

Longworth Primary School

Friday, 13th February 2026

Message from the Headteacher: Be kind

It has been fantastic to see all our children enjoy the great experiences we have arranged for them over the last few weeks. Hedgehog Class and the Year 5's have been busy swimming at Faringdon Leisure Centre, followed by an educational visit from Science Oxford. Otter Class have returned safely from their four night trip to Yenworthy. Last Friday in school, children learnt about sharing different foods as part of the NSPCC Number Day. We raised £78. These cultural experiences are a vital part of our personal development curriculum at Longworth Primary School and we thank you for all your support.

Attendance Update: Persevere

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress
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Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Diary Dates: Be Curious

Friday, 13th February

Last day of this half term (normal finish time)

Monday, 23rd February: Back to school - Start of term 4

Tuesday, 24th February – Tuesday, 24th March

9:30 – 10:30am: Swimming @ FCC, Years 3, 4, 5

Wednesday, 25th February–Wednesday, 25th March -Tennis Club Yr 2 - Yr 4

Thursday, 26th February – Thursday, 26th March
3 – 3:10pm: Come and Read with Fox Class

Tuesday, 3rd March

Vision Screening - Reception, NCMP (Weight & Height Measuring), Reception & Year 6

Thursday, 12th March

Whole school trip to Farmer Gow's

Monday, 16th March

3.30 – 6.00pm Badgers parent/teacher meetings

3:30 – 6pm: Otters parent/teacher meetings

Tuesday, 17th March

3:30 – 5:30pm: Hedgehog parent/teacher meetings

3:30 – 5:30pm: Otter parent/teacher meetings

Wednesday, 18th March

3:30 – 5:30pm: Hedgehog parent/teacher meetings

3:30 – 5:30pm: Fox parent/teacher meetings

3:30 – 6:00pm: Badger parent/teacher meetings

Wednesday, 25th March

3.10 – 3.40pm: Great Fire of London Exhibition - Badgers (parents invited)

Friday, 27th March:

End of Spring Term. School finishes at 13.00 (Preschool) and 13.15(Primary School)

Badger Class – Forest School: Be respectful



The delivery of bark chippings made for a great opportunity to collaborate and improve our seating area in Forest School sessions this week.

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Fox Cubs in Preschool: Be curious



Fox Cubs have been showing great curiosity. It's been lovely to see them wanting to know and find out more.

Here is a snap shot of them showing great curiosity about one of our stories of the week:

'The Enormous Turnip'. Whilst reading this story we had some great discussions about turnips. We discussed how we thought a Turnip may taste. The children said they had not tried a turnip before so we decided to wash, peel, chop, boil and mash our turnip to see what it would taste like.

The children used some great descriptive words, whilst predicting what might happen to the turnip when we boil it. They used their big muscles to mash the turnip.

We then all tasted the turnip!

Science Oxford Visit: Be respectful



Hedgehogs had a visit from Science Oxford to support their learning about Forces. We tried several experiments to consolidate our learning so far, and test Newton's laws of motion. We answered lots of questions using our observations.

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Badger Class Trip to the Natural History Museum, Oxford: Persevere



Badger Class had a wonderful trip to Oxford, enjoying a picnic in the park, followed by a workshop on classification of animals and a tour of the museum. Thank you to the kind volunteers for supporting us on this trip, making sure the children got the most of this experience.

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NSPCC Number Day: Be curious

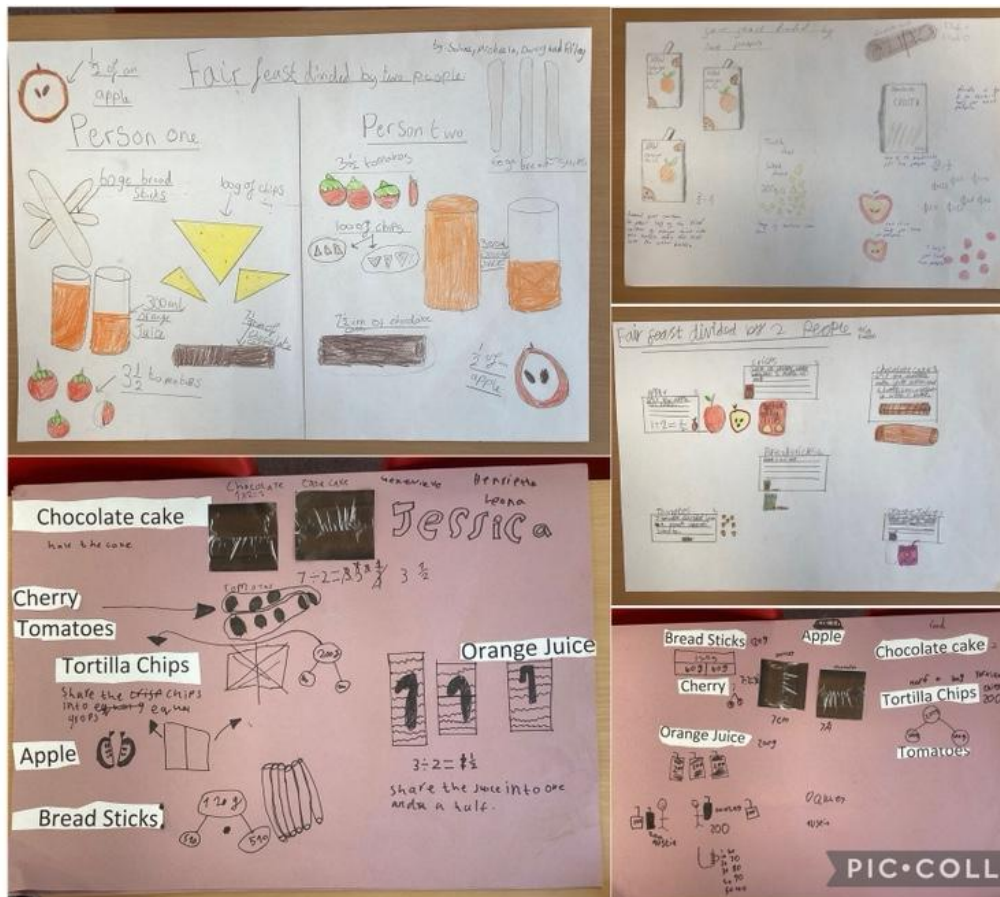
Dear Parents and Carers of Longworth Primary School,
I'm delighted to share that our NSPCC Number Day last week was a fantastic success. The children embraced the day with enthusiasm, creativity and a real love of learning. We raised £64 for the NSPCC.

Every class (from Fox Cubs to Otters) was so engaged with the Fair Feast Challenge. The teacher and teaching assistants were so impressed with the children's mathematical language, problem-solving skills and teamwork.

A huge thank you for your support— whether it was encouraging participation or contributing to the NSPCC fundraising efforts.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Miss P



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NSPCC Number Day: Be curious continued...



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