

Friday 24th April 2026



Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

It has been another busy and rewarding week in school, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, reflect and shine.



In Monday's assembly this week, we continued our focus on kindness, exploring the second part of our school rule: 'Treat everyone with kindness and respect.' We looked closely at the words 'everyone' and 'respect', reflecting on how we can show kindness to those who may seem different from us. We shared the story *Something Else* and challenged the children to think about what it means to be different, and whether being different should affect how we treat one another. The children showed a clear understanding of the importance of this value and the vital role it plays in creating a positive and inclusive school community.

Birch Class Assembly

Birch Class did a fantastic job in their class assembly today. The children were eager to share their learning and found it a real challenge to choose what to include, as they had so much they were proud of. They took full responsibility for planning the assembly, and their confidence truly shone through. I was particularly impressed by the quality of their writing and the clarity with which they read aloud, showcasing their thoughtful and ambitious language choices. A big thank you to the team around Birch Class, whose support makes it possible for the children to shine every day.



Assembly Planning



Oak Class trip to Earth Trust

Oak Class had a fantastic day at the Earth Trust on Wednesday, linking their Geography learning on food and farming to real-life experiences. The children explored sustainable farming and learned how farmers can encourage wildlife onto their land, including investigating the importance of hedgerows. They enjoyed hands-on activities such as milking a (plastic!) cow, turning milk into butter, and making their own flatbreads. It was a wonderful day of learning, and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the area. Acorn and Birch will be visiting Earth Trust next half term and look forward to taking advantage of this wonderful resource that is right on our doorstep.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the children's experiences and successes in school.

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This Weeks Learning

Acorn Class:

In Acorn Class this week, we have continued enjoying the story *A Journey Home from Grandpa's* alongside exploring a range of non-fiction books about transport. The children have shown great enthusiasm in their independent writing, focusing on a variety of vehicles. In maths, we have been revisiting the composition of 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and have extended this understanding to see that 8 and 9 can also be represented in this way. The children have also been learning about the concepts of past and present and have begun exploring what a timeline is. In addition, they have been very busy in the garden, making the most of the sunshine and enjoying time at the foam-making station!

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:



In English, we have been inspired by *The Vanishing Lake* to write our own stories. The children worked hard to develop their ideas, focusing on story structure and making thoughtful word choices to engage the reader.

In science, we have been learning about worms and their habitats, exploring where they live and why these environments suit them. In geography, we have been studying Zambia, learning about its climate, landscapes and wildlife, and comparing it to the UK. In art, the children have enjoyed creating stick pictures using natural materials, encouraging creativity and an appreciation of the outdoors. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged across all areas of their learning.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

Pine Class have been enjoying reading more chapters of our class novel *The Last Bear*. They have been answering questions about the text so far as well as reading chapters aloud to their peers. In writing we have been focusing on the skills we need to describe April's first sighting of a polar bear on Bear Island. In maths we have been converting analogue time to digital and 12 hour to 24 hour. In geography we learnt about the 12 countries that make up South America, some of the capital cities and the countries flags. In science we have been learning about the different parts of a plant and their function. In PE we have continued to practise our athletic skills using a circuit of activities as we prepare for sports day at the end of May. Lastly, in art we have been using different techniques to create nests. We have used pencil, charcoal and water colours with some wonderful results.



Mrs McNamee

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 95.9%

Congratulations to Oak Class with 97.5% attendance.

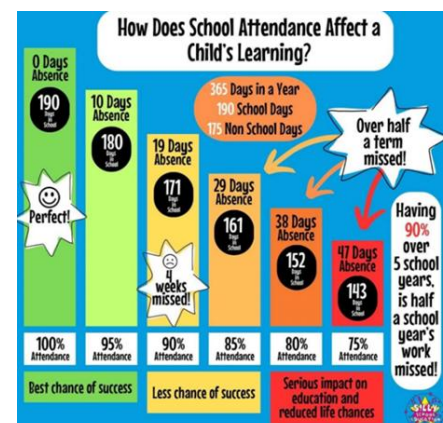
If you are not sure if your child is well enough to come to school please check the following guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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](#)

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Village Events

May Day Celebrations

A reminder that the Athletics club are hosting May Day celebrations on Friday 1st May.

People can arrive from 5.15pm onwards, the May Queen will be announced at 6pm followed by May Pole dancing.

The PTA will have a cake stall open from 5.30pm. There will be BBQ, ice creams and bar open 6pm til late. This will be a great community event for all, so your support is much appreciated.

Long Wittenham Fun Run

LONG WITTENHAM FUN RUN 2026

Sunday 14th June – 11am start



THE PLOUGH, LONG WITTENHAM
Everyone welcome!

AWARDS

| <u>Children</u> | <u>Adults</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Under 8 | 18-39 |
| Under 12 | 40-64 |
| Under 18 | Over 65 |
| Winner (Man & Woman) | |
| Fastest Wittenham (Man & Woman) | |
| Family Trophy | |



HELPERS STILL NEEDED NO EXPERIENCE REQD!

This is always a fantastic
community fund-raiser.
Please get in touch to
volunteer NOW!

Find us on Facebook
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<https://www.evententry.co.uk/long-wittenham-5km-family-fun-run-walk-2026>

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| Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026 | |
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| | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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