

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

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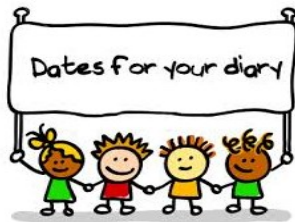
Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful, relaxing Christmas. Our children certainly got us all in the Christmas spirit with a joyful Nativity and Carol Service. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

We have been really pleased to find out that we have come in 3rd position of Leicestershire's 17 top-rated primary schools of 2024 in the Harborough mail:

<https://www.harboroughmail.co.uk/education/leicestershire-17-top-rated-state-primary-schools-2024-new-performance-figures-4914619>

There are 314 primary schools in Leicestershire, so to be appearing in the top 17 list is a wonderful achievement. I am so proud of both our staff team and children. I absolutely believe our success is down to our great team who have helped to create a nurturing, family environment for our pupils. This enables us all to flourish. As one of our pupils told OFSTED, 'I try not to miss a day because it is great learning here.'

We have a lot planned again for the Spring term so please take note of the important dates for your diary.



16.01.25 - Census Day lunch  
17.01.25 - KS2 Young Voices Concert  
20.01.25 - Year 5 children to Hathern Bookshop  
22.01.25 - Year 6 children to Hathern Bookshop  
23.01.25 - Hedgehogs Starry Night Explorers (4.30-5.30pm)  
27.01.25 - Year 2 Library Bus visit  
27.01.25 - Around the World Week - Special Lunches  
30.01.25 - Hedgehogs & Year 6 Heights and Weights check  
11th-14th Feb 25 - KS2 residential - Laches Wood  
14.02.25 - Break up for half term  
24.02.25 - School re-opens  
06.03.25 - World Book Day  
24th & 25th March 2025 - Parents Evening  
27.03.25 - Mother's Day Lunch  
04.04.25 - Easter service  
08.04.25 - Duathlon  
11.04.25 - Break up for Easter

## HONOURS ASSEMBLY

24.01.25 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm - 2.45pm  
- Honours Assembly: 2.45pm - 3.10pm  
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: (dates TBC due to Leisure Centre flooding).**

14.01.25  
21.01.25  
28.01.25  
04.02.25  
11.02.25  
25.02.25  
04.03.25  
11.03.25 (rescheduled due to pool closure on 07.01.25)



A big thank you to our PTA who have worked so hard over the Autumn term. They have organised parties, gift sales, wreath making, fun with the Elf and so much more!

# Faith Week

As part of Faith week each class took turns in creating a traditional dish. They then shared their culinary delights with the rest of the school at break times over the week.



Hinduism - Flatbreads



Jewish - Potato Latkes



Islam, Ramadan - Samosas



Christian - Christmas Cookies



A big thank you to John Fitzgerald for being our special visitor!



The children all brought a teddy bear to school to raise money for the Owls' class charity (New Life Children's Centres). Thank you to everyone who donated.



We are really looking forward to the Spring term ahead. Best wishes, Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team.