

Friday 10th October 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

Oak Class Assembly

A huge thank you to Oak Class for putting on such a wonderful assembly today. It was lovely to see the children take such pride in their learning and to watch their determination and kindness shine through as they pulled everything together at short notice. It was a joy to hear all about the fantastic things they've been learning.

Visit from PC Dix

Oak Class had a visit from PC Dix this week to talk about Protective Behaviours and the importance of taking responsibility for the choices they make. The children asked thoughtful questions and engaged really well throughout the session.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fair! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for reading. We hope all the children enjoy their new books and are inspired to dive into some great stories.



Autumn Weather

It's beginning to feel very autumnal! Please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. It won't be long until hats and gloves are also needed.

Attendance: Every day matters – every minute counts

Attendance has dipped a little this week, and we understand there have been many reasons for this. However, every day in school really does make a difference. Research shows that children with good attendance achieve better academically, build stronger friendships, and feel more confident in school life.

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If your child has had time off this term, please make every effort to ensure they don't miss any further time unless absolutely necessary. Regular attendance helps your child keep up with learning and make the most of every opportunity school offers.

Whole school attendance 92% Birch Class 94.5%

Punctuality Matters

Next week, we will be launching our new Punctuality Protocol. It's really important that children arrive on time every day. A calm, punctual start helps children settle quickly, feel ready to learn, and ensures they don't miss key learning at the start of lessons.

Research shows that being just 5–10 minutes late each day can add up to more than three full days of learning lost over a year.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant vacancy – if you, or anyone you know, who would be interested in the role, the job advert can be found [here](#).

The Week's Learning

Acorn Class

This week in Acorn Class, we have been exploring stories about different jobs, and the important roles people play in our community. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their own interests and imagining which careers might suit them in the future! In maths, our focus has been on patterns and measurement. The children have been wonderfully creative, using a variety of materials to make and extend patterns. We also spent time learning about dental health, discussing what happens during a visit to the dentist and how to take good care of our teeth. **Mrs Beeton**

Birch Class

In English, Birch Class have begun reading *The Barnabus Project* and have had great fun creating their own "failed projects" inspired by the story. In geography, they have been learning all about Scotland, and in art, they have enjoyed using viewfinders to explore patterns and detail in their drawings. **Miss Clarke**

Pine Class

This week in English, Pine class have been learning about our new book *Rhythm of the Rain*. We have been writing expanded noun phrases about the weather as well as using conjunctions for compound and complex sentences. In maths we started our new unit focusing on addition and subtraction. Our geography lesson centred around the Congo rainforest. We conducted a science experiment where we tested how the size of a shadow changed based on the distance from the light source. **Mrs McNamee**

Oak Class

In English, Oak Class have started a new writing journey focused on fairy tales, inspired by *The Lost Happy Endings*. They have been learning how to use dialogue to move the story forward, include personification, and create vivid setting descriptions. In art, the children have loved completing their project on the artist Lubaina Himid, creating fantastic 2D and 3D statues inspired by her work. **Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser**

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

The Weeks Learning in Pictures







Long Wittenham C of E Primary School

Harvest Festival

Join us at St Mary's Church

2:30pm Thursday 16th October 2025

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

Food Bank Collection

13th - 17th October

***Please leave donations in reception.**

What food is needed?

Tins of meat / fish / potatoes / carrots / peas / soup / fruit / puddings

Jars of pasta sauces / jam / peanut butter / tea & coffee (small)

Packets of pasta / rice / packets dried potato / breakfast cereals / biscuits /
treats

Cartons of long-life milk/long-life juice / hot chocolate

Also, toiletries, toilet rolls, & clothes-wash items

Thank you!

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





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Partnership



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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We aim to walk with you on your Parent/Carer journey
A warm, parent session for anyone caring for a child or young
adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed,
insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a
safe, welcoming space.

★ Plus: Special Guest Events Hear from professionals and
services across the field! and getting out in nature.



**TO REGISTER FOLLOW
THE LINK OR QR :**



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Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Thursday 16 th October	Harvest Festival 2:30pm in the church
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