



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

This week has been another excellent one at Larchwood! As well as all the fantastic learning happening across the school, we have also seen some brilliant achievements outside the classroom. On Wednesday, 48 children proudly represented Larchwood in the district cross-country event. Every child showed great perseverance – one of our school values. In addition, eight of our pupils took part in the district archery competition, demonstrating great focus and skill. A huge well done to everyone who took part – especially Lily who came third.

Today, we were delighted to welcome the children's author Tom McLaughlin, who came to speak with our Year 3 and 4 pupils. The children were captivated by his stories and enjoyed learning about what inspires him to write. It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage that love of reading and writing.

As you know, responsibility is one of our core school values, and we are continually impressed by how our pupils demonstrate this every day. We have recently elected our Digital Leaders, who will be working alongside Mrs. Hyde supporting the development of computing and online safety—there are some exciting plans ahead! New for this year, we also have our Sports Ambassadors, who will be working with Miss Chambers to help organise sporting events throughout the year, including Sports Day.

Today I have announced our new Junior Governors. These children have been elected by their classmates and will meet regularly with Mrs. Jaycock to discuss ideas and help make Larchwood an even better place to learn and grow as well as visiting the houses of parliament later in the year.

Congratulations to this year's Junior Governors who are:

|             |              |              |            |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| RA – Nico   | RE – Theodor | 1B – Freddie | 1G – Lexi  |
| 2C – Dwight | 2P – Lennon  | 3LM – Tania  | 3T – Rowan |
| 4CH – Reese | 4J – Omar    | 5L – Agaran  | 5P – Bella |
| 6H – Betsy  | 6R – Aaryan  |              |            |

### Parent Consultations

As you know parent consultations are next week, and the majority of parents have booked appointments. These meetings are essential to attend and help us to strengthen the relationship between home and school. If you have not already booked your appointment, you can do so [here](#). If you are unable to make it on the days, please speak to the class teacher about meeting after half term.

Our LPPA will have their pre-loved uniform on display in the school lobby should you wish to pick anything up for a small donation.

### Admissions Arrangements Consultation Academic Year 2027/28

We are currently consulting on a change to our In-Year admissions form for 2027/28. Details of which can be found on our website [here](#).



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## Harvest 2025

Thank you for the generous donations for the Harvest collection. We have already filled 6 crates. We will still be collecting last minute donations at the start of next week.

## 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

Millie S in 2P for demonstrating the value of Friendship.



## Stars of the Week

| RA     | RE   | 1B       | 1G    | 2C       | 2P  | 3LM    |
|--------|------|----------|-------|----------|-----|--------|
| Ronnie | Leo  | Maalan   | Sadie | Scarlett | Ava | Daniel |
| 3T     | 4CH  | 4J       | 5L    | 5P       | 6H  | 6R     |
| Poppy  | Cody | Scarlett | Zoe   |          | Yug | Mia    |



## Reading at Home

Well done to the 5 classes who all read at least 4 times and especially 6R who won the trophy for the most 5 times reads. 397 children in the school did this – brilliant!

| Class | Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from<br><b>Monday 6 October to Friday 10 October</b> |          |          | Percentage<br>Read 4 & 5 times<br>% |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|
|       | Less than 4                                                                                                   | 4        | 5        |                                     |
| RA    | 5 (19%)                                                                                                       | 4 (15%)  | 18 (66%) | 22 (81%)                            |
| RE    | 3 (12%)                                                                                                       | 3 (12%)  | 20 (77%) | 23 (89%)                            |
| 1B    | 2 (7%)                                                                                                        | 6 (20%)  | 22 (73%) | 28 (93%)                            |
| 1G    | 1 (3%)                                                                                                        | 7 (24%)  | 21 (72%) | 28 (96%)                            |
| 2C    | 4 (15%)                                                                                                       | 3 (11%)  | 21 (74%) | 24 (84%)                            |
| 2P    | 0 (0%)                                                                                                        | 5 (19%)  | 21 (81%) | 26 (100%)                           |
| 3LM   | 0 (0%)                                                                                                        | 6 (20%)  | 24 (80%) | 30 (100%)                           |
| 3T    | 2 (8%)                                                                                                        | 4 (14%)  | 22 (78%) | 26 (92%)                            |
| 4CH   | 1 (3%)                                                                                                        | 6 (19%)  | 24 (78%) | 30 (97%)                            |
| 4J    | 0 (0%)                                                                                                        | 8 (25%)  | 24 (75%) | 32 (100%)                           |
| 5L    | 0 (0%)                                                                                                        | 10 (33%) | 20 (67%) | 30 (100%)                           |
| 5P    | 1 (3%)                                                                                                        | 8 (27%)  | 21 (70%) | 29 (97%)                            |
| 6R    | 0 (0%)                                                                                                        | 2 (7%)   | 27 (93%) | 29 (100%)                           |
| 6H    | 1 (4%)                                                                                                        | 6 (22%)  | 21 (75%) | 27 (97%)                            |
| Total |                                                                                                               |          |          | 94.7%                               |



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## Diary Dates

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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                           |
| Friday 14 November    | Children in Need                   |
| Tuesday 2 December    | LPPA Christmas wreath making       |
| Tuesday 2 December    | Tag rugby tournament               |
| Friday 5 December     | LPPA Christmas market              |
| Tuesday 9 December    | Reception Nativity (pm)            |
| Wednesday 10 December | Reception Nativity (pm)            |
| Friday 19 December    | Break up                           |



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 6 October 2025

| Class      | RA    | RE     | 1B    | 1G    | 2C    | 2P    | 3LM   | Whole school |
|------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 95.7% | 94.8 % | 99.7% | 95.3% | 97.6% | 95.0% | 96.7% |              |
| Class      | 3T    | 4CH    | 4J    | 5L    | 5P    | 6H    | 6R    |              |
| Attendance | 97.5% | 97.2%  | 97.5% | 97.7% | 98.3% | 95.9% | 96.7% | 96.8%        |

|                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 1B              | 5P              | 5L              |



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

| Class      | RA    | RE    | 1B    | 1G    | 2C    | 2P    | 3LM   | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 96.6% | 94.7% | 96.9% | 95.9% | 98.2% | 96.3% | 95.7% |              |
| Class      | 3T    | 4CH   | 4J    | 5L    | 5P    | 6H    | 6R    |              |
| Attendance | 97.8% | 95.8% | 97.1% | 98.6% | 95.4% | 92.8% | 97.5% | 96.3%        |

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 5L              | 2C              | 3T              |



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