

Friday 12th June 2026

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

This week, we have been proud to see our children living out our school values, showing kindness to others, determination in their learning and curiosity about the world around them both inside and outside the classroom.

In assembly on Monday, we revisited the important topic of bullying as part of our safeguarding curriculum. We discussed what bullying is, who children can go to for help, and used the STOP acronym (Several Times On Purpose) to help children recognise bullying behaviour. This is a topic that we return to regularly to support children in developing healthy relationships and understanding how to keep themselves and others safe. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to explore this area through discussions and scenarios, helping children understand the different roles people can play in bullying situations and the difference between friendship difficulties and bullying. These conversations help children build the confidence to seek support and make positive choices in their relationships with others.



Birch and Acorn visit to Earth Trust



Despite the weather, Acorn and Birch Class had a fantastic day on their visit to the Earth Trust. The children spent the day learning about minibeasts. They enjoyed pond dipping and were thrilled to discover newts. They took part in meadow sweeping, learned about life cycles, and completed nature-inspired craft activities. Throughout the day, the children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and engaging fully in every activity. It was wonderful to see their interest in the natural world and their eagerness to learn more about the plants and animals that share different habitats. We would like to extend our thanks to the staff and volunteers at Earth Trust for providing such an enjoyable and informative experience. The children had a wonderful day and came away with lots of new knowledge.

Pine Class visit Forest School

Pine Class were fortunate to enjoy an additional Forest School session this week. As a school, we regularly work with a local Forest School training provider, helping trainee Forest School leaders gain valuable experience while also providing our children with exciting outdoor learning opportunities. The children had a wonderful time exploring the local environment, taking part in a range of hands-on activities and developing their understanding of the natural world. Experiences such as these not only enrich the curriculum but also support our school vision of strengthening our community through meaningful local partnerships. We are incredibly lucky to have such fantastic learning opportunities on our doorstep, and it was wonderful to see the children demonstrating curiosity, enthusiasm and a love of learning throughout the session.

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This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:

This week in Acorn Class, we have been enjoying the story of The Rainbow Fish and discussing the qualities that make a good friend. In maths, the children have continued exploring the numbers within 10, helping to deepen their understanding of number relationships and composition. We also had a wonderful time on our school trip to Earth Trust, where the children enthusiastically explored the world of minibeasts and enjoyed learning about the habitats they live in. It was a fantastic experience for everyone!

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:

In English, we have been exploring the key features of factual writing as we prepare to write an article about why we need to protect our forests, inspired by our class text Tidy. To support this work, the children also created some fantastic forest-themed paintings in Art, which will form part of their finished articles. In History, we launched our new topic, When Three Queens Ruled, and began learning about three inspirational women from British history: Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. In DT, the children learned how to create a range of different stitches. This was a challenging skill that required lots of concentration and perseverance, and the children should be very proud of their efforts. In PE, we have been developing our ball skills through a range of activities and games, building coordination, control and confidence.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

In Writing this week, Pine Class have been re-telling the story *The Promise*. The children showed great creativity by choosing their own characters, settings and seeds, adapting the original story to create their own unique versions. In Maths, we have been learning about different types of angles and lines. The children have explored acute, right and obtuse angles, as well as identifying horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. In Science, we reviewed our cress growing investigation. We discussed what happened to the cress plants that were grown without water, light or air. The children were particularly interested to observe that the cress without air became very smelly! In History, we learnt about how World War Two began and discussed the point at which Britain became involved. In RE, we explored why Christians are baptised and where baptisms take place. Finally, we had a wonderful morning at Forest School, enjoying outdoor learning and activities.

Mrs McNamee

Wednesday 8th July, 10.30am-12.30pm at Pendon Museum – Community Police Officers joining throughout

This is a free drop-in event, with just a small charge for drinks and cake to cover the costs. All donations from the cakes go to support a local group, so please go along and support it if you can. The café is friendly to dog walkers, but they will need to have their refreshment outside with their dog(s).

Attendance Update

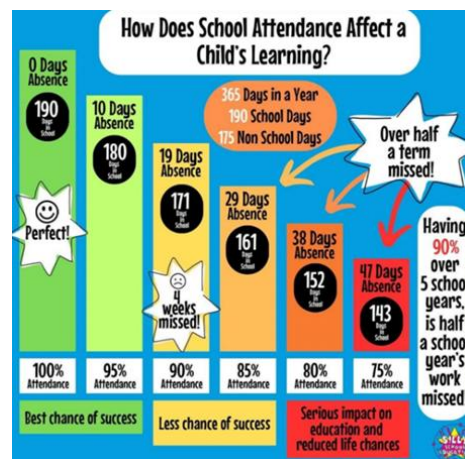
Whole school attendance: 95.5%

Congratulations to Oak Class: 99% 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 | Oxfordshire County Council](#)



Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Wednesday 15 th April	Elite After School Football Club (every Wednesday, 15 th April-15 th July)
Monday 8 th June – Monday 13 th July	Forest School for Year 6s who haven't attended this academic year
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

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