



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Once again, it has been an exciting week at Larchwood. On Tuesday, our Year 5 children had the opportunity to experience a live performance of High School Musical, performed by students from one of our fellow Academy Trust schools, St Martins. The show was exceptionally well performed and provided our children with a wonderful experience of live theatre.

Tuesday also saw us meeting our new Reception parents for September for the first time. We look forward to welcoming them back on 23 June and meeting the children during their visits beginning on 22 June. We are very excited to welcome the newest members of the Larchwood family.

On Monday, I also had the pleasure of showing Mr Suttwood, the headteacher of our other Trust secondary, Chase High School, around Larchwood. As this was his first visit, it was a pleasure to introduce him to our school. The children were fantastic at explaining their learning and proudly shared examples of the hard work they have been doing.

In class, children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a virtual poetry workshop on Wednesday, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their creativity and appreciation of poetry. Meanwhile, it was a pleasure to welcome our Reception parents into school yesterday for a sharing morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, the football World Cup started yesterday. This is likely to be a hot topic of conversation over the coming weeks as we all wonder whether Harry Kane will remain fit and keep scoring and if England can finally go all the way. Many classes have been getting involved, with children being allocated a team to support. Whether you enjoy football or not, the tournament certainly helps to raise awareness of different countries around the world. I have been given Canada in the draw, so alongside cheering on the Three Lions, I will also be supporting Les Rouges!

Looking ahead, we have Sports Day next week on Monday and Wednesday. The weather forecast looks favourable. Each child will need to wear a top in their team colour. Parents will be admitted via the main gate shortly before 10:00am. Please remain behind the tape when supporting, as children will stay with their classes throughout the event. Miss Chambers has introduced two exciting new events: the individual year-group sprint and the team relay. They should be a great couple of days.

My Child at School (MCAS) App

Thank you to all parents who have downloaded the Bromcom MCAS app and have set it up ready to use for messages and emails from the school. Yesterday there were 350 children who now have a parent who has activated an account. This still means that just over 70 children have a parent who has not activated theirs. There are also a number of second contacts that still need to activate their account. Please use the link the office has been sending out to activate and make sure notifications are turned on so you know when a message is sent out. In the next few weeks, we will start sending out messages and emails via this platform and not in the current way by text and email.



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Fraiser in 2P for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Joshua	Matias	Mason	Lexi	David	Ryan	Charlie
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Freddy-Mac	All of 4CH	All of 4J	Isobel	Zachery	Valerie	Temulin



Reading at Home

Well done to the 5 classes where all the children read at least 4 times and to all the children who did read at least 4 times. We need to see this from **all** children please.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 8 June to Friday 12 June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	6 (22%)	4 (16%)	16 (62%)	20 (78%)
RE	3 (11%)	8 (30%)	16 (89%)	24 (89%)
1B	3 (10%)	7 (24%)	19 (66%)	26 (90%)
1G	0 (0%)	11 (37%)	19 (63%)	30 (100%)
2C	6 (20%)	2 (7%)	21 (73%)	23 (80%)
2P	1 (4%)	9 (36%)	15 (60%)	24 (96%)
3LM	1 (3%)	9 (29%)	21 (68%)	30 (97%)
3T	4 (16%)	5 (16%)	20 (68%)	25 (84%)
4CH	0 (0%)	6 (19%)	25 (81%)	31 (100%)
4J	1 (3%)	9 (30%)	20 (67%)	29 (97%)
5L	0 (0%)	10 (32%)	21 (68%)	31 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	10 (33%)	20 (67%)	30 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
6H	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	24 (84%)	26 (92%)
Total				92.3%



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Diary Dates

Monday 15 June	Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day - 10.00 start
Wednesday 17 June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day – 10.00 start
Friday 19 June	LPPA Bingo
Tuesday 23 June	Year 3 Roman Day
Thursday 25 June	Year 1 Call of the Wild Trip
Friday 26 June	LPPA BBQ and bounce
Monday 29 June	Year 6 residential to Mersea Island
Wednesday 1 July	French Day – Years 3-5
Tuesday 7 July	Reception trip to Boydell's Farm
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 play 13.45 and 18.30
Friday 10 July	Year 5 Taster Day – St Martins
Friday 10 July	Sunflower competition deadline
Monday 13 July	Don Rae with Year 6
Tuesday 14 July	Celebration Evening
Thursday 16 July	End of term Discos
Friday 17 July	Larchwood's Got Talent



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 8 June 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	90.6%	93.7%	98.3%	98.3%	96.6%	93.6%	99.0%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	94.6%	97.4%	94.3%	99.3%	96.4%	95.8%	97.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	3LM	1G & 1B



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.2%	93.1%	96.5%	96.7%	97.1%	94.1%	96.4%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.8%
Attendance	96.1%	95.5%	96.4%	96.4%	96.0%	95.3%	97.4%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6R	2C	1G & 3LM



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Raising funds for

TRY A TRI
BRENTWOOD

Sunday 28th June, 2026 from 8.00am
Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

If you've ever considered the idea of taking on a triathlon then this is a great taster opportunity. With adult and junior challenges - plus entertainment and refreshments available on the day - there is something for everyone!

BOOK NOW

£20.00 Triathlon Adults (aged 15+) 200m Swim >>> 10k Bike >>> 5k Run
£20.00 Duathlon Adults (aged 15+) 3k Run >>> 10k Bike >>> 1k Run
FREE Triathlon Juniors (aged 8-14) 50m Swim >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
FREE Field Duathlon Juniors (aged 6-14) 1k Run >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
 Please use the code EssexSBRFree when registering any junior places



Team Relays!

Teams have the option to compete in a relay format, where each participant takes on one of the three disciplines - swimming, cycling, or running. Contact Race Co-ordinator, Naima, to sign-up your team - trisp@essex@outlook.com

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