Monday 16th November 2026

Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

This week has provided many opportunities for our children to reflect on what it means to serve others, and how acts of service are closely connected to our school values of Kindness, Determination and Curiosity.

Remembrance

This week, our children have spent time learning about the importance of Remembrance and why it continues to matter today. We reflected not only on the service and sacrifice of those who have served their country, but also on the families whose support and sacrifices are often less visible. We were proud to join members of our village community at the Remembrance service, where children from our school laid a cross for each member of the Long Wittenham community who lost their life during the First World War. It was a powerful reminder that remembrance is not only about looking back, but also about recognising the values of service, courage and community that continue to shape our lives today.

Children in Need

Our learning about service continued through our support of Children in Need. Oak Class embraced the opportunity to serve both our school community and others beyond it by organising games and running an after-school cake sale. Their willingness to take responsibility, work together and help others demonstrated our values of kindness and determination in action. Through events such as these, children learn that service is not only about what we give, but also about the positive impact we can have on the lives of others.

Oak Class Residential

Oak Class also returned from their residential this week with plenty of stories to tell and memories to cherish. Over the course of the trip, they demonstrated determination in tackling unfamiliar challenges, kindness in supporting their friends and curiosity in embracing new experiences. As well as developing confidence and resilience, they strengthened friendships and learned more about themselves and one another. It was lovely to hear them talking about their experiences with such enthusiasm on their return. They were a credit to the school throughout and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Their advice to others was simple but powerful: "Try everything!"

Anti-Bullying Week

As we look forward to this week, we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week through a range of assemblies and classroom activities centred around the theme "Break the Silence". We know that strong communities are built when people feel listened to, supported and respected. By encouraging children to speak up when they have concerns, to show kindness in their everyday interactions and to be curious about the perspectives of others, we hope to reinforce the message that everyone has a role to play in making our school a place where everybody belongs.

Miss Clarke

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Attendance

Our whole school attendance remains strong, with a year-to-date figure of 96.3%, reflecting the commitment of our families to making attendance a priority and helping children to be in school every day they can be. From Remembrance activities and Children in Need to residential visits and Anti-Bullying Week, every week brings new opportunities that enrich children's learning beyond the classroom. Good attendance ensures that children can fully participate in these experiences, strengthening both their learning and their sense of belonging within our school community.

Whole School Attendance
Whole school attendance was 96.4**%**
Congratulations to Pine Class**,** who achieved **98.1% attendance**.

This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:
Acorn Class had another busy week! The children have been building confidence in writing CVC words using sound mats to help identify and record sounds. In Literacy, they learned about Armistice Day in a sensitive and age-appropriate way, while also beginning their handwriting journey and showing great determination in forming recognisable letters. In Maths, they have been comparing groups of objects and exploring the concept of equal quantities through practical activities. They particularly enjoyed a range of sensory experiences, including pumpkin potions, playdough and gloop, which sparked lots of curiosity, creativity and imaginative play.

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:
Last week in Birch class we responded to a story about the moon landings by writing our own narrations of an event from our lives (mostly fireworks). Both year 1s and year 2s have been working on subtraction, with the year 2s starting to learn to subtract two-digit numbers. In history, we have learnt about our historical sources for the great fire of London, and in science we learnt which weathers go with the seasons. In PSHE we are considering how we are all similar and different from each other, and in DT we are looking at mechanisms.

Mr Bruno

Oak Class:
Last week Oak class went on their residential to PGL Osmington Bay. We had lots of fun and all the children pushed themselves to try new things and face their fears, including activities involving heights, where many of the children climbed, jumped and abseiled from different heights. Despite the very cold weather, the children spent their evenings, playing games and enjoying hot chocolates to warm up. We were all very impressed with their resilience, confidence and determination. All of the children represented our school perfectly and we were very proud of their achievements!

Mrs Greenway

Important Dates		
Event	Date and time	Who should attend
2026		
Celebration Assembly	Friday 27th November 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Beauty and the Beast Panto	Wednesday 2nd December pm	Whole School (in school hall)
Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	Wednesday 9th December 4.00pm	Whole School Community
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 12th December	Whole School Community
Acorn and Birch Class Nativity	Wednesday 16th December 10.00am and 2.00pm	Acorn and Birch families
End of term	Friday 18th December 1.30 finish	
2027		
Pine Class Assembly	Friday 5th February 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Birch Class Assembly	Friday 23rd April 3.00pm	Whole School Community
Acorn Class Assembly	Friday 11th June 3.00pm	Whole School Community

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