

Friday 24th 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

Well Done, Everyone!

Well done to everyone for making it to the end of a very long first term! A special well done to Acorn Class for completing their very first term at school with such a fantastic attitude. Every time I pop into the classroom, I'm greeted by enthusiastic learners who are always ready to give their best and show such kindness to one another. What a wonderful start to their school journey!

Open Class Event

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Open Class event today. It was wonderful to see the children sharing all their hard work from this term. I'm sure you will agree they have so much to be proud of!

Spooky Disco Fun!

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA and all the volunteers for organising such a fantastic Spooky Disco! It was lovely to see the children having so much fun together. It's always a joy to watch the older pupils supporting the younger ones with such kindness and care. A special thank you also to our Acorn parents for coming along and helping the youngest members of our school join in the fun!

Attendance Update:

Please check your child's bag, as their attendance information for this term has been sent home today in a brown envelope. As explained in the accompanying letter, we completely understand that for some families, attendance may be a little lower than usual this term due to illness and the time of year. As we move forward though, we'd like to gently remind everyone that **every day really does matter** – every lesson and learning opportunity makes a difference.

Also included in the envelope, and attached to this newsletter, is a copy of our **Punctuality Protocol**, which explains how arriving on time helps your child – and their classmates – get the very best from the school day.

Half-Term Wishes

Wishing everyone a relaxing and well-earned break over half term! We look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

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.

Telephone: 01865 407850

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

The Week's Learning

Acorn Class

This week, Acorn Class have been busy revisiting their phonics and maths learning. The children have also been observing the changing season and expressing their creativity through beautiful autumn-themed artwork. Well done, Acorns, for all your hard work and for reaching the end of a long term! **Mrs Beeton**

Birch Class

In Birch Class, we have been reading the poem 'The Hippocrump' and have used it as inspiration to create our own mythical creatures that could live in the valley of Ump. We have used the poem to extend our vocabulary and created some wonderful descriptions of our creatures. In geography, we have been reviewing all that we have learned about the UK and created fact files to show all of the knowledge we have gained. We have also had a fantastic week in maths and have demonstrated our fluency with number facts whilst working on addition.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class

This week in English, Pine class have been writing poetry inspired by Wind by Dionne Brand. They put in lots of effort and have created some beautiful poems that we will be displaying in the corridor. In maths, we moved from column addition to column subtraction. In geography, we finished our unit on the rainforest by creating information posters about deforestation. In science, we used shadows to create a puppet show. We finished our still life unit in art by painting some beautiful A3 still life pictures. Finally, we had a great swimming lesson with all children now swimming in the deep end and got to play a fun game at the end of the lesson. **Mrs McNamee**

Oak Class

Oak Class have been busy enjoying lots of practical science activities, learning about solutions and exploring the variables that affect the rate at which a substance dissolves. In English, they've had fun delving into poetry, and in maths they've been working confidently with multiples of 1,000 and 10,000.

Today, they rounded off the week with a fantastic design project – creating packaging by transforming their 2D designs into 3D products. **Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser**

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



- Craft table available all week + games and jigsaws

Saturday 25 October at 2 pm

The Sweet Zombie' Horse is Flying 'To The Blue Planet' **Join us for music, theatre and fun!**
Drop in for children and their grown ups

Wednesday 29 October 10 am – 12 noon

Racing Robots

Children aged 7+ with a grown up.

Book a 30 minute session at the library counter, by calling 01865 815005 or by email to Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thursday 30 October 12 noon

Explore Learning and have fun with decimals and fractions

Children aged 9 – 11 with a grown up. **Pre book by calling 01865 595509**

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

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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OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

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	
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