



## Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



*Show our love through kindness, determination and curiosity; strengthening ourselves and our community*

### Please remember we are a nut free school

#### Headteacher's Message

This week, our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of them. They approached each day with a calm, focused attitude and showed great resilience throughout the week. Their determination, maturity, and positive mindset were truly impressive.

The week brought some special moments. We all enjoyed a wonderful experience as butterflies were released on the playground. A big thank you to Willow for choosing to share this with the whole school; it was a beautiful reminder of nature's magic.

The lovely sunny weather also meant the children had plenty of opportunity to enjoy playtimes outdoors. As always it was lovely to see them playing together, demonstrating our school values of **kindness, determination, and curiosity** in their interactions and activities.

#### Owls Class

This week in Owls Class, we have been using the story *The Queen's Handbag* as inspiration to create our own imaginative story, this time featuring the King visiting Long Wittenham! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different animals and their natural habitats. In maths, the focus has been on exploring number composition. The children revisited numbers 6 to 9 using the '5 and a bit' structure and began investigating the different ways to make 10. We also had engaging discussions about the countries that make up Great Britain and their capital cities, concentrating on London, deepening our understanding of geography. **Mrs Beeton**

#### Parrots Class

This week in Parrots Class we have been doing lots of writing! We have written to advise the wolf from the story 'Little Red Reading Hood' how he can make better choices with his behaviour. Unfortunately, we don't think he is going to change his ways so we have also written an incident report for the police and warnings for the public. In science, we have been learning to recognise and name trees. At forest school we identified all of the trees by looking at their leaves and have also named all of the trees in school. In RE, we have been learning about why visiting the Synagogue is important in the lives of Jewish people so today we identified all of the important parts of the synagogue and found out their significance. **Miss Clarke**

#### Eagles Class

Eagles have been writing persuasive letters to our main character Arthur to persuade him to go on risky adventure and save his town. In maths we have been learning about hundredths and how halves and quarters can be represented as a decimal. In science we learnt about classification keys and then created our own classification key. In RE we were learning about religious texts and how different religions look after their texts. In geography we were learning about human features around the UK, why they exist and which we might recommend to a tourist. Lastly, we finished our week with a sewing lesson in art and the children really impressed me with their ability.

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## **Penguins Class**

While Year 6 were busy with their SATs, Year 5 had a productive week of their own. In English, the children continued reading Tom's Midnight Garden, diving deeper into the story and exploring its themes. In maths, they worked on consolidating previous areas of learning. In computing, the children began learning about text adventures, exploring how storytelling and technology come together in interactive ways. Meanwhile, in French, they continued building their vocabulary, focusing on directions and land features. We finished the week with PE and are really lucky to be able to use Bodkin's field to give us extra space to get active.

**Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

### **Attendance:**

Whole school attendance this week is 96%. Congratulations to Eagles Class 99.5% attendance.

### **Reminders:**

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Inset Day
- Week Beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – RET Inset Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June- Parrots Class PTA Fundraiser
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Penguin's Residential Trip Information Evening, 5:30pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July PTA summer celebration

### **Early Help – We're Here to Support You**

At Long Wittenham School we understand that family life can sometimes be challenging. *Early Help* is about providing support as soon as a problem emerges—whether that's with behaviour, emotional wellbeing, routines at home, or anything else that might be affecting your child or family life.

We're here to listen and work with you to find the right help at the right time. If you'd like to know more or have any concerns you'd like to chat about, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of staff. We're always here to help. Further information can be found [here](#).

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<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
RET Trust Day (No Children)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Phonics Screening check	Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Owls Class Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm
Sports Day	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10:15am
Oxford Swimming Gala	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (selection of children)
Penguins Class Residential PGL Liddington	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June -Wednesday 2nd July
Eagles & Penguins Performance	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – 2:15pm & 6:00pm
Leavers' Service	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 12:30pm
Term Ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1:30pm