

Friday 27th February

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



Show our love through kindness, determination and curiosity; strengthening ourselves and our community

Welcome back to a new half term! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm after the break. The classrooms are already full of energy, curiosity and smiles, and the children have settled back into routines brilliantly during our first week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home.

Pine Class Assembly

A huge well done to Pine Class for their fantastic class assembly this week. The children showed great confidence as they spoke and performed, and it was a real pleasure to see the excellent learning they have been doing in class shared so proudly. Thank you to all the families who joined us to support them.

Reading

Reading continues to be a key focus across the school. Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books. Thank you for supporting your child with their reading and for signing reading records regularly. Please remember to ensure books and reading records are brought into school each day.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week. Our Patron of Reading, Jo Cotterill, will be leading a day of exciting activities linked to the book Leaf. There will also be a book sale and book signing after school.

Class Overviews

Class overviews for this half term are attached alongside this newsletter. These outline what your child will be learning in each subject and provide a helpful insight into the topics being covered in class. We hope you find these useful in supporting conversations about learning at home.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term together and continuing the strong start the children have already made.

Miss Clarke

This Weeks Learning

Acorn Class:

This week in Acorn Class, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. They have been developing their early writing skills by creating clear, step-by-step instructions on how to plant beans, demonstrating a growing understanding of sequencing and instructional language. In Maths, the children have continued to take part in practical activities designed to highlight the purpose of counting, to determine 'how many' objects there are. We also made the most of the beautiful sunshine on Wednesday during an outdoor PE lesson. In RE, they have been engaging in thoughtful and meaningful conversations about the awakening of Spring, reflecting on the changes in the natural world around them. It has been a busy and enjoyable week of learning for Acorn Class!

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

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Birch Class:

In Birch class this week, we have enjoyed settling back into learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been sharing the story The Way Home for Wolf and writing sentences about Wilf's journey and the characters who helped him along the way. In History, we have begun learning about castles, while in DT we have been exploring chairs, thinking carefully about their function, purpose and design. In Computing, we have been creating impressionist-style artwork using digital tools. We also had our first Forest School session with Anne, where we particularly enjoyed spending time around the fire.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

Pine Class have settled back into Spring 2 nicely. In History we have started learning about Stone Age - Iron Age Britain, this week we focused on how long ago the Stone Age was. In Writing we have started a new book called Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, comparing the modern-day character with the stone age character. In Reading we have started a lovely new book called The Lost Words, which is all about words from the natural world. We are continuing with Fractions in Maths, this week learning about Mixed Numbers and Improper Fractions. Lastly, in Science we are beginning our new topic of Living Things: Classification.

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class:

Oak Class have had a great start back to this half term. In English, we have been learning about prequels and have started writing our own narrative inspired by Holes. In DT, we have been investigating and testing structures, and in History we have begun our learning about World War Two.

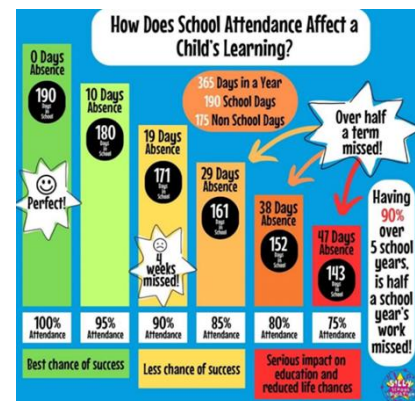
Mrs Greenway

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 95.5%

Congratulations Birch Class with 98%

If you are not sure if your child is well enough to come to school please check the following guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Dates for your Diaries 2026	
Monday 23 rd February (until 18 th May)	Forest School for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 20 th March	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 24 th March	Pine Class Performance 2:30pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd April	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Parents Evening 5:00-7:00pm
Friday 24 th April	Birch Class Assembly 3:00pm
Week beginning 11 th May	SATs Week
Friday 15 th May	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day- 10:00am followed by picnic lunch
Week beginning 8 th June	Phonics screening check
Friday 19 th June	Acorn Class Assembly 3:00pm
Friday 10 th July	Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm

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