



**Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School**



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

**Please remember we are a nut free school**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

**Welcome Back!**

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and were able to enjoy some of the beautiful autumn weather. The end of last term was filled with events and celebrations, and we are grateful for all of your involvement.

Thank you to everyone for the generous donations to Didcot Foodbank, which were gratefully received, and for joining us at our Harvest Service.



A big thank you as well to the PTA for hosting a fantastic Spooky Disco, and to Didcot Tesco for kindly donating refreshments for the occasion. The children had a wonderful time, making it a perfect end to a busy half term!



We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to the parents who generously gave up their time over half term to finish the new planters and clear leaves from the playground. We are very grateful to Nottcutts for their donation of bulbs and compost and to Exubia for plants.



Looking ahead, here are a few reminders for next week:

- **Poppies on Sale:** Poppies will be available after school each day next week—please remember to bring some cash if you'd like to contribute.
- **Tuesday, 5th November:** Forest School for those children in Eagles Class who didn't attend last term.
- **Wednesday, 6th November:** We'll be hosting an Open Morning for prospective parents at 9:15 am. If you know anyone interested in learning more about our school, please encourage them to attend or book an individual tour at their convenience.
- **Wednesday, 6th November (PM):** Some of our Penguins Class will visit Sutton Courtenay School to meet Jo Cotterill, the author and Reading for Pleasure Patron with RET.
- **Friday, 8th November:** Year 6 Bikeability—please make sure bikes are in working order and that children bring their helmets.
- **Friday, 8th November:** Eagles Class will have their first swimming session.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening next week.

**Please remember the school day starts at 8:50am.**





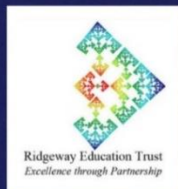
# Long Wittenham C of E Primary School



Open days and transition events happening now...

We are a small school with a strong sense of community and warmly welcome families outside our catchment area.

First open day available:  
6th November 9.15am-call to book  
Viewings available all year round



"We hold each and every child at the centre of everything we do and we have exciting plans for the future."



Please contact the school office to book a tour:  
office.3233@long-wittenham.oxon.sch.uk  
Call: 01865 407850

## Kindness, Determination, Curiosity



### Village Firework event

The village fireworks will be back in Wards Field this year. Tickets go on sale this Friday on Ticketbo (link below). PTA and Pre-school charities are joining forces again with this community event to raise funds for both organisations. [Long Wittenham's Bonfire Night 2024 \(ticketbo.co.uk\)](https://www.ticketbo.co.uk)

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**GUY FAWKES COMPETITION**

**SATURDAY 2ND NOV**

**HOSTED BY  
LW SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL**

**THE WINNING GUY WILL BE SELECTED BY JO ALLEN AND WILL  
TAKE PRIME POSITION AT THE TOP OF THE BONFIRE**

**GUYS TO BE BROUGHT TO WARDS FIELD BY 15.00 FOR  
JUDGING**


**SMALL PRIZE FOR 1ST 2ND AND 3RD PLACE**

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- LOW MOOD
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# Wittenham Clumps 2025



Calendar images are the result of a competition organised by the  
**Friends of St. Mary's Church, Long Wittenham,**  
a charity established to raise funds for the  
maintenance and improvement of the Grade 1 Listed building.

## WITTENHAM CLUMPS CALENDAR

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Autumn Half Term	Monday to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October-1 <sup>st</sup> November
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30-5:30pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm
Bikeability Y6s & Y5s	Y6 – 8 <sup>th</sup> November Y5 – 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Didcot Wave Swimming Gala	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Panto- Snow White	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity (Owls/Parrots)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am & 2pm
Christingle	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 4pm
PTA funded Lego Workshop Whole School	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Term Ends	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 25
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
INSET DAY (No Children)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Term Begins for Pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Parrots Class Assembly	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Half Term	Monday to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Eagles Class assembly	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Service	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30 for a 1:30 finish
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April

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<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Term Begins	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Parents Evening	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 5-7pm Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 3:30-5:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
SAT Week	W/B Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
RET Trust Day (No Children)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Phonics Screening check	Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Owls Class Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm
Sports Day	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10:00am
Oxford Swimming Gala Provisional Date	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Penguins Class Residential PGL Liddington	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July-Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Service	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 12:30
Term Ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30pm