



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I can't believe it is the end of another long and successful school year. As always, there is so much to celebrate, both in terms of **achievement** and **enjoyment** – our school motto.

The children have once again performed exceptionally well, academically across the school comparing very favourably with national averages. Alongside these achievements, it has also been a fantastic year for enrichment. We have enjoyed a record number of workshops, educational visits and visitors, covering everything from dance, drama and music to history and science. Sport has also been another real highlight, with more competitions entered than ever before. Particular congratulations go to our district rugby champions and our football and cricket teams, who both finished as district runners-up. The list of all our success is extensive.

Each year we present the Smith Family Award to one Year 6 pupil who consistently demonstrates our school values and is a role model for others. On Thursday last week, from a very long shortlist, I was delighted to present the award to Sophie in 6R. Many congratulations - thoroughly deserved.

On Wednesday, I also announced the winners of our annual sunflower competition. With over 100 entries, the standard was incredibly high. Congratulations to Amy in 3T, who not only won the overall competition but also grew the tallest sunflower across all three Discovery Educational Trust schools to win the DET Trophy.

Reception: Joshua H in RA

Year 1: Phoebe in 1G

Year 2: George H in 2C

Year 3: Amy in 3T

Year 4: Joshua in 4CH

Year 5: Zoe in 5L

Year 6: Lily in 6R

Staff: Miss Tregunno

Overall: 3rd: Zoe, 2nd: George 1st: Amy

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our departing LPPA members: Kate, Jacquie, Randeep and especially Shelly. Shelly has dedicated 12 years to the LPPA, including 6 as Chair. She has made a massive difference and leaves the LPPA in very good shape having raised thousands of pounds and giving hundreds of children plenty of fun.

Finally, as we begin the break, remember it is the perfect time for ear piercing, don't forget Brentwood Library's Summer Reading Challenge and my Summer Challenge, and most importantly, have fun!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



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Governor Visit Report

A few of us had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with a selection of children last Friday. We met with representatives from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 and asked them a range of questions about their experience of learning at Larchwood. We were impressed with how articulate and knowledgeable about the curriculum they were. All children were enthusiastic when sharing examples of their best work and had a clear understanding of what they were learning and why, detailing how they knew when they needed support and when they had achieved their objectives.

On behalf of all the governors we wish you all a very happy, safe and much deserved summer break.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Kason	Bertie	Rupert	Sadie	Sophia	Sienna	George
Mrs McWilliam	Mrs Johnson	Miss Foster	Miss Adams	Mrs Cooper	Mrs Josling	Mrs McCallum
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Indie	Harrison	All of 4J	All of 5L	George	Abigail	Daisy
Miss Thompson	Mrs Lambert	Mrs Dansy	Mrs Bean	Miss Lanegan	Miss Colesell	Mrs Frost



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Well done to 2C who have the best attendance in the school and to everyone for our improved attendance. Well done to the 37 amazing children who had 100% attendance for the whole year.

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

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	92.9%	93.5%	96.1%	96.8%	96.7%	93.8%	96.4%	95.4%
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	95.7%	95.4%	96.0%	96.1%	95.6%	93.5%	96.8%	



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 September
Friday 11 September
Tuesday 22 September
Monday 12 October
Friday 16 October

School starts for children
Year 5 Science Dome
LGB to Parliament
Don Rae in with Reception
Break up for half term



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