets: £20, 17yrs & under £15



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Calling all brave students in Year 4-6!



Join us for a spooktacular night
of trick-or-treating at

GHOST-FORD HILL SCHOOL

(Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington)

Tuesday 21st October (4:30pm to 6:00pm)

This spooky season, children in Years 4-6 are invited to wear their best fancy dress and explore our classrooms in search of sweets and treats. Who knows what Ghouls and Goblins roam the Ghost-ford Hill School corridors at night-time? Parents and carers are welcome to accompany or sit back and enjoy tea and coffee.

Scan here
to register!



Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Join Us!

14 - 21 February 2026

If you are aged between 6 and 30
and an active member of Scouts or Girlguiding
you could join our 2026 cast

Final registrations being accepted now! Follow the link



Sunday 28 September:
am: Mini Gang Gathering
pm: Junior/Senior Gang Singing/Acting Auditions
Sunday 5 October (pm): first rehearsals for everyone



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Sign Up Form



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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