

Friday 14th 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

#### Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic support for Children in Need! Thanks to your generosity — from our brilliant cake sale to the fun of pyjama day — we've already raised an amazing £175!



#### Anti-Bullying Week



This week has also been Anti-Bullying Week, and the children have been learning all about the importance of kindness and speaking up to help others. A big thank you to everyone who joined in with our Odd Socks Day — it was a wonderful way to celebrate what makes each of us unique!

#### Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

This week we received a lovely phone call from one of our neighbours who wanted to share how proud we should be of our children at the village Remembrance service. Although I was sadly unable to attend, it was wonderful to hear how respectful and thoughtful the children were throughout. Our readers spoke with maturity and sensitivity as they honoured the lives of villagers who gave so much for us. They were a real credit to the school and to you all.

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a non-uniform day in support of our Christmas Fayre. Instead of a cash donation, we are kindly asking families to bring in new or nearly new toys that can be used for our stalls. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping to make the fayre a wonderful community event!

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## Attendance Update

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Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.56%.

A huge congratulations to Pine Class, who achieved an outstanding 99.5% — well done!

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## The Week's Learning

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### Acorn Class

This week in Acorns Class, our literacy learning was inspired by a beautiful animation about a young rabbit journeying through poppy fields. We watched it as part of our Remembrance Day reflections, sharing messages of peace and hope. In maths, the children have been developing their comparison skills by matching objects from two sets on a one-to-one basis. The children have also been thrilled to take home their reading books this week, one to practise using their phonics knowledge and another chosen simply for 'reading for pleasure'. Happy reading, everyone! **Mrs Beeton**

### Birch Class

In English, the children have been writing "*A Day in the Life of a Feeling*", using rich vocabulary and imagination to bring emotions to life. In RE, they have been exploring the symbolism within the Christmas story, considering what different elements represent and why they are important. In science, the class have been learning to identify materials, looking closely at everyday objects and discussing the properties of the materials they are made from.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, the children have been thinking about the *Power of Good* and what kindness looks like in action. **Miss Clarke**

### Pine Class

This week in Pine Class, we were delighted to welcome Miss Newman, a student teacher from OBU who will be joining us for the next four weeks. In reading, the children have been enjoying *The Iron Man*, with a particular focus on developing their vocabulary. Our English lessons have been building towards writing detailed setting descriptions, which the children began today with great enthusiasm. In maths, we started our new unit on multiplication and division, exploring different strategies to deepen understanding. History took us back in time as the children raced around the classroom to discover fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt, sharing their findings with their groups. In RE, we learned about how Christians around the world may worship in different ways and places, yet still follow the same core values. Finally, in science, the children tested a range of materials to help them identify and understand the properties of solids. **Mrs McNamee**

### Oak Class

Oak Class have had a busy and productive week. The children have finished writing their persuasive letters linked to Windrush, showing real thought and maturity in their arguments. In science, they began exploring the properties of materials, carrying out investigations and developing their scientific vocabulary. In computing, the children started learning how to use spreadsheets. As part of their DT project, the class have also designed their own soft toys, thinking carefully about purpose, materials, and construction.

In RE, Oak Class began exploring the symbolism of light in religious practices, considering why light is such an important and powerful symbol across different faiths.

**Mrs Greenway and Mrs Fraser**

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## Early Help

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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!**

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earth trust

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

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FISON BARN, EARTH TRUST, OX14 4QZ

FRI 5TH DEC  
6-9PM

SAT 6TH DEC  
10AM-4PM

20+ stall holders  
Mulled wine & hot chocolate  
Toast marshmallows  
Festive barn, music & school choir  
Write a letter to Father Christmas  
And more!

Entry: £3/adult (under 16s free)



Find out more and book your Earth Trust Christmas Market tickets by scanning the QR code here.

Visit the Sylva Foundation Craft Market on the same day! Only 1.5 miles away at Long Wittenham, OX14 4QT



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# 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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# OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

## JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

We aim to walk with you on your Parent/Carer journey  
A warm, parent session for anyone caring for a child or young  
adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed,  
insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a  
safe, welcoming space.

★ Plus: Special Guest Events Hear from professionals and  
services across the field! and getting out in nature.



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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)

**FIRST AID**



SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

**OUTDOOR FIRST  
AID TRAINING**

LW VILLAGE HALL 9AM-6PM (APPROX)  
£82EA IF 12 PLACES BOOKED  
BRING LUNCH TO SHARE

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Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform- collecting for the toy tombola
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
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Lego day funded by PTA
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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