

Monday 28th September 2026

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

This week, our collective worship focused on **leading ourselves** through understanding and managing our emotions. In our whole school assembly, pupils were introduced to the Zones of Regulation, learning about the different emotional zones and how recognising our feelings can help us make positive choices.

Children then explored practical strategies during their key stage assemblies, creating their own regulation toolkits. These ideas have since been brought together to form a whole-school Regulation Toolkit, which will be displayed in the hall as a shared resource for all pupils. We are proud of the thoughtful contributions children made and the mature discussions they had about supporting their own wellbeing and that of others.

The **ZONES** of Regulation[®] **TOOLBOX**

Blue Zone
Tools

Green Zone
Tools

Yellow Zone
Tools

Red Zone
Tools

This week also saw our first Celebration Assembly of the year. It was wonderful to recognise pupils who have demonstrated our school values through our Values Awards, as well as celebrating the fantastic efforts of children in earning points for their house teams. We look forward to many more opportunities throughout the year to celebrate the achievements, successes and positive contributions of our pupils.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we have introduced a new "Who Can Help Me?" board for pupils. This child-friendly display provides clear signposting to trusted adults and sources of support both within school and beyond, ensuring that children know where they can turn if they need help, advice or someone to talk to. Alongside the visitor safeguarding board and staff safeguarding information board already in place, this child-friendly display provides clear signposting to trusted adults and sources of support both within school and beyond. We want every child to know that help is always available when they need it.

Our school is looking fantastic. Classrooms and shared spaces are filled with displays that celebrate children's learning and achievements across the curriculum. We are incredibly proud of the effort pupils put into their work.

Miss Clarke

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Attendance

Good attendance starts with good habits. Consistent bedtimes and morning routines help children arrive at school on time, settled and ready to learn. If you are experiencing any difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance, please speak to us. We are committed to working in partnership with families to understand barriers and provide support wherever possible.

Whole School Attendance

Last week's whole-school attendance was 93%, which was lower than the high standards we strive for as a school community. We would like to see attendance improve in the coming weeks so that every child can benefit from every possible learning opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in helping children attend regularly and arrive on time each day.

Congratulations to **Pine Class**, who achieved **100% attendance** last week.

This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:

In Acorn Class, we have been reading the story of Bumblebear and discussing what it means to be a good friend, just like the characters in the story. In Maths, the children have been engaging in activities that highlight the purpose of counting, helping them to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children have also been developing their fine motor skills through a range of activities using different tools, including large paintbrushes and tweezers. In addition, Acorn Class has been learning about the Zones of Regulation, helping them to recognise and talk about their feelings. The children have been identifying when they need to feel calm and exploring strategies to help them regulate their emotions. Please remember to cut up your children's grapes if they have them in their snack or lunch box. Thank you.

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:

In Birch class, we have been reimagining our humble school as a fantasy world and writing about it in English, using commands and noun phrases. We are continuing to work on our letter and number formation through Handwriting and Maths. The year 2s in Maths learnt the important word "estimate" for their number line work, and the year 1s are learning to use "more than" and "less than" to compare groups.

Mr Bruno

Pine Class:

Pine Class have been exploring villainous characters in English. The children have been using powerful adjectives to create vivid descriptions of villains and have learned about the features and writing style of a non-fiction fact file. In Maths, we have been finding complements to 100 and applying our knowledge to solve a range of problems. In RE, we have learnt about the Hindu concepts of Karma, Atman and Moksha, and considered how these beliefs help Hindus to live a good life. In Computing, we have continued developing our coding skills. We also enjoyed a fantastic swimming lesson on Friday, and the swimming teachers commented on how impressed they were with Pine Class's enthusiasm, effort and behaviour.

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class:

Oak Class have been continuing to enjoy their class novel 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear'. They reached a cliffhanger in the story and were excited to read on to find out what happens next. In French, we worked on our conversational skills learning how to answer questions about different types of transport. In science, we dissected a flower to investigate all of their parts and continue to develop our spreadsheet skills by using formulae in computing.

Mrs Greenway and Miss Clarke

Reception 2027 Open Events

We are delighted to welcome prospective families to visit our school and see our learning community in action. If you know families with children who will be starting Reception in September 2027, please encourage them to come along and experience everything our school has to offer.

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KINDNESS - DETERMINATION - CURIOSITY

**Reception 2027
Open Events**

Open Morning
Wednesday 21st October
at 9.30am

- ✓ Meet our dedicated team
- ✓ Hear about our school vision and values
- ✓ See our school in action
- ✓ Ask any questions

Stay and Play
Friday 13th November at 2.00pm

Spend some time in our Reception Classroom and experience some of the exciting activities our youngest learners enjoy every day.

Contact the School office to book your place.

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Important Dates		
Event	Date and time	Who should attend
2026		
Inset Day	Friday 2 nd October All Day	School closed to pupils
Residential Information Meeting	Wednesday 7 th October 5.30pm	Oak Class parents
Oak Class Assembly	Friday 16 th October 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Rising Reception Open Morning	Wednesday 21 st October 9.30am	Parents with children starting in September 2027
Phonics Information Meeting	Wednesday 21 st October 6.00pm	Reception and Y1 Parents
Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church	Thursday 22 nd October 2.30pm	Whole School Community
PTA Autumn Disco	Friday 23 rd October 4.30pm – 6.00pm	Children from all year groups
Parents Evening	Tuesday 3 rd November Wednesday 4 th November	Parents and children
Rising Reception Stay and Play	Friday 13 th November 2.00pm	Parents with children starting in September 2027
Celebration Assembly	Friday 13 th November 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Celebration Assembly	Friday 27 th November 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	Wednesday 9 th December 4.00pm	Whole School Community
Acorn and Birch Class Nativity	Wednesday 16 th December 10.00am and 2.00pm	Acorn and Birch families
End of term	Friday 18 th December 1.30 finish	
2027		
Pine Class Assembly	Friday 5 th February 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Birch Class Assembly	Friday 23 rd April 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Acorn Class Assembly	Friday 11 th June 3.00pm	Whole School Community