

Friday 17th 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

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival and for your generous donations to the Didcot Food Bank. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to local families in need.

Online Safety

Please ensure you regularly monitor your child's devices so that you are aware of the content they are accessing. It's also important to check group chats regularly — even well-intentioned groups can sometimes include inappropriate language, images, or conversations. Regular monitoring helps keep children safe and supports them in developing responsible online behaviour.

Attendance Update:

As you will know, there has been a lot of illness in school this week, which has significantly impacted our attendance data. While we understand this is unavoidable and hope everyone is feeling better soon, we will still be sending home attendance information for the term at the end of next week. If your child's attendance has been low this term, it will be important to focus on catching up in the weeks ahead so they don't miss out on key learning. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep attendance as strong as possible.

Spare School Clothing

If any clothing has come home with a school label like the one in the picture, please could it be returned to school? It's surprising how quickly our stocks can be depleted, and returning these items helps ensure we have spares available when needed. Thank you for your support!



Name Clothing

Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly named — including hats, gloves, and coats. This helps us return lost items quickly and keeps our lost property to a minimum.

PTA Spooky Disco

Tickets are still available from the school office for our **Spooky Disco** on **Thursday 23rd October, 4:30–6:00pm**. Tickets cost **£3.50**

Parents' Evening

You will be able to book your Parents' Evening appointments from **Tuesday evening**. Please look out for an email with full instructions on how to book your slot. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Open Class – Friday 24th October. Families are warmly invited to our Open Class event on Friday 24th October, from 3:00–4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come into the classrooms and see the wonderful work your child has been doing so far this year. We look forward to welcoming you!

Telephone: 01865 407850

Email: office.3233@long-wittenham.oxon.sch.uk

Early Help

All families need support at different times, and we are open to talking about this so that we can assist you or recommend other resources that could be helpful. Early Help support is available to all families via any professional, helping to identify and address issues early. For details, see: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf](#)
This can be a valuable resource, and we are happy to guide you in accessing it if needed.

The Week's Learning

Acorn Class

This week in Acorn Class, we have been reading The Little Red Hen and creating a class story map to help retell the tale. In maths, we have been exploring shapes in our environment the children were delighted to discover that shapes can be found everywhere! We also created some wonderful hedgehog artwork, which led to great discussions about nocturnal animals and their habitats. Please remember to keep your child's PE kit in school all week so they're ready for every session, thank you. **Mrs Beeton**

Birch Class

This week in Birch Class, we have been writing recounts of Barnabus' escape from the lab inspired by our class text The Barnabus Project. In geography, we explored Wales, learning about some of its key human and physical features. In science, we brought together everything we've discovered about the senses by investigating how we use them in real world contexts. We also began our new DT project by exploring what makes a balanced diet. **Miss Clarke**

Pine Class

This week in English, we began exploring the way the wind moves and the types of wind that we get, in preparation for writing our own story inspired by the rhythm of the rain. In maths, we have been adding numbers that require us to exchange. In art, we used oil pastels to draw fruit and add a background. Finally, in PSHE, we discussed our different feelings and how we might identify someone else's feelings by their expressions and body language. **Mrs McNamee**

Oak Class

This week, Oak Class have been busy drafting their own fairy tales and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing! In maths, they have been working with large numbers and even tried to create a visual representation of 10,000 — which involved some excellent problem-solving skills. In art, the children began exploring imagery on food packaging in preparation for next week's lesson, when they will be designing their own packaging. **Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser**

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back fit and well on Monday



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.

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Wittenham Warriors. For further information
please contact lw.fireworks.2025@gmail.com.

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



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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.



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THE LINK OR QR :**



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Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Thursday 23 rd October	Spooky Disco 4:30-6pm
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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