



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

We have had a really successful first full week at Larchwood and I have been incredibly impressed with the way the children have settled back into school. They have been working hard, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and quickly getting back into the routines of school.

We have now welcomed all 60 of our Reception children, and they have been amazing. They have already begun to learn our routines, make new friends and get to know their teachers and the rest of the Larchwood team. It has been lovely to see how positively they have started their Larchwood journey and I am sure there are many exciting times ahead for them.

Tuesday saw the first day in months when we had rain for most of the day! This meant that we had a wet break and lunchtime, so unfortunately the children were unable to get outside. Of course, they were fantastic in their classrooms, but I know they much prefer being able to run around outside and spend time with their friends.

Our gardens, however, were very thankful for the rain. It is noticeable how quickly the grass and plants that had been suffering during the long, dry summer have started to grow, turn green again and even flower. It reminded me of what happens to our children at the start of a new school year. They return with all the learning they have done previously, but over the summer they may not have been practising their skills quite as regularly. As soon as they return to school, we remind them of what they already know and give them opportunities to practise, develop and build on these skills. Just like our gardens, they begin to grow again.

I know that, by the end of this academic year, all of our children will be flourishing even more!

Our extra-curricular offer is something we value hugely at Larchwood. We have sent out letters for our Years 3–6 football clubs, which begin next week, and our other clubs letter has gone out today. Thanks to the generosity of our staff, we are able to offer over 20 free clubs. Every member of staff either runs a club or helps at lunchtime. A huge thank you to everyone who gives up their own time to provide these opportunities for our children.

Just a reminder that we are on Instagram @larchwoodps, so give us a follow to see what is happening in school.

I have been really pleased that so many children have been reading at least the expected 4 times this week and so many of them have been reading 5 times. If your child did not read 4 times, please make sure they do.

Finally, despite our new Reception children only just starting with us, we are already preparing for Reception parent tours for September 2027! Our first tour will take place on 25 September. If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2027 and would like to see Larchwood in action, please contact the school office to book a tour.



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Freddie in 5L for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC
Coben	Hallie	Maivey	Theodor	Dylan	Bobby	Max
3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Thea	Michael	Adalee	Oliver	Alba	Harley	Isobel



Reading at Home

Well done to all children who read 4 or 5 times. Especially well done to 6H where everyone read 5 times – amazing responsibility.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 7 September to Friday 11 September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	-	-	-	-
RE	-	-	-	-
1B	15 (54%)	9 (32%)	4 (14%)	13 (46%)
1G	7 (25%)	5 (19%)	15 (56%)	20 (75%)
2IM	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	25 (84%)	29 (97%)
2P	2 (8%)	6 (22%)	19 (70%)	27 (92%)
3LC	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	21 (78%)	24 (89%)
3T	1 (3%)	11 (37%)	18 (60%)	29 (97%)
4C	3 (9%)	6 (21%)	21 (70%)	27 (91%)
4J	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	28 (100%)
5L	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	28 (97%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	24 (77%)	31 (100%)
6R	2 (6%)	7 (23%)	22 (71%)	22 (94%)
6H	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	29 (100%)
Total				89.8%



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Diary Dates

Monday 14 September	3T swimming starts
Tuesday 15 September	Year 5 Science Dome (rearranged date)
Thursday 17 September	3LC swimming starts
Tuesday 22 September	Junior Governor visit to parliament
Thursday 24 September	Year 1 phonics workshop 14.30
Wednesday 30 September	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 7 October	RE parent and child nursery rhyme workshop 14.30
Thursday 8 October	RA parent and child nursery rhyme workshop 14.30
Monday 12 October	Reception Don Rae dance workshop
Tuesday 13 October	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 14 October	Parent consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 15 October	Parent consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 16 October	Break up for half term
Monday 2 November	Return to school



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	95.5%	97.7%	97.5%	89.3%	95.6%	96.0%	91.9%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	99.6%	97.2%	95.6%	93.4%	95.2%	98.3%	96.6%	95.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T	6H	RE



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	96.2%	94.3%	97.1%	92.0%	89.71%	96.7%	92.3%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	98.9%	97.4%	96.0%	95.7%	92.9%	98.9%	97.2%	95.4%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6H	4C	1B



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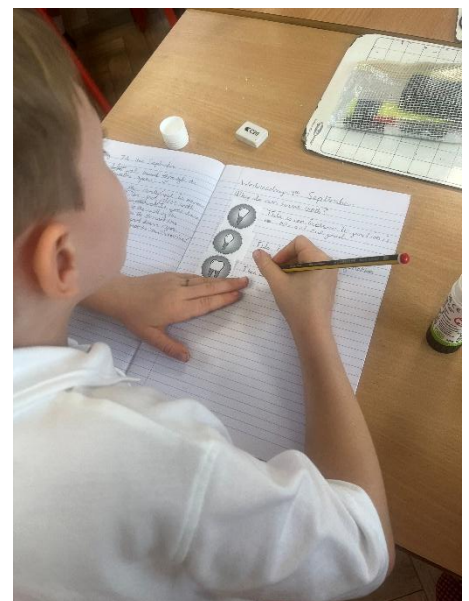
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