

# Longworth Primary School

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## Message from the Headteacher: Be kind

I am so pleased to see so many children back at school at the beginning of this calendar year. They have created a positive learning environment and a growing understanding of our four core values: be kind, be respectful, persevere and be curious.

We have lots of exciting experiences this term: trips to the Natural History Museum - Oxford, and the Otter Class residential to Yenworthy on the edge of Exmoor National Park. All these experiences will help the children to continue persevering and being curious in all their learning. Thank you for all your continued support and effort in improving the school's attendance. It is really appreciated by the staff at Longworth and will help the continuity of learning in your child's education.

## Fox and Fox Cub Classes: Be curious



We had a visit from The Oxfordshire museum to learn more about our transport topic. We learned all about how cars used to look and how they were made. We explored items from historical cars such as horns, headlights and goggles!

## Diary Dates: Persevere

**Tuesday, 27 January**

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

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**

11:10am – 3:10pm: Badger Class trip to Natural History Museum, Oxford

1 – 2:30pm: SWIFT course with John Blandy School invitation only

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

No Swimming for years 3, 4 and 5 this week

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

1 – 2:30pm: SWIFT course with John Blandy School

3:15 – 4:15pm: After School Tennis Club Yr 2 - Yr 4

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February: NSPCC - Number Day 2026**

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

9:30 – 10:30am

Swimming @ FCC, Years 3, 4, 5

Tennis Club Yr 2 - Yr 4

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Last day of this half term (normal finish time)

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Back to school - Start of term 4**

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

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

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**

3.30 – 6.00pm Badgers parent/teacher meetings

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

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**

First Day of the Summer Term

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## Otter Class in Yenworthy: Be respectful

Otters had a wonderful time in Yenworthy on residential. I would like to thank Mrs Willetts, Mrs Jones and Mr Wilson for their incredible commitment and support to the Year 5 and 6 children. We hope your children have come home happy, tired and full of stories of adventures and things they achieved.



## Hedgehog Class: Be curious

### **A visit from Science Oxford**



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.

## Attendance: Persevere

The calendar year has started well with an impressive 96.0% of children attending school last week.

Attendance is really important throughout the school and this is supported by research from academics at CEM and Durham University showing that attendance at an effective 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 opportunities and well-being of the children. Thank you.