



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy and positive week at Larchwood as we approach the half-term break.

This week saw our termly parent consultation evenings, which were really well attended. It is always lovely to share the many positive things the children are doing and to celebrate their achievements. These meetings also provide an important opportunity for us to work together, sharing information and identifying ways to help every child continue to make progress. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to attend and for your continued support.

We also welcomed our Reception parents into school on Monday for the second week running. This time, they came to watch the children perform with Don Rae, whose performance had a theme of nursery rhymes and fairy tales. It never ceases to amaze me how Don manages to get 60 four-year-olds to follow his routines, join in and perform with such enthusiasm! There were certainly some future West End stars on show, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves and showing off their confidence. Thank you to Don for another fantastic performance and to our Reception team for helping to make it such a success.

Thank you, too, to all the families and children who have generously brought in donations for the Food Hub. The donations are due to be collected today, and I know they will make a real difference to those who need support. It is always heartening to see our school community demonstrating kindness and thinking about others.

Now for some lovely news! Mr Looney and his wife have been celebrating the arrival of their first child. Baby Emmy was born in the early hours of last Monday. Although Mr Looney is currently on paternity leave, he was still in school this week for our parent consultations and was looking considerably less tired than we might have expected! I am sure you will join me in sending them our warmest congratulations and wishing them lots of happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter as a family.

As outlined in the letter sent earlier this week, we will now be sending communications home through the My Child At School app. Please make sure you have downloaded the app and have notifications switched on. This is important, as messages and emails will be sent through the app, and we would not want anyone to miss important information.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys a lovely half term over the next two weeks. I hope you have plenty of opportunities to spend time together, enjoy yourselves, read some good books and return feeling refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Thank you for all the support you have shown us this half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November at 8.30am.**

Have a wonderful half term!



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Georgia in 6R – For always showing the school values



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC
Daniel	Imogen	Alexander	Georgina	Ayla	Rupert	Otto
3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Thomas	Finley	Kirill	Omar	Cody	Charlie	Marcos



Reading at Home

Well done to 6R for having the highest amount of readers who read 5 times!

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 12 October to Friday 16 October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (4%)	6 (22%)	20 (74%)	26 (96%)
RE	3 (11%)	4 (14%)	20 (74%)	24 (89%)
1B	2 (8%)	6 (25%)	16 (67%)	22 (92%)
1G	0 (0%)	3 (12%)	23 (88%)	26 (100%)
2IM	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	28 (100%)
2P	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	22 (85%)	26 (100%)
3LC	9 (31%)	4 (14%)	16 (55%)	20 (69%)
3T	3 (12%)	7 (22%)	19 (66%)	26 (88%)
4C	9 (30%)	5 (17%)	16 (53%)	21 (70%)
4J	0 (0%)	5 (20%)	20 (80%)	25 (100%)
5L	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	21 (78%)	24 (89%)
5P	3 (12%)	7 (28%)	15 (60%)	22 (88%)
6R	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	29 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	9 (33%)	18 (67%)	27 (100%)
Total				91.5%



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Diary Dates

Friday 16 October	Break up for half term
Monday 2 November	Return to school
Wednesday 4 November	Year 3 Scooter Workshop
Thursday 5 November	Reception Workshop – Prime Areas of Learning
Thursday 12 November	LPPA Coffee and Cake drop-in
Friday 13 November	Children in Need
Friday 4 December	LPPA Christmas Market
Wednesday 9 December	Reception Nativity 14.00
Wednesday 9 December	LPPA pop-up shop
Thursday 10 December	LPPA pop-up shop
Thursday 10 December	Year 1 Sing-a-long (pm)
Monday 14 December	Don Rae Pantomime
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Sing-a-long 2IM, 3T, 4C, 5L, 6H
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas lunch, jumper day and Disco
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Sing-a-long 2P, 3LC, 4J, 5P, 6R



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 12 October 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	89.0%	90.6%	87.9%	94.0%	94.6%	93.3%	90.3%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	92.1%
Attendance	97.3%	95.3%	92.0%	86.5%	90.2%	92.0%	97.1%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T	6R	4C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	95.0%	92.9%	94.7%	96.9%	95.6%	91.9%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.9%
Attendance	97.5%	94.9%	94.2%	93.5%	94.6%	95.1%	96.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T	2IM	6R



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