



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It is hard to believe that we are only one week away from the end of another fantastic school year. It has been another warm and sunny week, and despite the high temperatures, the children have continued to work hard while enjoying the many exciting activities taking place across the school.

On Tuesday, our Reception children enjoyed their trip to Boydell's Farm. For many, this was their very first journey on a coach and their first school trip, making it an especially memorable day. They had a wonderful time holding animals, watching sheep being sheared and learning about life on a working farm.

Last week, Miss Gardner and I attended the Anglia Ruskin Initial Teacher Training Awards after Larchwood was nominated for the Partnership Contribution Award. We have worked with Anglia Ruskin for the past three years and regularly host student teachers. There were 15 schools nominated, so I was delighted that Larchwood was announced as the winner. This award reflects the commitment of our whole staff team in supporting and developing future teachers.

Yesterday, our Year 6 children performed their end-of-year production, *The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!*. Despite the warm weather, they gave two outstanding performances. This has been one of the best Year 6 groups I have had the pleasure of working with during my ten years at Larchwood. They joined us in 2019 and only completed half of their Reception year before Covid disrupted their education. To see them now as hardworking, kind and thoughtful young people fills us with enormous pride. I know they will go on to achieve great things. They have a number of exciting and fun events to come next week including Don Rae, a leavers BBQ and a transition workshop as well as the end of year discos and Larchwood's Got Talent.

This week we also welcomed nine former Larchwood pupils back for work experience from St Martin's and Shenfield High School. They were a real credit to themselves and their former school, and it was wonderful to see them again.

Today is both the LPPA BBQ and Bounce and the deadline for our Sunflower Competition. My sunflower is now as tall as I am, although I suspect several members of staff have managed to grow even taller ones! Please remember to email your entries to the school office by 18.00 today.

End-of-year reports are also coming home today. I have enjoyed reading all 420 reports and celebrating the progress every child has made this year. The reports include your child's teacher for September. On Tuesday, children will meet their new teacher during 'Move Up Morning' before we welcome families to our Celebration Evening from 15.30 until 17.30. We hope you will join us to celebrate another successful year at Larchwood.

Staff Changes

As we approach the end of the school year we are sad to say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs



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Holder is leaving us after two years maternity cover for Mrs Calver and then Miss Ingram. Mrs Holder joined us a cover teacher before taking on teaching responsibilities in Year 3 last year and Year 4 this Year. During her time here, as well as being an excellent class teacher, she has been our Science lead. She has also been very successful at growing tall sunflowers! We wish her well for the future.

We also say goodbye to Miss Hunt who joined us for two terms to work as an LSA in Reception as maternity cover. Miss Hunt is off to do teacher training, but the good news is that she will be back in January to complete the second half of her training with us. We wish her well.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Valerie in 6H for her excellent performance in the Year 6 play and being an great addition to Year 6 this year.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
All of RA	All of RE	Samuel	Connie	Oliver	Sofia-Rose	Tania
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Venba	Zara	Ezra	Charlie	Daniel	All of 6H	All of 6R



Reading at Home

Well done to our 4 winners of the reading certificates.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	11 (39%)	7 (25%)	10 (36%)	17 (61%)
RE	7 (22%)	8 (30%)	12 (44%)	20 (74%)
1B	3 (9%)	9 (30%)	18 (61%)	27 (91%)
1G	3 (11%)	4 (14%)	21 (75%)	25 (89%)
2C	8 (28%)	0 (0%)	21 (72%)	21 (72%)
2P	0 (0%)	7 (27%)	19 (73%)	26 (100%)
3LM	1 (3%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	28 (97%)
3T	11 (42%)	4 (15%)	12 (43%)	16 (58%)
4CH	0 (0%)	9 (31%)	20 (69%)	29 (100%)
4J	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	21 (70%)	29 (97%)
5L	0 (0%)	31 (100%)	0 (0%)	31 (100%)
5P	9 (30%)	21 (70%)	0 (0%)	21 (70%)
6R	0 (0%)	9 (33%)	18 (67%)	27 (100%)
6H	2 (7%)	4 (15%)	21 (78%)	25 (93%)
Total				84.8%



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Diary Dates

Friday 10 July

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Monday 13 July

Tuesday 14 July

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Tuesday 14 July

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

LPPA BBQ and bounce

Sunflower competition deadline 18.00

Don Rae with Year 6

Whole school move up morning

Year 6 secondary school transition workshop

Celebration Evening

Year 6 Leavers BBQ - lunchtime

End of term Discos

Reception in school

Year 1, 2 and 3 – 16.00 – 17.00

Year 4 and 5 – 17.30 – 18.30

Year 6 – 17.30 – 19.00

Larchwood's Got Talent

Friday 17 July

Friday 17 July

Tuesday 1 September

Wednesday 2 September

Last day of term

Staff return to school

First day back for children



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 6 July 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	94.8%	97.7%	95.3%	98.6%	97.0%	91.3%	93.5%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.3%
Attendance	95.5%	96.2%	94.6%	97.6%	95.3%	90.6%	96.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G	RE	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	92.9%	93.5%	96.3%	96.8%	96.8%	93.8%	96.5%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	95.8%	95.4%	96.1%	96.1%	95.7%	93.5%	96.7%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G & 2C	3LM	1B



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