



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy and fulfilling week here at Larchwood, with lots of great learning taking place across the school. It's always enjoyable to walk around and see what's going on in classrooms, and this week I've seen some particularly interesting science lessons, especially in Year 2 and Year 6. The children have been engaged and focused, and it's great to see their learning coming to life through practical activities and thoughtful discussion.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 children have been sitting their phonics screening checks — part of the national assessments taken by all Year 1 pupils across the country. They've approached the task with maturity and concentration, and we're proud of the effort each of them has put in throughout the week.

It's not just pupils who have been learning this week. All of our teaching staff attended subject leader meetings with other primary school leaders from across Brentwood. These sessions were a great opportunity to share ideas, approaches, and resources to support high-quality teaching. Many of the groups were fortunate to have an expert visitor join them. We were pleased to host the art and English subject leaders here at Larchwood and were especially grateful to Sue Mills, a local artist, and Natasha Radford, owner of the Chicken and Frog bookshop, who kindly attended and spoke with the groups.

Our extracurricular activities have also kept us busy. The Year 5 and 6 cricket team took part in the district finals at South Weald Cricket Club and played amazingly well. They reached the semi-finals and only narrowly lost to the eventual winners by just one run. As strong as their performance was, the way they conducted themselves and supported each other was even more impressive — it really highlighted their positive attitude and sportsmanship.

Year 5 also had the opportunity to visit St Martin's School, one of our Trust schools, to watch a student performance of *Mary Poppins*. The production was very well done, and we were especially proud to see one of the main stars — playing the character of Bert — was a former Larchwood student. It's always lovely to see how our past pupils are getting on, and it made the visit even more meaningful for our children and staff.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed the families of our new Reception cohort for their information meeting. It was great to be able to meet in person, and we're looking forward to the children starting with us in September. Starting school is a big step, and we're pleased to be beginning this journey together with our new families.

Some of you may have spotted that as well as our X (formerly Twitter) account, Larchwood is now on Instagram — you can find us by searching **@larchwoodps**. We made our first post last week, and we'll aim to update it fairly regularly with photos and news from school life. We know many parents prefer Instagram to X, so we'll see how it goes and adjust based on feedback.

Thank you as always for your continued support. We hope you all have a restful weekend.



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## Sports Day

Next week is sports day. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their sports day on Monday from 10.00 and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their one on Wednesday from 10.00. You should all have had the information about which team your child is in so that they have the correct coloured top. Entrance for parents and carers will be via the main entrance from about 09.50 so you can get the field. As always, please stay behind the tape so that the classes can concentrate on their events. The weather forecast looks good so we should be in for a great morning.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Team	Monitor	Area	Mechanism	Output	Facilitate	Section



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Lukas in 1B for demonstrating the value of perseverance and trying hard all the time.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Layla	Harry	Ilham	Tommy	Jamie	Danielle	Ada
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Penny	Ethan	Jude	Kian	Joshua	Amber	Harry

## Reading at Home



Well done to all the winners. A great effort this week from 1G and 3C to get a certificate and a special well done to 5P for getting back to winning ways.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (3%)	9 (30%)	20 (67%)	29 (97%)
RT	4 (15%)	7 (25%)	17 (60%)	24 (85%)
1B	(10%)	5 (17%)	22 (73%)	27 (90%)
1G	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	27 (100%)
2P	7 (24%)	4 (14%)	17 (61%)	21 (75%)
2W	4 (15%)	6 (21%)	18 (64%)	24 (85%)
3C	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	29 (100%)
3M	4 (13%)	7 (23%)	19 (64%)	26 (87%)
4B	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	24 (86%)	27 (96%)
4T	3 (11%)	6 (11%)	18 (89%)	27 (89%)
5L	1 (4%)	5 (20%)	18 (76%)	23 (96%)
5P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	26 (100%)	26 (100%)
6H	2 (7%)	5 (17%)	22 (76%)	27 (93%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	30 (100%)
Total				92.3%



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## Diary Dates

### Monday 16 June

Monday 16 June

Wednesday 18 June

Thursday 19 June

Thursday 19 June

Wednesday 25 June

Wednesday 2 July

Friday 4 July

Friday 4 July

Monday 7 July

Tuesday 8 July

Wednesday 9 July

Monday 14 July

Wednesday 16 July

Monday 21 July

Tuesday 22 July

Wednesday 23 July

### No swimming this week for Year 2

Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and 2 (10.00)

Sports Day – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (10.00)

Year 6 Bikeability starts (various dates)

LPPA Bingo night

Year 4 trip to Duxford

Year 1 trip to Barleylands

Year 5 taster day at St Martins

LPPA Colour Run

Year 3 Roman Day

Year 2 trip to Thorndon Country Park

Year 6 end of year play (afternoon and evening)

Year 6 residential to Mersea

Reception trip to Boydells Farm

Celebration Evening (16.00 – 18.00)

LPPA Summer Discos

Break up



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9 June 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.0%	96.0%	97.0%	94.5%	99.3%	99.6%	91.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.7%%
Attendance	97.7%	97.9%	94.8%	89.2%	89.2%%	97.6%	96.6%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2P	2W	4B



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	94.9%	94.1%	96.1%	96.1%	96.3%	94.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.2%	95.6%	96.4%	95.7%	94.6%	95.0%	95.1%	

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4T	2P	3M



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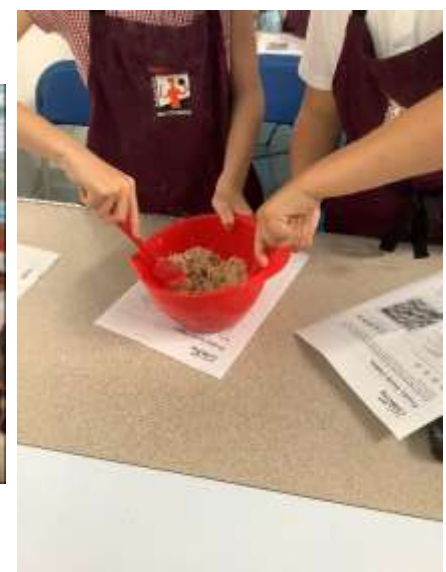


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