



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:

As ever, it has been a busy few weeks in school. Staff have attended a range of professional development courses, continuing to build their skills and expertise.

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to spend some time visiting two outstanding schools alongside the other primary headteacher from Ridgeway Education Trust. It is always invaluable to explore other schools, share best practices, and reflect on development priorities for our own school.

On Monday, the children thoroughly enjoyed an interactive assembly from Bright Sparks, the provider of our science club. They had great fun learning about our senses in such an engaging way. Please do remember to sign up for science club—the email was sent out earlier this week.

Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/r6fJTXg4wVI1Fk5a?ref=Link&loc=play>

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Children Safe Online

With Safer Internet Day looming, and this year's theme focusing on protecting yourself from online scams, Police Cyber Protect teams from the South East are running their **free** webinar for parents/carers several times in the coming weeks! The webinar covers social media, mobile phones, gaming and emails, and aims to help parents and carers understanding some of the risks young people face online, including how to spot phishing emails, texts and more. Attendees will be provided with advice and resources to help them better protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cybercriminal behaviours.

Tickets to the webinars are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/online-safety-for-parents-3386699>
Reserve your space today!

Update from class teachers:

Owls Class

This week in Owls Class, the children have been busy creating beautiful winter artwork using their new printing skills. We've been enjoying a heart-warming story, *The Bear and the Piano*, and working on writing captions and sentences to describe the story's enchanting setting. In our maths, we've been singing *Five Little Speckled Frogs*, a fun and engaging way to reinforce their understanding of the composition of 5. Excitingly, a brand-new sand table arrived this week, and the children were thrilled to explore it with fresh sand to play with! Lastly, Owls Class have been doing lots of reading in school. Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in their book bag every day. Thank you for your support! **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

Parrots Class

This week in Parrots class we have written our own lost and found stories in English. We focussed on story structure and what makes an effective story opening. In Geography we found out about hot places and explored the

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similarities and differences between deserts and rainforests. We used this new knowledge during our science lesson where we were exploring what animals need to survive in their habitats. We loved using the large apparatus during gymnastics, especially the wall bars, and used it to create sequences of movement and balances. **Miss Clarke**

Eagles Class

Eagles have been learning about persuasive writing this week. We have learnt how to use rhetorical questions, emotive language and exaggeration to persuade our reader. In maths we have been dividing 3-digit numbers, and the children are becoming pros at learning their times tables. In Geography we are learning about Europe the continent and exploring significant physical and human landscapes found in Europe such as the Eiffel Tower and the River Thames. In science we have been exploring electricity, we completed a school survey to find out how much stuff actually uses electricity. **Mrs McNamee**

Penguins Class

This week in Penguins Class, the children have been busy writing adventure stories inspired by Katherine Rundell, the author of The Explorer. They have focused on their language choices and how to imply meaning effectively in their writing. In maths, the children have continued their work with fractions, including learning how to divide them. In RE, we have been exploring the life of Prophet Muhammad and understanding why he is so significant to Muslims. Additionally, we have been working hard on keeping our classroom tidy and taking care of our belongings. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

Attendance:

Again, attendance this week is fantastic! Well done everybody!

Whole School Attendance 98.97% Congratulations to Owls & Eagles Class 100% attendance

Reminders:

- **Thursday afternoon Owls and Parrots have an exciting drama workshop run by Perform school on the theme of underwater adventures- one not to be missed.**

This Week in Pictures



Spring Term 2025	
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