



## 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

#### Building Connections Across the Trust

Last Monday, we took part in our first Ridgeway Education Trust (RET) INSET day, which brought together all primary staff and members of the central team for the first time. It was a truly inspiring day, filled with opportunities to connect, reflect and look ahead.

We heard from Rachel Warwick (CEO) and Georgina Littler (incoming CEO), who spoke powerfully about what it means to be part of a trust and shared their vision for our collective future. We also welcomed guest speakers from the Special Schools Outreach Programme, who shared the important work being done across the trust to support inclusion. The Director of Quality Education also led a session on key aspects of the teaching and learning framework we have been developing this year. The day was a wonderful reminder of the breadth of expertise and experience now available to us as part of a larger team.

This week, I also attended the RET Strategy Day, which brought together leaders from across the trust. We reviewed our shared vision and values, discussed key priorities, and – crucially – spent time as primary heads exploring our school development plans for next year. It was a valuable opportunity to identify areas where we can collaborate more closely to improve outcomes for all children across the trust.



#### Run Wild

Some children enjoyed the first session of our new after school Running Club, run by Go Run Go Wild. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to get plenty of exercise, spend time in nature, and experience the many benefits this brings for their mental health and overall well-being. There are still places available, so if your child would like to take part, please contact the school office for more details.

#### Parrots Class Fundraiser

A big thank you to the PTA and Parrots Class parents for organizing such a fun and engaging fundraiser filled with exciting physical challenges! The children had a fantastic time participating, and thanks to your efforts, we raised much-needed funds for the school. Your support and creativity are truly appreciated!



### Owls Class



This week in Owls Class, we've been enjoying the story of *The Rainbow Fish* and writing thoughtful letters to him about what it means to be a good friend. The children shared some lovely ideas and showed great empathy in their writing. In maths, we've been exploring groups of objects with different sizes, colours, and attributes, and beginning to develop our understanding of one more and one less within 10. The children have been using lots of practical resources and working really well together. They have also enjoyed exploring new equipment in their outside area and had a fantastic time at Forest School, where the children fully embraced the mud!  
**Mrs Beeton and Mrs Humphries**

### Parrots Class

This week in Parrots Class we have been busy writing fantastic stories. We have used our book 'The Great Paper Caper' to help us to re-write the story from the bear's perspective. In maths we have been continuing to learn about time and have focused on telling the past the hour and to the hour in 5 minute intervals. It has been really tricky but we have embraced the challenge! In science we have started to learn about flowering plants and enjoyed looking closely at them using magnifying glasses. We are also really enjoying our music lessons with Mrs Melidis and are becoming excellent glockenspiel players. **Miss Clarke**



### Eagles Class



On Monday year 4 took their national multiplication test and did a great job regardless of the nerves! Eagles have been preparing to write their setting description in our English lesson this week working on descriptive language and improving word choices. All their hard work paid off today when they wrote fantastic setting description of a jungle from a toucan's perspective. In maths we finished our unit on money by finding change. We've had some great PE lessons outside practising our running. In history we were learning about the Vikings and how they got their reputation. Our science lesson focused on endangered animals, what is causing their endangerment and how we can help.

Year 3 also enjoyed attending a Reading for Pleasure session at All Saints, led by our Reading for Pleasure Patron, author Jo Cotterill. The session focused on the theme of empathy and was an inspiring experience that encouraged thoughtful discussion and a love of reading. **Mrs McNamee**

### Penguins Class

Penguins Class have really enjoyed their dance sessions with Miss Breeze and a member of her team. The sessions have been full of energy and creativity and have inspired the children to start thinking ahead to the fun they'll have rehearsing for their upcoming play. In English, the children have been busy writing informative reports on how to look after imaginary creatures they've created, inspired by Skellig, the book they've been reading in class. Their writing has shown great imagination and attention to detail. In maths, the children have covered a range of topics this week, including reflecting shapes, using pie charts, and working with kilometres and kilograms. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
PGL Residential Information Evening	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm
Oxford Swimming Gala	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Penguins Class Residential PGL Liddington	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June -Wednesday 2nd July
Long Wittenham Summer Fayre	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Class Move Up Mornings	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Christchurch Cathedral	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Puzzle Company Workshops	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
PTA Summer Celebration	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (after School)
Sports Day	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10:15am
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

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# SUMMER FAYRE

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

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LONG WITTENHAM C.E. SCHOOL  
HIGH STREET, LONG WITTENHAM



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- Bouncy Castles
- Cakes
- BBQ
- Nearly new sale
- Children's Games  
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