



Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



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

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Headteachers Message

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and managed to get some well-deserved rest. As always, we've had a busy start to the term with lots of exciting activities taking place!

Owls, Parrots, and Eagles enjoyed their first dance session with Miss Breeze from the Miss Breeze School of Dance. Parrots focused on ballet and creative movement, while Eagles explored contemporary dance—both classes had a fantastic time getting active and expressive!

Meanwhile, Year 6 took part in their IMPS (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools) training, where they learned valuable first aid and life-saving skills. The instructor was incredibly impressed by their maturity and enthusiasm for learning such important skills.

Thank you to all who supported the PTA "Wear What You Love" fundraiser day. In total we raised £58.55. Please don't forget to support the pancake flip challenge to raise much needed money to enrich the education of the children.

A great start to the term—well done, everyone!

Owls Class

Owl's Class has had an exciting and enriching week of learning! We have been immersed in the story Jasper's Beanstalk, using it as inspiration to write clear, step-by-step instructions for planting runner beans. Our young botanists have also been exploring the fascinating world of plants—studying their different parts and identifying them in the garden. In maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of cardinality—the concept that the final number in a count represents the total quantity. Meanwhile, in PE, the children have begun an exciting dance unit with Ms. Breeze, which they absolutely loved! Their enthusiasm and energy were wonderful to see. Finally, a quick reminder—your child has a reading book in their bag to enjoy and share with you at home. Happy reading! **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

Parrots Class

This week in Parrots Class we have started to read a new book, The Velveteen Rabbit. We have encountered lots of interesting and challenging vocabulary and were so upset when Rabbit was abandoned in the nursery that we are going to write a letter to persuade the boy to play with him again. In science, we have started to learn about different groups of animals with our focus this week being how to identify a mammal. We really enjoyed the first lesson of this term's computing unit where we are learning to make animated story books. **Miss Clarke**

Eagles Class

Eagles have been getting back into the swing of things this week and have really impressed me with all their hard work. In English we started our new novel - Varjak Paw by SF Said. We have been using adjectives to create expanded noun phrases to describe things from a cat's perspective. In maths we have started our new unit on fractions. In history we have started to learn about the Anglo-Saxons and why they came to Britain. In science we began to learn about forces and magnets, recording all the questions we had about the topic in hopes we can

answer them in 6 weeks. Lastly, we had a fantastic first dance lesson on Thursday afternoon with Miss Breeze and are looking forward to more dance as the term goes on.

Mrs McNamee

Penguins Class

Penguins Class have had an exciting and hands-on week of learning! In English, they have been mastering the art of writing clear and effective instructions, linked to The Explorer, by explaining how to build a raft. Bringing their learning to life, they put their ideas into action both on the playground and at Forest School. In maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of shape and space, exploring concepts such as area and volume. Year 5 also had a problem solving session and worked collaboratively to solve logic problems.

Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser

Attendance:

Whole School Attendance 95.74%. Congratulations to Parrots Class with 99.3% attendance.

Reminders:

- **Pancake Day Flip Challenge Tuesday 4th March**

The PTA have arranged a sponsored pancake flip. Apologise to Penguins Class as I completely forgot to send home the sponsor form (see below). They will come home on Monday.

- **World Book Day Thursday 6th March**

This year on World Book day (Thursday 6th March), we will be celebrating all that is great about books and stories by taking part in activities planned for us by Jo Cotterill, RET's patron of reading. We will be reading the fantastic book 'The Library Mouse' and enjoying lots of creative activities associated with it.

As always, we know how much everyone loves to get involved with dressing up as their favourite book character, so if you would like to show off your creativity with your costumes you can do so. Remember that lots of characters in books are ordinary people so don't feel your costume has to be elaborate or take lots of time to prepare.

As part of the day, we would like to share our favourite books with each other so please bring a book to share.

We will also be using the day to launch our participation in the Oxfordshire Book Awards. We have been lucky enough to be given copies of the short listed books in the picture book section and the junior novel section so look forward to starting to share these with the children.

This Week in Pictures





Pancake Day Flip Challenge

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Tuesday 4th March

The children will be testing their pancake-flipping skills to see how many flips they can achieve in a set amount of time.

We are inviting you to sponsor the children in this fun and energetic event, with suggested donations of 10p, 50p, or even £1 per flip.

All money raised will go directly to supporting the children and enhancing their school experience. Your support will make a real difference, and we appreciate your generosity.

Flippers Name: _____ Flips Achieved!

Sponsor Name	Sponsorship Amount per Flip

Long Wittenham School Association is a registered charity no. 1028679

Spring Term 2025	
Pancake Day	Tuesday 4 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Eagles Class assembly	Friday 28 th March
Easter Service	Friday 4 th April 12:30pm for a 1:30pm 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 12:30pm
Term Ends	Tuesday 22 nd July at 1.30pm