

Longworth Primary School

Friday, 26th September 2025

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher: Be kind

As September is at an end, we can look excitedly forwards to all the wonderful Autumnal events which are just round the corner. We look forward to seeing many parents and carers at our Porridge Morning on Wednesday. All donations will go to 'Water Aid'. We have enjoyed our Cross Country Runs and we were very pleased how the children showed our school values: be kind, be respectful, persevere and be curious during the race. Break times this year have shown us how the children can play imaginatively with each other. Our behaviour rules: respect yourself, respect others and respect the school, mean the children know how to stay safe and happy in every area of the school.

Cross Country Runs: Persevere

Longworth Fun Run – The families and children of Longworth enjoyed our Annual Fun Run on Sunday, 21st September starting from the Manor House and taking in breathtaking views of West Oxfordshire. A big thank you to Jo Houghton Ross and all the volunteers who made it possible for all of us to take part in this event. The complimentary ice-cream went down well with all the children, too. On Friday, we had our own Inter-House Cross Country Run. This is always an excellent event. It was well-supported by parents and carers attending as volunteers or just enjoying the sporting spectacle in beautiful surroundings.



Diary Dates: Be curious

Thursday 2nd – 23rd October,

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

Friday 26th September,

9:15 – 10:30am: Cross country run - parents invited

Tuesday, 30th September,

1:30 – 2:45pm: Open afternoon - prospective parents (admissions 2026)

Wednesday, 1st October,

8 – 9am: Porridge morning

1:30 – 3pm: Parents Workshop: Helping to Manage your Child's Anxiety

Tuesday, 7th October,

Hedgehogs trip to Ashmolean Museum

Wednesday, 8th October,

Badgers to Oxfordshire Museum

1:30 – 3pm: Parents Workshop: Helping to Manage your Child's Anxiety

Friday 10th October,

Hello Yellow day - children to wear something yellow

12:30 – 2:30pm: Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school

Wednesday 14th October,

Otter Class visit to the Living Rainforest

Wednesday, 22nd October,

5.30-8.30pm: Halloween Disco

Thursday, 23rd October,

End of term finish (Fox Cubs 3.10pm)

Friday, 24th October,

Inset Day

Monday, 3rd November,

Back to school - Start of Term 2

Thursday 6th November – 18th December,

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

Friday 7th November,

10 – 11:30am: Remembrance Day service at St Mary's Church

Monday, 10th November,

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

World Nursery Rhyme Week

Tuesday, 11th November,

Hedgehogs trip to Sutton Courtenay TBC

Friday, 14th November,

Children in Need - children to wear something spotty or stripy

Monday, 17th – Thursday, 20th November,

Parent/teacher meetings

Thursday, 20th November,

1.30 – 2.45pm: Winter Games - parents invited

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)

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Forest School in Otter Class: Be curious



Otters spent a very enjoyable time in Forest School making conker people. They had to make the holes with nails and hammers while keeping themselves safe.

Attendance: Persevere

Congratulations to everyone for their terrific attendance at the start of the school year. After three weeks, our overall attendance is a respectable 97%. This is a great start and helps children build better friendships in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Badger Class (making smoothies): Be respectful



As part of the process of learning about healthy, seasonal food, Badger Class have been improving their cutting, slicing and juicing skills in Design and Technology this term. They will be deciding on ingredients and making their smoothie over the next few weeks.

Science in Hedgehog Class: Be kind

How effective are different materials at blocking UV light?



To make it a fair test, we:

- * used the same number of beads*
- * kept the beads in the sun for the same amount of time*
- * compared our results against a 'control'*

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Fox Cubs exploring nature and the natural world: Be curious



Fox cubs have shown great curiosity the past few weeks. We have been investigating a bird's nest, using descriptive words to describe what we can see. This then inspired us to make some birds nest in our 'creation station'.

Rupert said, "We need some food for our birds". So this week we have been making bird feeders for the birds. We have had some great discussions about what birds eat, and what different types of birds there are. We are now very much looking forward to the Great Garden Bird Watch early next year.

Fox and Fox Cubs exploring Little City: Be curious



Fox cubs and Foxes enjoyed a visit from 'Little City' on Monday. The children had a great time exploring all the different occupations. We discussed as a group what our favourite occupation was and how they do their jobs.