

Longworth Primary School

Friday, 14th November 2025

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

Monday, 17th – Thursday, 20th November,
Parent/teacher meetings for Fox, Badger and Otter Class

Monday, 24th – Thursday, 27th November,
Parent/teacher meetings for Fox Cubs and Hedgehog Class

Thursday, 27th November,
1.30 – 2.45pm: Winter Games - parents invited

Wednesday, 3rd December,
9-12: Where's Father Christmas: Badger and Fox Class Trip to Burton Taylor Studio

Tuesday, 9th December,
9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity
1:30 – 2:15pm: Fox Cubs and Foxes Nativity

Wednesday, 10th December,
9 – 9:45am: Fox Cubs and Foxes nativity

Thursday, 11th December,
9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity

Wednesday, 17th December,
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

6 – 7pm: Hedgehog and Otter Christmas Concert St Mary's Church

Friday, 19th December,
10:30am – 12pm: Christmas Party
End of Autumn Term. Finish 1.15pm (Fox Cubs 1.00pm)

Badger Class Art: Be curious



Inbetween the rain showers, the children in Badger Class have been able to create some natural art. We have been learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and created these circular leaf designs on our field.

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Hedgehog Class Trip: Be curious



Hedgehog Class went to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Site to carry out fieldwork and learn more about their geography topic: the Water Cycle.

They enjoyed the free play of den building and tree climbing; carried out a field study on the small river and then discovered what creatures live in this habitat.

Thank you for the parent helpers who joined us for the day. It was lovely to share this excellent learning opportunity with you.

Remembrance Day Service: Be respectful



The whole school took part in our remembrance day service at St Mary's Church on Friday, 7th November 2025. We were joined by Lucy Gildersleeves and lots of parents and carers.

The children performed a variety of poems and songs. Two of our children in Hedgehog Class laid the wreath which the whole school had helped to make using autumnal leaves. Thank you to Mrs Willetts for arranging the making of the wreath.

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Badger Class Science: Be curious



This week in Badgers we talked about Microhabitats in Science. We found different examples of bug and minibeast habitats in Forest School.

Fox Class Exploring: Be respectful



The children in Fox Class have been learning the timeless classic: Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been retelling the story in the role play area; exploring porridge oats and using puppets to recreate the story.