

Friday 27th March

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

It has been a wonderful and busy term here at school, filled with memorable moments, celebrations and opportunities for our children to grow both academically and personally.

This afternoon, we came together for our Easter Service, which was a lovely way to end the term. Oak Class delivered a thoughtful retelling of the Easter story, Pine Class performed a song from their play *The Three Trees*, Acorn Class shared their creative artwork, and Birch Class led us in prayers of thanks. The whole school also sang *Easter Jubilations* with great enthusiasm, creating a joyful and uplifting atmosphere. We are very grateful to Rev. Haylett for leading the Easter Blessing and are delighted to have welcomed so many of you to join us.

This week, Pine Class took to the stage for their performance of *The Three Trees*. It was a fantastic show, full of confident singing and enthusiastic performances. We were especially impressed by the outstanding solo contributions from Rebecca, Gwen and Willow. Every child demonstrated great teamwork and growing confidence throughout. A big well done to all involved. Our thanks also go to Mrs McNamee for supporting the children to perform so confidently.

Our Annual Easter Raffle was, as always, an exciting event for the children, and we are delighted to share that we raised £168.50. The funds will be used to purchase new books to support our wider curriculum, further enhancing the provision and opportunities we can offer across a range of subjects.

At the end of this term, Mrs Hughes, our SENCo, will be leaving us. We are very grateful for her dedication and support during her time with us and wish her every success for the future. Moving forward, our SEND provision will be led in-house by myself and Mrs Greenway, sharing the SENCo role to provide greater consistency and support for our children and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and the kindness you show to both myself and the whole staff team. We are incredibly proud to be part of such a caring and supportive school community, and it is this strong partnership that helps our children to thrive.

We wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 13th April.

Miss Clarke

Message from the RET Director of Primary Education

As we reach the end of term, I am sure you will join me in passing on thanks to the Long Wittenham team for their ongoing hard work and commitment since Christmas. Not only has school continued to run smoothly in Mrs Fraser's absence, but, under Miss Clarke's leadership, ongoing school development work has continued as planned. I would like to share my gratitude for all that the school team have done, and to also thank you for the support you continue to show the school.

Finally, I know you will join me in passing on continued wishes to Mrs Fraser while she is away from school.

Paul Shaughnessy

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This Week in Pictures



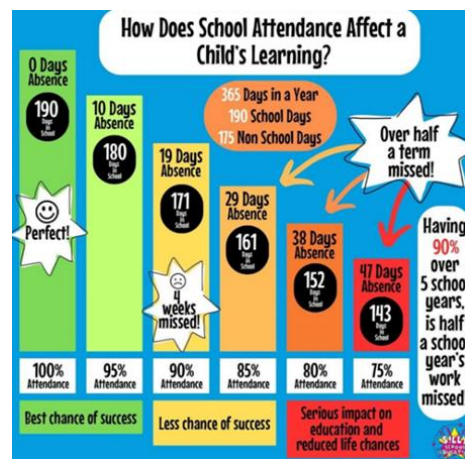
Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 93.66%
Congratulation Birch Class with 97.1% attendance.

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](#)

Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer

Parents and carers can find comprehensive information about support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) through the **Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer**. It brings together guidance, services, and resources for ages 0–25, including help with identifying needs, accessing support, and understanding Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Visit the Local Offer to explore what’s available and how to access support: [Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer](#)



Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term Bright Sparks Science After School Club (every Monday, 13 th April-18 th May) Forest School for Acorn & Birch Class (every Monday, 13 th April-18 th May)
Wednesday 15 th April	Elite After School Football Club (every Wednesday, 15 th April-15 th July)
Wednesday 22 nd April	Oak Class – Food & Farming Workshop 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
Thursday 30 th April	School photographer in – class photos and year 6 leavers
Week beginning 11 th May	SATs Week
Friday 15 th May	Celebration Assembly 3:00pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day- 10:00am followed by picnic lunch

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Wednesday 20 th May	St Birinus & DGS Secondary School Meeting for years 5 & 6 parents 9:00am
Thursday 21 st May	Junior Citizens for Year 6s
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY – no pupils
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half Term Break
Monday 1 st June	INSET DAY – no pupils
Week beginning 8 th June	Phonics screening check
Monday 8 th June	Forest School for some year 6s, TBC who (every Monday, 8 th June-13 th July)
Friday 19 th June	Acorn Class Assembly 3:00pm
Tuesday 30 th June	iRock Concert 2:30pm
Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th July	Rising year 7 transition days at St Birinus, Didcot Girls' and Aureus
Friday 10 th July	Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' church service End of term – break up at 1:30pm