



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Despite the soaring temperatures, it has once again been a fantastic and action-packed week here at Larchwood that culminates in the Colour Run today.

Amongst other things this week we have had a dental team in working with Year 3 and Reception, Year 6 doing bikeability and a signage / art workshop in Year 4. We have also had the new Reception children in again all week and we are looking forward to them joining us fully. Our current Reception have been a huge credit to us by demonstrating the value of friendship and showing them the ropes.

One of the highlights of the week was the much-anticipated Year 1 trip to Barleylands. The children had a wonderful time experiencing life on the farm. From meeting a wide range of animals to enjoying an exciting tractor ride, the smiles said it all. They were also treated to a fascinating bird of prey display and had the chance to bake their very own gingerbread men. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who supported the trip and made it such a memorable day.

Tuesday brought with it the hottest day of the year, but that didn't stop our Year 3 and 4 cricket team from giving it their all at the district Rapid Fire Cricket competition. Competing against 12 other schools, our team showed outstanding skill and teamwork, making it all the way to the final, where they narrowly missed out on first place. We are incredibly proud of their effort and sportsmanship.

We were absolutely thrilled to learn at the start of the week that Larchwood has been awarded the **Platinum School Games Mark**. This is a significant achievement, recognising five consecutive years of Gold awards and a commitment to high-quality PE, sports provision, and participation in competitions. This wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our PE subject leads, Miss Chambers, and of course Mrs Pirie before her. A huge well done to everyone involved — we are now officially a Platinum school!

Strengthening our ties with other schools in our Trust is really important to us, and this week saw our Year 5 children visit St Martins for a special taster day. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we are so pleased they had such a great experience. We also welcomed four Year 10 pupils from St Martins for work experience, three of whom are former Larchwood students. It was a real pleasure to have them back and see how far they've come — they are a credit to their school.

A Few Reminders

A letter will be coming home regarding ongoing parking and road safety concerns around school. Please do read it and help us keep our children safe by parking considerately and legally.

Additionally, please remember to book and pay for school dinners by **midnight the night before**. While most parents are fantastic at doing this, missed bookings do create unnecessary pressure on our office and kitchen staff.



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Gifts or Hospitality from Pupils or Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term, you may have seen that shops and supermarkets are using the end of the academic year to promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to say thank you. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Larchwood staff. However, if you or your child/ren would like to say thank you in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available [HERE](#), which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Register	Insert	Convince	Consist	Technique	Circumstance	-



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Connie in RA for demonstrating the value of friendship to our new Reception children.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Amelia	Kiki	Whole of 1B	George	Poppy	Sadie	Charlie
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Joseph	Charlie	Diana	Lewis	Lacey-Ann	Ruby-Leigh	Esme

Reading at Home



Well done 6H, good to see you winning the trophy overall.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	2 (7%)	6 (21%)	21 (77%)	27 (77%)
RT	3 (11%)	5 (19%)	19 (70%)	24 (89%)
1B	7 (24%)	3 (10%)	19 (66%)	22 (76%)
1G	5 (19%)	5 (18%)	17 (63%)	22 (81%)
2P	4 (14%)	6 (22%)	18 (64%)	24 (86%)
2W	4 (15%)	6 (22%)	17 (85%)	23 (85%)
3C	1 (4%)	8 (28%)	19 (68%)	27 (96%)
3M	2 (7%)	5 (17%)	22 (76%)	27 (93%)
4B	0 (0%)	5 (7%)	5 (19%)	20 (74%)
4T	0 (0%)	10 (34%)	19 (66%)	29 (100%)
5L	1 (4%)	5 (19%)	20 (77%)	25 (96%)
5P	4 (14%)	5 (19%)	18 (67%)	23 (86%)
6R	5 (17%)	7 (23%)	18 (60%)	25 (83%)
6H	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
Total				87.3%



Diary Dates

Friday 4 July	LPPA Colour Run
Monday 7 July	Year 3 Roman Day
Tuesday 8 July	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Country Park
Wednesday 9 July	Dentist visit to Reception and Year 3
Wednesday 9 July	Year 6 end of year play (afternoon and evening)
Friday 11 July	LPPA Ice Cream sale
Monday 14 July	Key Stage 2 French Day
Monday 14 July	Year 6 residential to Mersea
Wednesday 16 July	Reception trip to Boydells Farm
Friday 18 July	Sunflower Competition entries to be in
Friday 18 July	Reports sent home
Monday 21 July	Move up morning
Monday 21 July	Celebration Evening (16.00 – 18.00)
Monday 21 July	Don Rae with Year 6
Tuesday 22 July	Year 6 leavers BBQ (lunchtime)
Tuesday 22 July	LPPA Summer Discos
Wednesday 23 July	Larchwood's Got Talent
Wednesday 23 July	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 30 June 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.0%	91.4%	94.7%	95.2%	94.3%	96.3%	87.8%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.5%%
Attendance	98.2%	93.9%	99.0%	89.6%	94.3%	94.1%	98.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T	6R	3M



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.9%	95.2%	94.1%	96.2%	95.5%	96.3%	94.4%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.4%%
Attendance	96.3%	95.5%	96.5%	95.4%	94.5%	95.0%	95.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T	2P & 3M	1G & 2W



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