



Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

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Message from the Headteacher:

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the School and Pre-school Christmas Fayre last weekend. The event was a wonderful success and a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together.

We are thrilled to announce that the Fayre raised an incredible £1,303, which will be shared between the School and Pre-school. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of everyone who helped plan, organize, and run the event. A special thank you to Mr Read and Earth Trust for donating our wonderful tree.

Pantomime Fun at School!

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a theatre company to perform the pantomime *Snow White*. The children thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the show, laughing and cheering along with the characters. It was wonderful that Pre-school were able to join us and share the fun.

Our Local Celebrities!

This week, the children became local stars by appearing on Radio Oxford's Children's Karaoke slot! They sang the chorus of *Last Christmas*, and Radio Oxford added the music to create a fantastic performance.

You can listen to their brilliant singing by following the link below and skipping to around **3 minutes 21 seconds** into the programme: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0k3tqfs>

Uniform Update

While we encourage the use of pre-loved uniform as much as possible to promote sustainability and affordability, we understand some families may wish to purchase new items. Trutex are pleased to announce a new website where you can order uniform with our school logo.

To explore the range, please visit the link below:

<https://myschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/select-your-school/long-wittenham/>

Learning updates from the class teacher:

Owls Class

This week in Owls Class, we've been exploring *The Marvellous Moon Map*, diving into the story and imagining what the characters might do next. We've also been recapping our phonics knowledge and using it to write short words and sentences. The children have had great fun studying maps and identifying places of interest in our local area, such as the church. Another highlight was the visiting pantomime, which brought plenty of laughter and giggles! **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

Parrots Class

Parrots Class have had an extremely busy week! Alongside completing assessments and rehearsing for the Nativity, they've managed to fit in plenty of wonderful learning opportunities. In science, the children explored the properties of materials needed to make a boat. They then designed, built, and tested their own boats—what a

fantastic hands-on activity! They've also shared stories about overcoming fears and have begun planning their own inspiring tales. In maths, the focus has been on exploring 2D and 3D shapes. **Miss Clarke**

Eagles Class

By popular demand we started a new book in reading called *Oliver and the Seawigs*, which we are all already loving! In science we had a brilliant lesson learning about our muscles, we learnt about their purpose, and we named some of our muscles. In music we have finished our unit on folk songs and have now started to learn how to make a melody. In our PSHE lesson this week we spoke about our similarities and differences and which ones we can see and which we cannot see. In DT we had a great time learning how to strengthen paper by glueing pieces together (laminating), folding (corrugating) and rolling (ribbing). Finally in maths we have been learning about multiplication, specifically the relationship between the 2's, 4's and 8's and the 3's, 6's, and 9's. **Mrs McNamee**

Penguins Class

This week in RE we were comparing the Parable of the Good Samaritan with the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders. We also discussed what Jesus was trying to teach others through these parables. In history we continued to think about why Victorian families may have wanted to move into the city. We then started learning about the benefits that came with the quick expansion of the railways and began to think about if there were those who did not benefit from this new form of travel. In maths we did some Christmas code breaking using multiplication and division. **Mrs Williamson and Mrs Greenway**

Looking ahead to next week:

- **Thursday 12th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

This year, we are supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day! On the day, children are invited to come to school in their festive attire to help raise funds for this important cause. There's no need to buy a new jumper—feel free to re-wear last year's, swap with a friend, or get creative and make your own!

More information can be found here: [FAQs for Christmas Jumper Day 2024 | Save the Children](#)

Donations can be made through our JustGiving page, with a suggested amount of £2.

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240030670?share=page>

- **Thursday 12th December 10am & 2pm - Nativity**

We are so excited to see Owls and Parrots perform *A Wriggly Nativity* next week! From the rehearsals we've seen so far, it's clear that we're in for an absolute treat.

- **Friday 13th December 4pm - Christingle**

Please join us for our Christingle Service on Friday 13th December at 4pm in St Mary's Church. Children will remain in school before the service, where we'll provide them with a snack before walking to the church for this magical event. After the service, we will walk the children back to school, where you can collect them from their classroom doors. Feel free to bring along family members to share this festive moment with us.

Attendance:

Whole School Attendance 92.09%

Congratulations to Owls Class 97.1% attendance

We've noticed attendance is a little lower than usual this week, and we understand that there have been a lot of germs circulating. If your child is unwell, home is absolutely the right place for them to rest and recover. However, if they're feeling okay with just a minor cough or cold, please do try to send them in.

On a positive note, **punctuality is improving**—well done to everyone! We really appreciate your efforts to get to school on time. Being punctual has a significant impact not only on your child's education but also on the learning environment for the entire class. Thank you for your continued support!

Have a lovely Weekend!

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Autumn Term 2024	
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12 th December
Nativity (Owls/Parrots)	Thursday 12 th December 10am & 2pm
Christingle	Friday 13 th December 4pm
PTA funded Lego Workshop Whole School	Tuesday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 th December
Term Ends	Thursday 19 th December at 1.30pm
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 rd December to 3 rd January 25
Spring Term 2025	
INSET DAY (No Children)	Monday 6 th January
Term Begins for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th January
Parrots Class Assembly	Friday 7 th February
Spring Half Term	Monday to Friday 17 th -21 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Eagles Class assembly	Friday 28 th March
Easter Service	Friday 4 th April 12:30 for a 1:30 finish
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April
Summer Term 2025	
Term Begins	Tuesday 22 nd April
Parents Evening	Wednesday 23 rd April 5-7pm Thursday 24 th April 3:30-5:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May

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