



## 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**

### Headteacher's Message

This week, we have all enjoyed World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children in their fantastic costumes and even better to hear them talking about the books they love. The RET Reading for Pleasure Lead, author Jo Cotterill, put together some fantastic activities to help the children explore *The Library Mouse* by Frances Tosdevin and Sophia O'Connor.

The children also really enjoyed the PTA Pancake Challenge, and it was lovely to see them sharing so beautifully and encouraging each other. Thank you for all the sponsorship money that has already come in – the total money raised will be announced soon! Supporting the PTA really makes a difference to the daily experience of the children in school. Just this week, they have kindly funded the replacement of the parallel bars, which the children adore playing on.



### Owls Class

This week in Owl's class, during maths we have been exploring the relationships between numbers up to eight. In literacy, they've been busy crafting sentences and captions to retell the story of *Jasper's Beanstalk*, showcasing their growing writing abilities. We've also had some thought-provoking discussions about the phrase "I can't do it **yet**", linking it to our value of determination and the importance of a growth mindset. World Book Day was a celebration of our love for reading! The children eagerly shared their favourite books, and their costumes were absolutely brilliant **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

### Parrots Class

This week in Parrots Class we have continued to read 'The Velveteen Rabbit' and have explored the features of instructions so that we can write instructions to help other toys to become 'real' just like the rabbit did in the story. We have also been learning about how toys have changed within living memory. We have written questions to ask people in our family to find out about the toys they played with when they were younger. In science we learned all about birds and reptiles and in R.E we read the parable of the good Samaritan and considered what we can learn from this story about kindness. **Miss Clarke**

### **Eagles Class**

Eagles have been using our book Varjak Paw to learn how to use various grammatical features in our writing such as prepositions. In history we were learning about the Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon cemetery, learning about the possessions they were buried with and how this can help us identify what type of person they were. In science we did a little investigation to see how cars moved on different surfaces. We started a new music unit with Mrs Humphries and Mrs Melidis all about Latin dance. **Mrs McNamee**

### **Penguins Class**

Penguins Class have enjoyed applying their learning about area, perimeter, and volume by designing a wildlife park—using not only their maths skills but also demonstrating great teamwork. In science they continued learning about evolution- considering the different characteristics of a range of animals and in history the continued learning about early Islamic civilisations. They have also had fun making mini books for World Book Day and designing their own computer games. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

### **Attendance:**

Whole School Attendance 94.26%. Congratulations to Parrots Class with 98.7% attendance.

### **Reminders:**

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March Owls and Parrots Class to visit Earth Trust
- Penguins Class- towards the end of term we will be having a DT Day. We will need **strong** cardboard so please start collecting.

## This Week in Pictures



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<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Eagles Class assembly	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Service	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm for a 1:30pm 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 30 <sup>th</sup> June -Wednesday 2nd July
Leavers Service	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 12:30pm
Term Ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30pm