

Friday 19th June 2026

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week, there is much to celebrate across our school community.

Today, Acorn Class treated us to a wonderful class assembly. The children spoke with confidence, shared their learning with enthusiasm and made us all incredibly proud. It was a joy to see them showcase their achievements to families and the wider school community.

Earlier this week, 13 children from Key Stage 2 represented our school at the swimming gala. Competing against strong opposition, they gave their very best in every event. We were especially proud of the resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship they demonstrated throughout the competition. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, demonstrating our values both in and out of the pool.



Last weekend's Village Fun Run was another fantastic community event. I would like to thank the organisers and volunteers whose hard work made the day such a success. It was wonderful to see so many families from our school community taking part, whether running, walking or cheering from the sidelines. The enthusiasm, community spirit and positive encouragement shown throughout the event were evident from start to finish and contributed to a fantastic

atmosphere. It was a wonderful example of community spirit in action and reflected the values we encourage in our children every day.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Jake and his family for generously giving their time to cut the school hedges. Their kindness and willingness to support the school are greatly appreciated and demonstrate the strength of our community. We are incredibly grateful for their help.



This week, we were delighted to welcome Local Authority moderators into school for our Year 6 writing moderation visit. The visit was very successful and provided valuable external validation of the high standards being achieved by our pupils. A special thank you goes to Mrs Greenway for her hard work, professionalism and dedication in preparing for and supporting this important process.

Staff also attended the RET Writing Moderation event, working alongside colleagues from across the Trust to share expertise, reflect on practice and learn from one another. Opportunities such as these highlight the benefits of being part of a collaborative Trust community, where we work together to continually strengthen our provision and achieve the very best outcomes for children. I was particularly proud to share examples of our pupils' excellent writing and discuss the impact of our English curriculum.

With the warm weather forecast to continue into next week, please ensure that children come to school with a named water bottle and sun hat, and that sun cream is applied before the school day. We will continue to take appropriate measures to help everyone stay safe, comfortable and able to enjoy the sunshine.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Clarke

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This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:

This week in Acorn Class, we have been enjoying the story *The Sea Saw*. The children have been developing their writing skills by using nouns and adjectives to describe the bear from the story. In Maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of the counting system and practising counting verbally beyond twenty. We are also incredibly proud of Acorn Class for their fantastic Ocean Creature-themed class assembly. The children demonstrated great confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, Acorn Class!

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:

This week in Birch Class, we have started reading *The Disgusting Sandwich*. We have enjoyed making predictions about the story and recalling key events, while focusing on improving our sentence writing skills. In Maths, we have been exploring money, identifying coins and notes and solving problems involving different amounts. In Science, we conducted an exciting experiment to investigate whether the Gingerbread Man was waterproof. The children enjoyed making predictions, carrying out the test and discussing their findings. In History, we compared the different time periods in which the three queens lived. By looking at views through a "window" into each era, we thought carefully about what had changed over time and identified key differences between the periods.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

Pine Class have started an exciting new text in Writing, *Varmints*. The children have been exploring and comparing key vocabulary to describe the differences between "The Varmints" and "The Others", helping them to develop a deeper understanding of characterisation and language choices. In Maths, we have continued our learning on shape, focusing on identifying and describing different types of triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons. The class have been developing their confidence in recognising properties and using the correct mathematical vocabulary. In History, we explored why children were evacuated during the war and discussed where they were sent, helping the children to understand the impact of the war on families and daily life. In PSHE, we have been learning about how our bodies change from childhood to adulthood. Finally, in RE, we discussed the meaning of Holy Communion and what it signifies for Christians as part of a community, encouraging thoughtful discussion and reflection.

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class:

This week in Oak Class, we enjoyed watching a fantastic performance of *The Little Mermaid* by St Helen and St Katharine School, which inspired us as we prepare for our own end-of-year production of *Holes*. The children have been auditioning for roles and writing persuasive letters in English to secure their chosen part. In Maths, the children have shown great determination while solving challenging algebraic equations. The children also demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship during rounders games with Pine Class. In DT, we explored how and why recipes can be adapted to meet different needs and preferences.

Mrs Greenway and Mr Smith

Attendance Update

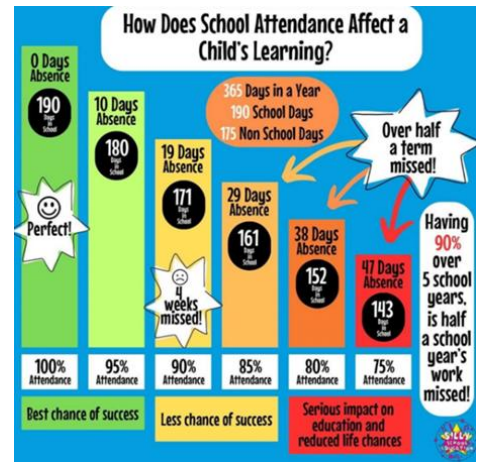
Whole school attendance: 97.91%

Congratulations to Pine 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](#)



Free School Meals Eligibility

Please look out for an email about Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility and take action if this may apply to your family. From September 2026, national changes mean all eligibilities must be reassessed, including extended criteria where households will now qualify for free school meals if they receive Universal Credit, regardless of income level. Families on lower incomes who receive certain other benefits may also be eligible under targeted criteria, and this group will continue to attract Pupil Premium funding for the school. It is important that parents complete the application form if eligible, as without this the school cannot confirm entitlement or provide free meals from September.

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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
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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