

Long Whatton C of E Primary School



Newsletter 07.02.2025

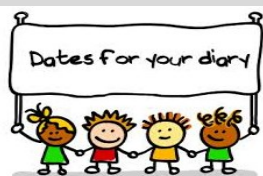
Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful

It is lovely to see the lighter mornings and evenings arriving and some glimpses of Spring nearly upon us. I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our first half term of the New Year already.

I am really looking forward to taking Key Stage 2 on the residential next week and for the first time to Laches Wood. The children are already very excited and are counting down the days! It is going to be very quiet for the Hedgehogs and Squirrels next week.

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we have navigated the swimming situation. The floods not only forced school to close but also caused the hot water booster pump to stop working at the swimming pool which meant the training pool was very cold with no hot water. They have now rectified the situation and we have fortunately been able to add the 4 missed sessions on to the end for Key Stage 1. This will now mean there will be some cross over as Key Stage 1 will be going out in the same week as Key Stage 2 for 3 weeks. Key Stage 1 will continue to go on a Tuesday and Key Stage 2 will be using the larger pool on a Thursday. The updated dates for swimming are included below.

Please pop the following dates in your diaries:



10.02.25 - Internet Safety morning
10.02.25 - Geography Field work afternoon
11-14th Feb 25 - Key Stage 2 residential to Laches Wood
14.02.25 - Break up for half term
24.02.25 - Return to school after half term
24.02.25 - No Outsiders afternoon
24.02.25 - PTA meeting at school (6.30pm)
04.03.25 - Pancake Day lunch
06.03.25 - World Book Day and special lunch
17.03.25 - School closed for staff inset
20.03.25 - International elimination of racism day
21.03.25 - Comic Relief
24.03.25 - School vision - Mustard Seed
24 & 25th March - Parents Evening
26.03.25 - Year 5 Easter Journey, Sutton Bonington Church
27.03.25 - Mother's Day lunch
04.04.25 - Easter service
07.04.25 - Courageous Advocacy Day
08.04.25 - Duathlon
09.04.25 - Robin's trip to Bosworth Battlefield
11.04.25 - Online safety morning
11.04.25 - Break up for Easter Holidays

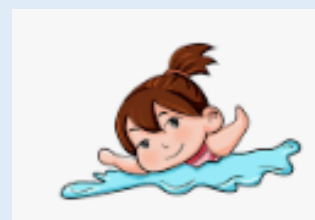
HONOURS ASSEMBLY

07.02.25 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
07.03.25 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm
21.03.25 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm
Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm

SWIMMING

Key Stage One Dates:

11.02.25
25.02.25
04.03.25
11.03.25
18.03.25
25.03.25
01.04.25



Key Stage Two Dates:

20.03.25
27.03.25
03.04.25
10.04.25
01.05.25
08.05.25
15.05.25
22.05.25



Charity Work



Bees

The Squirrels are busy designing bee corridors across the school grounds. These will then be created during their Forest School day next week.

The children decided to plant some bee friendly flowers in some old wellies and hang them on our fences.

They have also put a message in the Beekeepers Association members newsletter asking for a beekeeper to come and visit us and we are currently awaiting for a response.

New Life Children's Centre

The Owls had a visit from Mrs Norris who shared with them her trip to Gambia and where the money they raised will go to (from Bring a Teddy to School Day in December).

The children also all received a letter from the children at one of the new schools which they were very excited about. They have all decided that we will now create kindness boxes to send over to Gambia and do a charity collection in the summer term so that the items can be sold at their charity shop.



The children enjoyed our special visitor. Yen told us all about how she celebrates the Chinese New Year and why this is the year of the snake. She gave all of the children a lucky red envelope.



The Squirrels have been out and about conducting field work. They have spotted human features around the village.



We had an amazing time at Young Voices in Birmingham. Thank you for coming along and supporting us to give the children this experience.



Thank you for supporting our Collective Worship Group by baking and buying cakes at their recent cake sale. With the money raised we have been able to twin two more toilets! The children have decided to twin these with Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. This will help them to have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet.

Have a lovely half term. Best wishes, Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team.