

Friday 6th March

## Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

It has been another busy week at Long Wittenham, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across the school.

World Book Day was a great success and the children loved welcoming a real author to our school. Jo Cotterill spent the day running workshops with all the classes and inspiring the children with her fantastic books. We particularly enjoyed listening to the very first story she wrote when she was just six years old, which reminded us that anyone can become an author.

Back in the classrooms, the children explored the story Leaf. They created poems about polar bears, made fantastic collages in the style of the book's author, Sandra Dieckmann, and used drama to act out parts of the story. Together, we also created a wonderful picture of Leaf, the bear from the story, decorated with leaves made by every child in the school. It is now proudly displayed in the reception area, so please do pop in and take a look.



It really was a fantastic day and the children were a credit to the school. We were very proud of the enthusiasm they showed and the thoughtful questions they asked throughout the day.

Next week promises to be another lovely week at school. We look forward to building on the inspiration of World Book Day and continuing to nurture the children's love of reading. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school such a positive place for the children to learn.

Miss Clarke

## This Weeks Learning

### Acorn Class:

This week in Acorn Class, we have continued enjoying the story Jasper's Beanstalk. In Literacy, the children have been retelling and rewriting parts of the story, focusing on the different days of the week. In Maths, we have been learning to compare quantities and exploring which groups have more, fewer, or the same. We have also been looking for the first signs of spring. The Acorns have enjoyed learning about baby animals and had great fun building their own nests in the garden!

**Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

### Birch Class:

In Birch Class this week, we have been reading the story Good Little Wolf and exploring how the author creates contrasting characters such as Rolf, the Good Little Wolf, and the Big Bad Wolf. We have also been using our inference skills to imagine what the characters might be thinking. In History, we have continued learning about

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castles and discussed why castles were built in the past. In DT, we carried out an interesting investigation to discover which shapes make structures the strongest. Finally, in R.E., we have been thinking about why Jesus was so important to the people around him and why Christians believe he is so special.

Miss Clarke

**Pine Class:**

This week Pine Class have been preparing and writing a story about a stone age girl visiting the modern day. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions. In History we focused on how life changed for the stone age people when they started to farm. Our Science lesson involved a bird characteristic elimination game and then a little bit of bird spotting. The children have been very determined when sewing in DT, with lots of interesting and unique creations coming out of today's lesson. Lastly, we are in full swing practising for our Easter play.

Mrs McNamee

**Oak Class:**

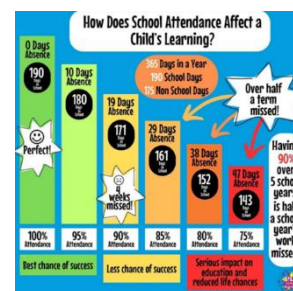
In Oak Class this week, the children have begun writing the opening of a prequel inspired by the novel Holes, using their creativity to imagine events that might have taken place before the story begins. In Science, they have started their new topic on space, exploring the fascinating features of our solar system. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of percentages and applying this knowledge to solve a range of problems. In History, the class took part in a lively debate, sharing and justifying their ideas while listening carefully to the views of others.

Mrs Greenway

**Attendance Update**

**Whole school attendance: 98%**  
**Congratulations Birch Class and Pine Class with 100%**

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](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/child-illness/when-to-call-the-doctor/)



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