

Friday 7th November 2025

## 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

#### Birch Class Visit to Didcot Library



Birch Class had a wonderful trip to Didcot Library this week, organised by Leoni Barnes, RET's Reading for Pleasure Lead. The children enjoyed exploring the children's section, listening to a story read by one of the librarians, and browsing the fantastic range of books available. Please check your child's book bag — each child has chosen one or two books to borrow on the school library card. These will need to be returned to school once they've finished reading them.

#### Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November

Please join us and the village community on Tuesday 11th November to mark Remembrance Day. We will gather at the war memorial in front of the school from 10:45am to pay our respects and observe the two-minute silence together.

We will also continue to sell poppies to raise money in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A big thank you to our Oak Class helpers for giving their time to help with this important cause.



#### Children in Need – Pyjama Day and Bake Sale

On Friday 14th November, we will be supporting Children in Need with a Pyjama Day! Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for a £1 cash donation to this fantastic cause.

We will also be holding a Bake Sale on Thursday 13th November, straight after school. Any remaining cakes will be sold again on Friday to make sure none of the delicious treats go to waste!

Please bring your bake donations to school on the morning of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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# Long Wittenham Christmas Fayre!

At: Long Wittenham C of E Primary School

Saturday 29th November

1pm-3pm

## Hot food and drinks

Stall holders

Raffle

Face painting

Games

Sweet treats

## Attendance Update

We're pleased to see an improvement in our whole school attendance this week, rising to 95.74% — well done everyone! A special congratulations to Birch Class for achieving an outstanding 100% attendance. Keep up the fantastic effort.

## The Week's Learning

### Acorn Class

The children have returned to school with wonderful confidence and enthusiasm for learning. This week, we've been exploring the story *The Proudest Blue*, which inspired some discussions about thoughts, feelings, and faith. In maths, the children have been taking part in activities that highlight the importance of counting. Our main focus has been developing a deeper understanding of the number five by linking it to the five fingers on one hand. We also talked about Bonfire Night, sharing ideas about how to stay safe while enjoying the fireworks and celebrations. **Mrs Beeton**

### Birch Class

Birch Class have been enjoying the book *What My Feelings Do When No One Is Looking* and have written their own fantastic sentences using verbs to describe what feelings do. In history, they began learning about the Gunpowder Plot and discovered what life was like in the 1605. In science, the children have been exploring the properties of materials, investigating how different materials can be used and why. At Forest School, they had a wonderful time making leaf sparklers! **Miss Clarke**

### Pine Class

Pine class have had a wonderful return to school this week and have really impressed me with their work ethic. In reading, we started our new book, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, a personal favourite of mine. In writing, we started exploring our new book, *Habitats* by Hannah Pang and using descriptive language. In maths, we have been learning how to do column subtraction. In history, we explored books about our new topic, Ancient Egypt, with some of the children already being experts! On Wednesday, we learnt about Guy Fawkes and lastly, we thoroughly enjoyed our return to the swimming pool today. **Mrs McNamee**

### Oak Class

Oak Class have been developing their persuasive writing skills this week, inspired by their reading of *Windrush* by Benjamin Zephaniah. They have also begun reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar and are already enjoying exploring the story and its characters. In maths, the children have been building their confidence with large numbers, applying their knowledge in different problem-solving contexts. In history, they have started their exciting new topic on Ancient Greece, and in DT, they are beginning a creative project to design and make their own soft toys.

**Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser**

## Early Help

All families need support at different times, and we are open to talking about this so that we can assist you or recommend other resources that could be helpful. Early Help support is available to all families via any professional, helping to identify and address issues early. For details, see: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf](#)  
This can be a valuable resource, and we are happy to guide you in accessing it if needed.

**Have a lovely weekend!**



# Scouts



1st Clifton Hampden &  
Burcot Sea Scouts

## Join the adventure!

### What do Scouts do?

Scouts is where young people, **girls and boys**, make new friends, have **amazing adventures**, and learn new skills.

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing.

But, we also get to **hang out with our friends every week** – having fun, **playing games**, working in a team and **taking on new challenges**.

We have three fantastic groups who meet weekly in term time, so if you are aged 6 - 14, come and join us and see where your adventures will take you!

### Scouts isn't just for young people!

Fancy joining in some of the fun? Whatever you bring to the table, **however often you can help**, volunteering with the Scouts can change young people's lives - and yours too!



## BEAVERS

Age 6 - 8

Mondays

18:15 - 19:15

## cubs

Age 8 - 10½

Tuesdays

18:30 - 20:00

## SCOUTS

Age 10½ - 14

Fridays

19:00 - 21:00

For more information and to join the  
adventure contact:

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A warm, parent session for anyone caring for a child or young  
adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

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Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a  
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## Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right<sup>1</sup>. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child’s behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

<sup>1</sup> Domestic Abuse Act 2021

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Cake Sale
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Pyjama Day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair 1-3pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle in church 4pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 10am & 2pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Pine Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Pine Class Performance 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evening 7-7pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Birch Class Assembly 3pm
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day- 10am followed by picnic lunch
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics screening check
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Acorn Class Assembly 3pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm

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