



## 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:

This week, many of our Penguins Class children have been busy representing the school in various events. Some children participated in the Didcot Wave Swimming Gala, competing against much larger schools. We are thrilled to announce that they secured second place! Most importantly, they were a real credit to our school, demonstrating kindness and determination throughout. Furthermore, our Year 6 pupils shone at the Abingdon School Business Challenge, winning the award for the best poster. Well done, Year 6!

This afternoon, KS2 children enjoyed a captivating Geography Game Show. The session featured a world map being drawn in real-time and offered the opportunity to explore fascinating geographical and historical facts.

Exciting updates for our school this week include the arrival of new Chromebooks! They are now set up and ready for use. Thank you once again to everyone who supported the fundraising efforts to make this possible. We also received new balance equipment for the playground.

Don't forget the School and Pre-School Christmas Fayre this Saturday from 11am to 2pm. Bring your friends and family along to join in the festive cheer.

### Learning updates from the class teacher:

#### Owls Class

This week in Owls class we have been reading the story 'Peace at Last' and focusing on what has been keeping Mr Bear up at night! In phonics we are beginning to learn our digraphs which is very exciting, the children love our catch phrases such as, rock that sock! In maths we have been learning about patterns using wooden blocks and maths cubes. We've been discussing and learning that darkness is the absence of light and how shadows are created. We have also been extending our colour mixing skills and have produced some artwork in the style of Kandinsky! *Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries*

#### Parrots Class

In Parrots class we have started an exciting new writing outcome all about how to brush your teeth in space. We listened to Chris Hadfield, the author of our book 'The Darkest Dark', explain the process of how he had to brush his teeth whilst he was living on the international space station. Some of the details were quite surprising and we are looking forward to writing our own instructions next week. In PSHE, we have been learning about what makes us special and who the special people are in our lives. We have created some lovely posters about all of the people who are important to us. In Science, we explored waterproof materials and carried out an investigation to find the most suitable material for a hat to keep you dry in the rain. We decided that although tin foil was waterproof, we didn't think that this would make a very comfortable hat but as plastic was waterproof and flexible it would be the best choice. *Miss Clarke*

### **Eagles Class**

This week in Eagles we have been learning about Boudica in history and analysing various historical sources finding similarities and differences. We are still reading *The Secret Lake* and working on our inference skills. In science we were learning about Endoskeletons and Exoskeletons and trying to sort through which animals were in which category. Lastly, we finished the week with swimming and a fantastic Geography Gameshow where we learnt loads about the countries of the world! **Mrs McNamee**

### **Penguins Class**

Penguins have had another busy week. Year 6 really enjoyed their day at Abingdon School Business Challenge and came back with the award for best poster - well done! The whole class also really enjoyed their interactive Geography Game Show with Neil today. I was so impressed with how much they learned in just one session! In science they have been putting simple circuits together and learning how to read a circuit diagram. In history we read witness statements from Victorians who worked in factories and mills to learn more about what working conditions were like – then we started thinking about how accurate those statements are. In PE the children started learning about how to play Netball. **Mrs Williamson and Mrs Greenway**

### **Looking ahead to next week:**

- Please ensure your child has a coat, hats and gloves in school and they are not coming to school with bare legs.
- Saturday 11-2pm: School and Pre-school Christmas Fayre.

### **Attendance:**

**Whole School Attendance 97%**

**Congratulations to Eagles Class 94.7% attendance.**

**Have a lovely Weekend!**

This Week in Pictures



**Christmas Card Competition** Matthew Barber the Police & Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley is running a Christmas card competition for school aged children. Please see the link below for further information:

[Design a Christmas Card — Matthew Barber - Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley](#)

Long Wittenham Pre-School

LONG WITTENHAM C.E. SCHOOL

Merry Christmas

**LONG WITTENHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE!**

WHERE: LONG WITTENHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHEN: SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 11-2

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

HOT FOOD

FACE PAINTER

STALL HOLDERS


ANGEL ROOM

TOY TOMBOLA

STORY WITH SANTA!

HOSTED BY LONG WITTENHAM C OF E PRIMARY AND LONG WITTENHAM PRE-SCHOOL

# PARENT WEBINAR



Parents are the most important part of young people's lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us help you to help them.

## CAMHS

Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR  
PARENTS AND CARERS

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### SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 <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
<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