Longworth Primary School

Thursday, 12th November 2026

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher: Nurturing Curious Minds

We are so pleased to welcome all the children back after their half term break. Attendance continues to be very good and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support with this.
We have been impressed with the calm, focussed learning in the classes and enjoyment at break times following our behaviour value: respect yourself, respect others and respect the school.

Attendance: Perseverance

This year the children's attendance figure is an incredibly positive 97%. Attendance is really important throughout the school and this is supported by research from academics at CEM and Durham University showing that effective attendance at Reception class at age 4 is linked to better GCSE results at age 16.
The excellent progress with attendance at our school, with your support, will really improve children's ability to feel settled and happy coming into school and build excellent friendships.

Diary Dates: Be kind

12 Nov – 17 Dec, Thu
3 – 3:10pm: Come and Read with Fox Class

8 Dec, Tue
9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity
1:30 – 2:15pm: Fox Cubs and Foxes Nativity

9 Dec, Wed
9 – 9:45am: Fox Cubs and Foxes Nativity

10 Dec, Thu
9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity

17 Dec, Thu
6 – 7pm: Hedgehog and Otter Class Christmas Service, St Mary's Church Longworth

16 Dec, Wed
12 – 1pm: Christmas Lunch

18 Dec, Fri
End of Term 2 - Finish 1.15pm (Fox Cubs 1.00pm)

04 Jan, Mon
Inset Day

05 Jan, Tue
Start of Term 3

Badger Class Art: Be curious



We were really impressed with all the art work produced for our Firework Poster Competition. There were a range of ideas and creative choices which meant judging was challenging. We shared all the children's posters in assembly on Friday and I hoped you all enjoyed the Firework Display on Saturday.

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Fox Class: Be curious



Collaborative fireworks art from Foxes!

Remembrance Day Service: Be respectful



The whole school took part in our remembrance day service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 11th November 2026. We were joined by Lucy Gildersleeves, who led a lovely service, with lots of parents and carers in attendance.

The children performed a variety of poems. One of our children from Hedgehog Class laid the wreath which the whole school had helped to make. Thank you to Mrs Willetts for supporting the children in producing a lovely piece of collective art.

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Badger Class at Forest School: Be curious



Last week in Forest School, Badger Class used fallen leaves to create their own poppy made from natural materials.