

Friday 23rd January 2026

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

Despite the miserable January weather, it has been lovely to see our children consistently demonstrating our school values of kindness, curiosity and determination, both in their classrooms and out on the playground.

Oak Class have been particularly busy taking on new leadership roles and responsibilities around the school, and it has been a pleasure to see them rise to these challenges with such a mature and positive attitude. They are setting a wonderful example for others and should be very proud of themselves.

This Weeks Learning

Acorn Class: This week in Acorn Class, the children have been exploring the story *The Bear and the Piano*. The class has also enjoyed discussing different settings in stories and comparing them with our own village of Long Wittenham. In maths, we have been focusing on the stable order principle, practising the order of the first five numbers and learning that each number's position in the sequence always stays the same. **Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries**

Birch Class: Birch Class have enjoyed reading *The Big Book of the Blue* and learning more about the fascinating creatures that live in the sea. This has linked closely with their science work, where the children have been learning to describe different animals as well as learning the names of the world's oceans.

The class also had a fantastic time at Forest School, where they learned how to safely use mallets and palm drills and showed great enthusiasm and focus throughout the session. **Miss Clarke**

Pine Class: In PSHE we are focusing on celebrating differences by exploring what makes us and other different and how these are positive things that should be celebrated. In English we are continuing to read *Krindlekrax* and explore the characters and settings. In writing we have been practising using synonyms for said and descriptive language. In maths we began our new unit on length and have been finding out about mm, cm, m and km. Our geography lesson this week focused on mountain climates and life living on a mountain. In science we were using a decibel meter to find out about the volume of various instruments. In art we started to create our own comic strip.

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class: In maths, Oak Class have been learning a range of methods for multiplying larger numbers and have been working hard to apply these confidently. In English, the children have begun their next unit of work, which will involve writing an information text about their new class pet, *Little Fissh* — a plastic, yellow-spotted lizard who has already caused great excitement! In art, the class have continued to enjoy our activism project, creating some fantastic designs for their protest posters. Next week, we will be looking to enlarge their work and explore printing techniques.

To support this, we would be very grateful if families could help collect the following items to send into school: large boxes, cereal-style boxes, newspaper, and any interesting materials such as old netting, sponges, painting rollers, or anything else that might make for an exciting printing session. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Fraser**

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This week in Pictures



Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 94.55%
Congratulation Pine Class for 97.1% attendance.

If you are not sure if your child is well enough to come to school please check the following guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Early Help

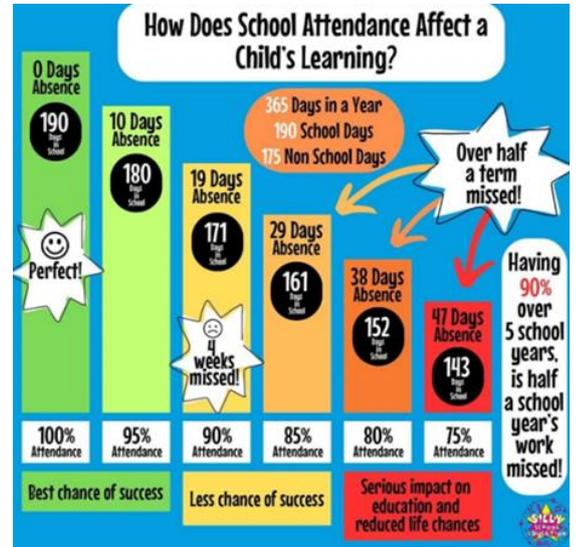
All families need support at different times, and we are open to talking about this so that we can assist you or recommend other resources that could be helpful. Early Help support is available to all families via any professional, helping to identify and address issues early. For details, see: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf](#)

This can be a valuable resource, and we are happy to guide you in accessing it if needed.

New Guidance for Parents and Carers: Managing Children's Digital Lives

A new national guide has been published by the Children's Commissioner to support parents and carers in navigating children's online lives. *What I wish my parents or carers knew* draws directly on the voices of children and young people, offering practical insight into setting healthy, protective boundaries around technology, social media and smartphones. We encourage families to read the guide and use it to support conversations at home about online safety and wellbeing.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)



Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Friday 6 th February	Pine Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Pine Class Performance 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd April	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Parents Evening 7-7pm
Friday 24 th April	Birch Class Assembly 3pm
Week beginning 11 th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day- 10am followed by picnic lunch
Week beginning 8 th June	Phonics screening check
Friday 12 th June	Acorn Class Assembly 3pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

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 right¹. ”

“ 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. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a
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