



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

Headteachers Message

This week, we had our first visit from Juliette Little, our new RET Safeguarding Lead. It was lovely to work with her, and she was impressed by our high safeguarding standards. I also attended PACE training. PACE (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, Empathy) is a therapeutic model developed by Dr. Dan Hughes to support children who have experienced trauma. It focuses on building trust and strong relationships by fostering emotional connection and safety.

Today, I had a wonderful day in Penguins Class. To support the Sylva Centre in their Forest School training programme, Penguins enjoyed an additional Forest School session led by trainees. The children's behaviour was fantastic, and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments. Finally, it was a joy to learn all about Parrots' learning this term during their class assembly. The children were so confident in speaking in front of an audience.

Owls Class

This week in Owls Class, we have been diving into the story of Mr. Wolf's Pancakes, using descriptive adjectives to bring the characters to life and crafting fantastic sentences and captions. They have also been developing their critical thinking skills by exploring similarities and differences between a story set in the past and their own experiences in the present. In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of quantities, using key vocabulary such as "fewer than" and "an equal number" to compare groups of objects. Meanwhile, our winter art printing has been in full swing, resulting in some beautiful displays that brighten up our classroom. Outdoors, the children have been making the most of our exciting new equipment, enhancing their physical development and teamwork skills through play. **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

Parrots Class

This week in Parrots Class, we have been using the structure of the book How to Be a Butterfly to help us write our own guides on how to be different animals. We have had a very creative week in art. After exploring the work of fingerprint artist Iris Scott, we created our own artwork using only our fingers. We also made our own printing blocks using cardboard and string and used them to create prints. In science, we reviewed everything we had learned about animals and their habitats by answering the questions: What would happen if a penguin went to the desert? or What if a lion went to the Arctic? We applied our knowledge of why animals are suited to different habitats, how a habitat meets their needs, and how animals adapt to their environments to answer these questions. **Miss Clarke**

Eagles Class

Eagles have started a new book in writing - The Dark by Lemony Snicket. We have been exploring how the author using personification to make the dark seem alive and have used this as inspiration for creating our own descriptive sentences. In reading we also started a new book - Fairy Tales by Terry Jones which contains some wonderfully bizarre short stories. In maths we are learning about length and which measurement unit would be suitable for measuring certain things. We looked at using centimetres to measure classroom objects and kilometres to measure long distances. In geography we learnt about the Mediterranean, exploring the continents and countries that border the sea and what the climate is like there. Lastly on Thursday afternoon we had a lovely time at Didcot Girls' School

watching their orchestra perform. We learnt a lot from their soloists and enjoyed the medley of music that they shared. **Mrs McNamee**

Penguins Class

This week in maths, Penguins Class have been learning to partition decimal numbers to solve addition and subtraction questions. They have also revisited the concepts of area, perimeter, and volume. In English, the children worked on retelling a chapter from The Explorer from the perspective of a different character and have continued reading the story, which they are thoroughly enjoying. In science, they learned about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. In French, the class read a storybook that introduced new vocabulary. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

Attendance:

Whole School Attendance 97%. Congratulations to Owls and Eagles Class with 100% attendance.

Reminders:

- Friday 14th February is Wear What you Love Day organised by the PTA. Please allow your child to wear their favourite outfit - it can be dressing up if they enjoy a costume or just their most comfortable clothing. Please send donations for the PTA on the day. The children will also have a fun session in their classes thinking about friendship and making friendship bracelets.

This Week in Pictures



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Spring Term 2025	
Spring Half Term	Monday to Friday 17 th -21 st February
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