

Longworth Primary School

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

NEWS
letter

Message from the Headteacher: Nurturing Curious Minds

We are the end of a busy term, which gives me an opportunity to reflect on all the fantastic learning experiences the children have enjoyed this year so far. It has been a pleasure to see the children enjoy school and flourish in so many different ways. I would like to thank all the support from the staff and governors at Longworth for making this possible. Thank you to those in the school community who care for the children who attend our school. Your efforts are really appreciated and make the children feel safe and secure when they come to school.

Next term, we will continue to focus on our values: be kind, be respectful, persevere and be curious.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the second half of term.

Mental Health Awareness: Be respectful

On Friday 9th October we held 'Hello Yellow Day' where the children came dressed in yellow. We had an interesting assembly where we thought about the meaning of Mental Health and how our school value 'Be Kind' can help everyone's mental health. We all dressed up in fun costumes and the photos are in the school reception.

Year 5 and 6 Play Leader Training: Be kind

The Year 5 children and a group of Year 6 children joined other local schools for Play Leader Training at FCC. The children had to do various activities including learning how to introduce themselves to a child from another school to help them build confidence, answer the question "What does it mean to be a leader?" and make up their own game to bring back to school to play with the younger children at lunchtime. Our school children were very well behaved during the training and engaged well with each activity. We are very proud of them.

Diary Dates: Be kind

23 Oct, Fri

Inset Day

26 - 30 Oct, Mon- Fri

Half Term Holiday

2 Nov, Mon

Start of Term 2

5 Nov – 17 Dec, Thu

3 – 3:10pm: Come and Read with Fox Class

11 Nov, Wed

10:15 – 11:30am: Remembrance Day - Whole School (parents invited) to St Mary's Church, Longworth

8 Dec, Tue

9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity

1:30 – 2:15pm: Fox Cubs and Foxes Nativity

9 Dec, Wed

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10 Dec, Thu

9 – 9:45am: Badger Nativity

15 Dec, Tues

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

Staffing: Be curious

We are delighted to announce that two new members of our support team will be joining us at the beginning of November.

Sarah Bush will be joining us as a teaching assistant for the full week, while Jemima Gould will be working with us three days a week.

We look forward to welcoming Sarah and Jemima to Longworth Primary School.

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Tortillas in the Rain: Persevere



Badgers had a lovely time making their flour tortillas. Despite the weather, the children prepared a range of fillings, prepared the dough and enjoyed eating a wide and balanced range of foods (cheese, cucumber and yoghurt was a bit of a favourite).

Firework Poster Competition: Be curious



Longworth Fireworks Party 6:30pm Saturday 7th November 2026. All the children from the Longworth Primary School are invited to design a poster to advertise the Longworth Fireworks Party 2026. Please bring your posters back to school by 9.00am on Monday, 2nd November. Mr Wilson will judge the posters. There will be one winner from each class. The 4 winners will receive a free FAMILY ticket to the Fireworks party. (photo of the previous winner)

Fox Cubs Making Soup: Be respectful



This term fox cubs have been making vegetable soup, which was inspired by our story of the week 'Pumpkin soup'. The children really enjoyed doing this. There was some fabulous learning throughout this activity, using our fine and gross motor skills when chopping the vegetables and talking about how we keep safe with knives. We discussed where the vegetables grow and how this happens. The children used and learnt some great mathematical language: such as counting, shape recognition and discussing halves and quarters. We talked about smells and predicted what the soup might taste and look like once it was cooked.

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Royal Opera and Ballet in Otter Class: Be curious



Otters joined a virtual event with the Royal Ballet & Opera called "Discover Ballet". The children joined in with some dancing, sword fighting and learnt about the behind-the-scenes creative jobs including costume makers; scenery; the armoury and prop-makers. The children enjoyed seeing these creative job opportunities.