



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

What a week it has been! I have finally got all the paint off me from the colour run. Thank you to those of you who attended the amazing LPPA run last Friday. I think you will agree it was a brilliant community event. To those of you who threw paint at me – you are lucky I couldn't see who you were through the massive cloud of colour that covered us! I'm sure you will agree the LPPA did a fantastic job and are now busy counting the sponsorship money which needs to be in by today. We are looking at several thousand pounds profit that will benefit the school.

This week saw our Year 6 receive their SATs results. These are important tests that show that the children are ready for secondary school and allow people to compare us with other schools. The results are above the national average across the board – which is fantastic. All of our benchmark data that is comparable nationally to other schools (Reception's scores, Year 1 phonics, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATs) are above national average and is further confirmation of what a great school we have here. All of our staff work hard to ensure that these results are possible, but without the hard work of the children and support at home it would not happen. Thank you to all our community.

This week also saw a number of other events taking place. Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Thorndon Park on Tuesday where they were looking at wildlife and making art in the environment. Wednesday saw two truly brilliant performances by Year 6 for their end of year play, 'Let the Games Begin'. There were a number of memorable performances, but the collective performance and hard work produced the best Year 6 performance we have seen in recent times. Well done. Next week, Year 6 are off to Mersea for the week, so the fun continues!

Staff Updates

At this time of the year, we always have some staff who will be moving on as well as new staff members joining us. This year is no different. Firstly Mrs Wickenden (formerly Miss Charlesworth) will be leaving us as she is relocating to a new area in Kent that makes the commute too long. She has been one of our longest serving members of staff having been here for over 10 years. She has expertly led music across the school, including taking us to sing at the O2 in recent years. Mrs Wickenden has had to contend with having a life changing illness in Pulmonary Hypertension and her resilience and courage when dealing with this has been inspirational. She will be greatly missed.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Morris who is taking a job that better suits her family circumstances. Having recently returned from the birth of her first child, Miss Morris had been our Early Years lead and led the development of the team over recent years which Ofsted recognised as outstanding in our last inspection. We will really miss her and her expertise.

Mrs Chalkley has also recently returned from maternity leave and will be moving on in September to a role that better suits her circumstances. As well as being a class teacher in Year 4, Mrs Chalkley has gained the SENDCo qualification while at Larchwood so has been a valuable member of our SEND



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team. The good news is that she will not be far away as she will be taking on the SENDCo role at our fellow trust school Kelvedon Hatch so we are bound to see her regularly.

Finally, Miss Murray, who has been the LSA for two years in Year 5 and 6 is moving to a role outside of education. She has been a great asset to 6H (and 5L as they were) for these two years and we will miss her lots.

As well as the staff moving on, we will have Miss Miller coming the other way from Kelvedon Hatch. She will be a great addition to the school and joins as an HLTA. Other staff updates include Miss Ingram, who covers classes, going on maternity leave for the birth of her second child. Good luck and enjoy your time with your expanding family. Finally, Miss Beard, who teaches in Year 4, will be getting married. She will return in September as Mrs Johnson. Have an amazing day and I hope the sun shines!

Parking and Driving

After my letter last week, the road outside the school seems slightly calmer. It probably helped that parking enforcement officers attended one afternoon. They will be back! I have once again written to our local councillors and Essex Highways about the situation and have already heard back from Cllr Davies.

One of our parents has also started a petition about the situation which will go to Essex Council. As of this morning there were over 200 signatures which is amazing. You can find the petition [HERE](#) so please sign it and get as many people to sign as possible. It sends a clear message to the council, but also to the selfish people who park on the single and double yellow lines, drive on to the pavement or drive dangerously. **Just stop!**

Summer Reading Challenge

Before the end of term, I will be launching our Summer Challenge 2025 which will have a photography theme to it. However, Essex Libraries are running their summer reading challenge again and they visited us last week to promote it. Last year, 25% of our children completed it — the second highest in the area. This year, we want to be number one and get our hands on the trophy! Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a **Headteacher's Award** and, if we win, we will have a special reading celebration (which may include some extra break time too!). You can register from tomorrow at Brentwood library.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Remove	Design	Issue	Utilise	Conduct	Attribute	Technology



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Harry	Mileta	Ava	All of 1G	Theo	Marnie	Alba
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Millie	Leno	Mia	Beheshta	James	Kai	All of 6R



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Diary Dates

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
Monday 1 September	First day back at school for pupils



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7 July 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	97.7%	95.3%	98.3%	97.5%	98.5%	96.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	98.9%	95.7%	99.3%	94.1%	93.6%	97.6%	99.7%	

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



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	95.0%	94.1%	96.3%	96.2%	96.4%	94.5%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.4%	95.5%	96.6%	95.6%	94.7%	95.0%	95.0%	

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



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Kayden in Year 6 for being amazing this year, especially in the play and with his work!



Reading at Home

Well done the two winning classes.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 7 July to Friday 11 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	2 (6%)	8 (27%)	20 (67%)	28 (94%)
RT	4 (13%)	8 (28%)	17 (59%)	25 (87%)
1B	5 (16%)	6 (20%)	19 (64%)	25 (84%)
1G	4 (18%)	0 (0%)	23 (82%)	23 (82%)
2P	4 (15%)	6 (21%)	18 (62%)	24 (83%)
2W	4 (15%)	3 (11%)	20 (74%)	23 (85%)
3C	4 (13%)	6 (19%)	21 (68%)	27 (87%)
3M	2 (6%)	7 (23%)	21 (70%)	28 (93%)
4B	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	25 (93%)	27 (100%)
4T	3 (6%)	4 (15%)	22 (76%)	26 (91%)
5L	5 (20%)	1 (4%)	19 (76%)	20 (80%)
5P	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	25 (92%)	26 (96%)
6R	7 (23%)	4 (14%)	19 (63%)	23 (77%)
6H	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	21 (72%)	29 (100%)
Total				88.5%



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