



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I will start by saying a big thank you to everyone who brought in items for the LPPA Easter Colour Raffle for the non-uniform day today. Your generosity is always hugely appreciated and helps make these events such a success for the whole school community.

The LPPA have also been busy selling *Bowsher Bars* after school on World Book Day and Monday, with some containing the much-anticipated golden tickets. The prizes have now been shared with the lucky winners, with the winner of Headteacher for the Day being Freddie in 1G. Freddie is already hard at work planning lots of fun ideas for everyone, and we look forward to seeing what he has in store!

This week has been no less busy than usual. On Tuesday, parents of our Reception children were invited in to observe a phonics lesson. These sessions are a great opportunity for parents to see exactly how phonics is taught in school and to pick up useful strategies that can also be used at home to support children with their reading development.

Tuesday also saw a group of Year 2 children representing the school at a Tag Rugby event, while Year 3 enjoyed their much anticipated Come Dine With Me event, which was a great success.

On Wednesday, Year 4 travelled to Layer Marney Tower for their Viking-themed trip. Visits like this are always a highlight for the children and provide fantastic opportunities to bring classroom learning to life. We have several more trips planned over the coming months, and they play an important role in reinforcing learning while allowing children to experience new things beyond the classroom.

Thursday our Year 6 boys football team were back in action in the semi-final of the Langhelt Cup. The boys have really shown progress this year and thanks to their hard work and the coaching from Mr Duchen they are really jelled as a group. After another fantastic team display, they came out winners against Ursuline Prep 3 -2 and head to the final at the end of term for the first time in our history.

The main focus of the week, however, has been Science Week. It has been fantastic to see all 114 science projects that the children have worked on at home being brought into school. The children came up with some brilliant questions and then used their creativity and curiosity to investigate and find answers. A big well done to all the children who took part, and a special thank you to Mrs Holder for organising such a successful event.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day and Down Syndrome Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. This year it coincides with World Down Syndrome Day, so we will be marking both occasions in school. Children are invited to wear silly socks on Friday to support World Down Syndrome Day and can also come to school with silly hair for Comic Relief. We are simply asking for a donation of £1 for Comic Relief to take part. Children can style their hair however they wish – sticking up, in fun styles, or even coloured for the day. School uniform will still need to be worn.

We will also be holding our traditional joke competition, with the best jokes from each class displayed on the classroom doors and an overall winner chosen for the joke that makes us laugh the most. Look out for the slips coming home soon so your child can take part!



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Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

On Monday Miss Chambers and the Sports Ambassadors spoke to the whole school about the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge. From 16th March to 27th March, our school will be taking part in this national challenge. During this time, we will be encouraging children to travel to school actively, such as walking, scooting or cycling leaving the car behind where possible. Active travel is a great way to stay healthy, help the environment and start the school day feeling energised! There will also be prizes for some children who manage to travel actively every day during the challenge, so we encourage everyone to get involved where possible. I am planning to dust off my bike and cycle in when I can!

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

The semi-final results are in 5L beat 6R, while 6H won against 4J. Good luck in the final to both of you.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Joshua in 4CH for demonstrating the value of friendship.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Cooper	Dmitry	Zac	Ada	Thea	Lennon	Esther
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Lily	Freya	Chloe	Lily.E	William	Aarian	Myron



Reading at Home

Well done to our 3 winners in this special reading week. And well done everyone is continues to read 4 times or more.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 9 March to Friday 13 March			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	7 (28%)	4 (16%)	14 (56%)	18 (72%)
RE	4 (7%)	7 (25%)	17 (60%)	24 (85%)
1B	3 (10%)	9 (31%)	17 (59%)	26 (90%)
1G	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	21 (70%)	28 (94%)
2C	4 (14%)	2 (7%)	23 (79%)	25 (86%)
2P	4 (16%)	1 (4%)	21 (80%)	22 (84%)
3LM	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	21 (70%)	28 (94%)
3T	3 (10%)	8 (21%)	20 (69%)	28 (90%)
4CH	4 (13%)	5 (17%)	21 (70%)	26 (87%)
4J	0 (0%)	7 (22%)	25 (78%)	32 (100%)
5L	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	21 (70%)	28 (94%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	29 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	25 (14%)	4 (86%)	29 (100%)
6H	2 (4%)	1 (2%)	26 (94%)	27 (96%)
Total				90%



Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 March	POSTPONED - Year 2 'come-dine with me'
Friday 20 March	Comic relief 'Red Nose Day' / Down Syndrome Awareness
Friday 20 March	Don Rae in Year 3
Tuesday 24 March	Year 4 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 3 trip Chelmsford Museum
Tuesday 24 March	Reports sent home
Thursday 26 March	LPPA Easter Discos
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter
Monday 13 April	Return to school
Tuesday 14 April	Year 6 'come dine with me'
Thursday 16 April	Don Rae in Year 4
Tuesday 21 April	Year 5 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 28 April	Reception 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 5 May	Year 2 'come dine with me'
Wednesday 6 May	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Park
Monday 11 May	Start of Year 6 SATs week



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9 March 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	90.0%	96.4%	94.6%	97.6%	94.0%	94.3%	99.3%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	99.3%	94.6%	99.3%	97.3%	97.3%	94.8%	95.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T & 3LM & 4J	1G & 5P	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.4%	93.2%	96.4%	96.6%	97.3%	94.4%	96.2%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.7%
Attendance	96.5%	95.3%	96.4%	96.5%	96.4%	93.3%	97.0%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	6R	1B



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