



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I always say how brilliant our children are, and we see this every single day. This week, though, I have seen it even more than usual. The senior leadership team have spent time in every class, watching the fantastic teaching and learning going on across the school. Without exception, every class is working hard, enjoying their lessons, and making excellent progress. It is something I am incredibly proud to be able to show parents each week during our Reception tours.

One moment stood out at the end of one of those tours earlier this week. As I was leaving the Reception building with a group of prospective parents, our Year 1 children were on their way out to break. Without realising we were there, one of the boys came running out and shouted at the top of his voice, *"I love school!"* For me, that sums up everything we strive for at Larchwood – children who are happy, enthusiastic, and eager to learn.

We have had some key events this week where both our youngest and oldest children have shone. Today, the Reception children had their very first dance workshop with the amazing Don Rae. It was a joy to see their confidence growing as they moved to the music, and their smiles said it all. At the other end of the school, our Year 6 boys' and girls' football teams took part in the Shenfield Cup. Both teams worked exceptionally hard, showed great teamwork, and improved with every match. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

These examples remind us once again of why we are so proud of our school and of our children.

Celebrating Achievements Outside School

As always, we love to hear about the wonderful things our children are doing outside of school. Whether it's a sporting success, a music exam, or an act of kindness in the community, every achievement matters. On Monday mornings, I often have a group of children at my door excited to share their medals, certificates and trophies from the weekend. Each one of them receives a Headteacher's Award – a recognition they truly deserve. Please do continue to encourage your child to share their successes with us.

LPPA AGM – Tuesday 7th October, 6.00pm

Our fantastic LPPA will be holding their Annual General Meeting next Tuesday in the school hall. The meeting lasts around an hour, and as always, it begins with cake! The LPPA are looking for new volunteers this year, as several of our long-standing members will soon be moving on as their children leave Larchwood. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible – even if you've never been before, you will be made very welcome.

Harvest 2025

A reminder that Harvest donations can be brought into school from Monday. Items will be collected in the school office before being donated to the Food Hub at St George's Church. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we filled four large crates – let's see if we can do even more this year to support local families in need.



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Reception Tours for September 2026

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2026, or know someone who does, please do book a place on one of our weekly tours. You can do this easily by calling or emailing the school office. We look forward to welcoming families and giving them a flavour of what makes Larchwood so special.

Half Term Holiday Club

Moore Coaching, who our sports coaches Mr Duchen and Mr Masters work for, are running a multi- sports half term holiday club in the first week of half term. Last year a number of our children joined. Details can be found [here](#).



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Harry Y in 1G for loving school and sharing it with us!



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Olivia	Emily	Douglas	Nixon	Kylo	Otto	Charlie
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Grayson-James	Zara	Max	Isobel	Thomas	Riley	Alla



Reading at Home

Well done to the three classes that all read 4 times. Congratulation 6R for winning the trophy for the most reading five times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (12%)	3 (11%)	19 (73%)	22 (84%)
RE	3 (12%)	1 (4%)	21 (84%)	22 (88%)
1B	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	23 (79%)	28 (97%)
1G	4 (13%)	2 (7%)	23 (79%)	26 (86%)
2C	4 (13%)	2 (7%)	23 (80%)	25 (87%)
2P	4 (15%)	2 (7%)	22 (79%)	24 (86%)
3LM	3 (10%)	3 (11%)	22 (79%)	25 (89%)
3T	2 (6%)	5 (18%)	22 (76%)	27 (94%)
4CH	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	28 (91%)	30 (97%)
4J	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	24 (77%)	31 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
5P	3 (10%)	8 (28%)	18 (62%)	26 (90%)
6R	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	30 (100%)
6H	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	25 (93%)	26 (97%)
Total				93%



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Diary Dates

Friday 3 October	Reception Don Rae dance workshop – parents invited (14.30)
Tuesday 7 October	District Cross country – Years 3 – 6
Tuesday 7 October	LPPA AGM 18.00
Wednesday 8 October	District Archery (rescheduled)
Wednesday 8 October	Parent Consultation booking goes live 16.00
Friday 10 October	Year 3 and 4 Author visit
Tuesday 14 October	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 14 October	Girls football tournament
Wednesday 15 October	Parent consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 16 October	Parent consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 17 October	Break up for half term
Monday 3 November	Return to school
Tuesday 11 November	Flu jabs
Tuesday 2 December	LPPA Christmas wreath making
Friday 19 December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 29 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.6%	95.9%	95.0%	95.0%	99.3%	96.0%	94.3%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	98.2%	99.1%	96.3%	97.3%	99.0%	95.5%	97.0%	96.5%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	4CH	5P



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	96.8%	94.6%	96.3%	96.0%	98.3%	96.5%	95.4%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	97.9%	95.6%	97.1%	98.8%	94.8%	92.3%	97.6%	96.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	2C	3T



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