

Friday 1st May 2026

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

It has been a lovely week in school, with the children making the most of the sunshine. It is always wonderful to see them coming together as a whole school community—socialising, playing, and enjoying each other's company. This strong sense of community is a real strength of our school.



In Monday's assembly, we explored British Values and how they link to our own school values, as well as how they can be seen in everyday life, both in and out of school. We discussed what these values look like in action—for example, showing respect to others, listening carefully to different opinions, and making fair choices.

Each class was then set the challenge of focusing on one of the values and finding out more about it. This led to some lively and thoughtful discussions in all classes, with children asking questions, sharing ideas, and making connections to their own experiences.

It was wonderful to see the children confidently sharing what they had learned with the rest of the school this afternoon. They spoke clearly and proudly, demonstrating a growing understanding of how these important values help us to live and learn together positively. I am very proud of the children for the thoughtful way they engaged with this learning and for the respect they show one another each day.

Miss Clarke

This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:

This week, the children have been reading the story of *The Queen's Handbag* and using it to rewrite their own version. In maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of the composition of 5 and practising recalling the different parts of 5 when one part is hidden. The children have also been learning about key features of the UK, including important cities and landmarks, and where the UK is situated within Europe. We have also been revisiting our British values this week, with a particular focus on what it means to show mutual respect towards one another.

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Birch Class:

This week in Birch Class, we have been reading *Rain* by Sam Usher. We explored different activities we can enjoy in the rain and used our senses to help us describe it. Today, the children wrote some fantastic story openings. In maths, both Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about fractions. Year 1 have focused on sharing into equal groups and recognising a half of a shape or object. Year 2 have been learning to find three quarters, understand that two quarters are equivalent to a half, and count in fractions up to a whole. In geography, we have been learning about the village of Mugurameno and comparing their primary school with our own. In science, we explored microhabitats around our school and discovered lots of interesting creatures. It has been a week full of curiosity and exploration.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

Pine Class have continued to read *The Last Bear*, we are now 6 chapters in and the novel is getting exciting. In writing we are learning the skills needed to write a persuasive letter. In maths we have begun our new unit on decimals, focusing on tenths. In science this week we learnt about the life cycle of a flower, including germination and pollination. Our geography lesson focused on comparing Brazil in South America with the United Kingdom, listing similarities and differences. Well done to all the children who did their homework, we have seen some wonderful art sculptures this week!

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class:

This week, the children have been busy across the curriculum. In English, they have been exploring language for instructional writing, linked to *Wild Child*, and planning their own forest school instructions. In maths, they have been recapping long division and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. In geography, they have been learning about where food comes from and the lives of farmers around the world, while in science they investigated how shadows are formed through a group experiment. The children have also explored colour in large-scale art, learned about Sikh values in RE, created posters about the Rule of Law in PSHE, practised weather vocabulary in French, and enjoyed playing Bhangra rhythms together in Music.

Mrs Greenway and Mr Smith

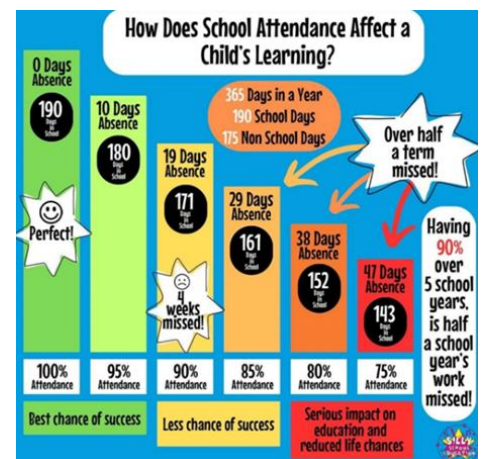
Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 96.53%
Congratulations Birch Class 99.53% 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	
	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)
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
Thursday 11 th June	Acorn & Birch Classes – Earth Trust
Wednesday 17 th June	Oak Class – Little Mermaid & Jr
Friday 19 th June	Acorn Class Assembly 3:00pm
Monday 22 nd June	Aureus Rising Y7 SEN Transition Day
Tuesday 30 th June	iRock Concert 2:30pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Rising year 7 transition day at Wallingford
Tuesday 7 th July 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