

Friday 26th September 2025

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

RET Governor Strategy Day

Today I attended the Ridgeway Education Trust Governor Strategy Day. This was a valuable opportunity for governors and leaders across the Trust to come together to reflect on the strengths of working in partnership and to celebrate all that has been achieved. We also looked ahead to the future, considering the next strategic steps for the Trust. A highlight of the day was an inspiring talk from Evelyn Forde MBE on equality, diversity, inclusion and belonging, which will inform and shape the Trust's future work in many areas.

Finance Assistant

Ridgeway Education Trust is seeking to appoint a Finance Assistant to join its central finance team. This is an excellent opportunity for an organised and motivated individual to contribute to the effective financial management of the Trust. Further information and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

Attendance: Every day matters – every minute counts

Whole school attendance 95.65. Congratulations Pine Class 99.1%

Coming to school every day and on time really does make a difference. Children who attend regularly (95% or more) achieve better results, feel more confident, and don't miss out on important learning. Even a few days of absence can add up and make it harder for them to keep up, so every day counts

The Weeks Learning

Acorn Class

This week in Acorn Class, the children have been enjoying the story Bumblebear and exploring what it means to be a good friend. We have also been learning how to recognise our emotions and thinking about the things that help us stay happy and healthy. In maths, we've been investigating the numbers 3 and 4, using our fingers and practical activities to support our counting skills. The children have also been introduced to wordless books, which encourages careful observation and thoughtful discussion. As a little reminder, please ensure your child brings a coat each day. We love spending time in our outdoor garden, and with the cooler mornings, a coat helps everyone stay warm and comfortable. **Mrs Beeton**

Birch Class

Birch Class have been enjoying a wide range of learning this week. In English, they read *The Day the Crayons Quit* and finished by writing their own letters in the role of a crayon. In geography, they have been exploring the human and physical features of the UK. In science, the children investigated the senses of taste and touch, while in art they developed their skills in continuous line drawing. **Miss Clarke**

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Pine Class

This week in Pine Class, we have been writing our own detective stories and reading our detective novel in our English lessons. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, and we are getting better and better at our daily arithmetic. In geography, we have learnt about some of the key features of a rainforest. In science, we explored shadows and learnt about materials that are transparent, translucent and opaque. We enjoyed our Scarf workshop discussing what makes us unique. Lastly, we have been loving our swimming lessons on Fridays! **Mrs McNamee**

Oak Class

In English, Oak Class have been preparing to write a crime report linked to the story *The Lost Happy Endings*. In RE, they have been learning about the symbolism associated with Baptism. In geography, the children have been comparing different climate zones, and in art they have been exploring a variety of sketching techniques, including smudging, cross-hatching and stippling

Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.




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SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Let's celebrate

harvest;

WITH TEA & GAMES & FUN

STARTS AT 3PM AT ST MARYS CHURCH

No charge but we will be collecting Harvest gifts to be taken to the Didcot Food Banks. Tins and dried goods are best. Thank you.



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LONG WITTENHAM FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

**REFRESHMENTS | BBQ | CAKES | BONFIRE | FIREWORKS
GUY FAWKES COMPETITION**

WARD'S FIELD (BEHIND PENDON MUSEUM, OX14 4QD)

ADULTS

Early bird £8 | Regular £10

CHILDREN (4-16)

Early bird £6 | Regular £8 | Under 4 £1

FAMILY (2 Adults 2 Children)

Early bird £25 | Regular £30

Early bird ticket sales end on 10th October.
Tickets available online (QR code). Under 16s
must be accompanied by an adult.

Brought to you by LWPC with support of
Wittenham Warriors. For further information
please contact lw.fireworks.2025@gmail.com.

**GATES OPEN: 6PM
FIREWORKS: 7PM**





ST BIRINUS SCHOOL

Inspiring Excellence through Care, Courtesy and Commitment



Open Morning School Tours

9am-10:15am

Tues 23rd, Wed 24th September 2025

Tues 7th, Wed 8th October 2025

Wed 15th, Thurs 16th October 2025

Our SENDCo will present about our general SEND provision at SBS for 15 minutes at the end of the tours on **23rd September** and **7th October**.
NB - this is not an opportunity to discuss individual student needs

To book a tour, please scan QR Code or visit

www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents

We kindly request one adult per family for the tours



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st October 2025

5:30pm-8:00pm

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

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Open Evening 2025

Thursday 25th September: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

No booking necessary

Open Mornings 2025

Monday 6th October: 9:15am

Tuesday 7th October: 9.15am & 10:15am

Wednesday 8th October: 9:15am & 10:15am

Duration: approximately 1 hour

Booking essential

We look forward to seeing you

Didcot Girls' School, Manor Crescent, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 7AJ

To book a place please scan the QR code



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Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Thursday 16 th October	Harvest Festival 2:30pm in the church
Friday 10 th October	Oak Class Assembly 3pm
Friday 24 th October	Open Class – a chance to look at your child's work so far this year. 3pm-4pm in the classrooms
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 6 th November	Parents Evening 5-7pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
Friday 12 th December	Christingle in church 4pm
Wednesday 17 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 10am & 2pm
Friday 6 th February	Pine Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Pine Class Performance 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd April	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Parents Evening 7-7pm
Friday 24 th April	Birch Class Assembly 3pm
Week beginning 11 th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day- 10am followed by picnic lunch
Week beginning 8 th June	Phonics screening check
Friday 12 th June	Acorn Class Assembly 3pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm

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