



## 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

Following our recent writing review, which celebrated the hard work of Miss Clarke and the team in developing the writing curriculum, you will start to see examples of children's writing featured in the newsletter.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Earth Trust for making the Owls' and Parrots' day out possible. Now, I'll hand over to some members of Parrots Class to tell you all about it!

On wednesday we went to  
the Earth Trust. First we got dressed for  
home then we got to school. Next we  
got on the mini bus and I was happy  
After that we got there and had a  
map and there was a letter for Clumpy  
and us from the wooden people. After  
lunch we did make sheep and play  
outside. Next we had a story then  
it was time to go back to school.  
Owls went first then we went second.  
When we got back on the mini bus  
then we had hot choc and milk  
milk. I had a good day.

on wednesday we went to  
the Earth Trust.  
when we arrived from  
the mini bus the Earth  
Trust gave us chalks to  
play with. when we  
stopped drawing beautif  
ul pictures of rainbows  
they told us a story about  
clumpy. After that we saw  
cows and we gathered some  
food for the cows to eat.  
we saw cool tractors and  
excavators next to the  
cows. the minibus came back  
and took us back  
to school. we came back

**PTA**  
Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the Pancake Flip Challenge. Together, we raised an incredible £350.35! A massive thank you for your generosity and support.

### Owls Class

This week, Owls Class has been captivated by The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, sparking curiosity about the incredible journey of a seed! In maths, they have been exploring numbers within seven. The children have also been discovering what seeds need to thrive, and we are thrilled to announce that their runner beans have begun to sprout! The highlight of the week was our fantastic trip to Earth Trust, where the children had the unforgettable experience of feeding cows and immersing themselves in the beauty of the great outdoors.

**Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

### Parrots Class

In Parrots Class this week we finished reading The Velveteen Rabbit and were captivated by the magical ending. We had a great time on our trip to Earth Trust and really enjoyed spending the day together exploring outside. We met Clumpy the dog who took us on an adventure around the farm where we saw cows with their calves and learnt

about different types of sheep. We have written brilliant recounts of our day and will share them with you once they are all finished. In maths, we have been learning how to measure using centimetres and metres and have found all of the practical activities associated with this unit really engaging. In Computing, we been learning how to add animation to our ebooks and had lots of fun making our pictures move. **Miss Clarke**

### **Eagles Class**

Eagles have been writing a narrative about the main character Varjak from our class novel. They started the week by generating ideas about where the story would be set, who the other characters might be and what the main event would be in the story. Following on from this they planned and wrote some very imaginative stories. In maths we finished our first fractions unit, the children worked really hard to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers. We enjoyed a fun drama session on Monday afternoon. In history we learnt about when and how Christianity came to Britain. In science we had a lovely afternoon investigating which materials are magnetic.

### **Mrs McNamee**

### **Penguins Class**

Penguins Class have enjoyed writing their own stories inspired by Tom's Midnight Garden, incorporating fantastic descriptions of the setting and atmosphere. In maths, they have been learning to calculate with decimal numbers, considering the most efficient strategies to use. In science, they have continued exploring evolution and designed their own hybrid animals. In RE, they learned about the Stations of the Cross and also had a lovely time creating natural art. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

### **Attendance:**

Whole School Attendance 95.59%. Congratulations to Parrots Class with 97.3% attendance.

### **Reminders:**

- 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