



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

As we approach the final few days of the school year, we have had a truly busy and rewarding week here at Larchwood.

Year 6 have been on their residential trip to Mersea this week, and they've had a fabulous time. If you've seen our posts on X or Instagram, you'll know just how much fun they're having and how worn out my fingers are from all the posts! I visited them on Thursday afternoon / evening, and it was great to see them enjoying outdoor activities and bonding as a group. Huge thanks to the staff who have given up their time (and sleep!) to make the trip so memorable.

On Monday, we celebrated French Day in Year 3, 4 and 5 with a range of fun and engaging activities learning about countries around the world that speak French. It was also great for the children to work with different teachers.

The school governors met on Tuesday evening to reflect on the year, review key policies, and discuss the extensive monitoring they have carried out. They were absolutely delighted with our benchmark assessment data—including Early Years, the Year 1 Phonics Screening, the Year 4 Multiplication Check, and Year 6 SATs. Larchwood has once again performed above national average across the board—a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work of staff and children alike.

On Wednesday, Reception enjoyed a fantastic school trip to the farm, filled with discovery and fun. The children represented the school beautifully. A big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who made the trip such a success.

Today, your child will be bringing home their end-of-year report. I have taken time to read and comment on each one and have been so pleased to see the progress, effort, and embodiment of our school values that shine through in every report. I hope you enjoy reading them just as much as I have. The report also includes details about your child's class teacher for next year.

The LPPA have also been busy this week, counting the funds raised from our recent Colour Run. We're thrilled to announce that the event has made a £3,324 profit—an amazing result that will support resourcing across the school next year. Well done to Frankie in RA, Archie in 4B and Phoebe in RA who all raised over £100. In a separate fundraising event, I need to give a special mention to Thomas in Year 4 and Michael in Year 1, who recently completed a triathlon and raised £260 for the school. Incredible work, boys!

With just three days to go, there's still plenty to look forward to. On Monday, Year 6 will be working with Don Rae in what promises to be a fun and creative session. Also, on **Monday 21 July**, you are invited to join us between **4.00pm and 6.00pm** for our Celebration Evening. You and your child can view their books, visit their current classroom, speak with their teacher, and meet their new one. Governors will also be present conducting parent surveys and Pabulum our caterers will be providing food tasting. We look forward to welcoming you.



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I will be announcing the winners of the sunflower competition and of our annual Smith Family Award next week too. This special award is given to the student in Year 6 who we feel has really embodied our school values and been a super role model – which could be all of them, it is a difficult choice.

Tuesday brings our LPPA school discos—please note that entrance and collection will be via the **top gate**. Further information will be coming out and timings are in the diary dates. On Wednesday, we finish the term with the ever-popular **Larchwood's Got Talent**—a brilliant way to round off the year.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Uniform	Portion	Reveal	Strategy	Percent	Biography	-



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Tamana in 6R for demonstrating the values of friendship and responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
All of RA	All of RT	Otto	Thea	All of 2W	Jacob	Omar
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Alex	Marlowe	Lyla-May	Mackenzie	Joshua	-	-

Reading at Home



A disappointing end to this year's reading figures with no winning classes. Please keep the reading going.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	10 (34%)	3 (10%)	16 (56%)	19 (66%)
RT	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	21 (72%)	25 (86%)
1B	6 (22%)	2 (7%)	20 (71%)	22 (78%)
1G	6 (22%)	1 (4%)	20 (74%)	21 (78%)
2P	4 (12%)	5 (17%)	19 (67%)	24 (84%)
2W	4 (16%)	8 (34%)	12 (50%)	20 (84%)
3C	3 (12%)	8 (25%)	20 (63%)	28 (88%)
3M	7 (23%)	3 (10%)	20 (67%)	23 (77%)
4B	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	22 (82%)	25 (93%)
4T	8 (27%)	5 (17%)	16 (56%)	21 (73%)
5L	1 (4%)	5 (20%)	19 (76%)	24 (96%)
5P	2 (7%)	3 (12%)	21 (81%)	24 (93%)
6R	-	-	-	-
6H	-	-	-	-
Total				83.0%



Diary Dates

Friday 18 July	Sunflower Competition entries to be in
Friday 18 July	Reports sent home
Monday 21 July	Move up morning – children meet their new teacher
Monday 21 July	Celebration Evening (16.00 – 18.00)
Monday 21 July	Don Rae with Year 6
Tuesday 22 July	Year 6 leavers BBQ (lunchtime)
Tuesday 22 July	LPPA Summer Discos
	- Reception in school time
	- Year 1, 2 and 3 – 16.00 – 17.00
	- Year 4 and 5 – 17.30 – 18.30
	- Year 6 -1 17.30 – 19.00
Wednesday 23 July	Larchwood's Got Talent
Wednesday 23 July	Break up
Monday 1 September	First day back at school for pupils



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 14 July 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	96.1%	96.0%	96.0%	93.4%	91.8%	95.6%	97.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.4%
Attendance	97.9%	96.1%	97.2%	91.5%	95.4%	-	-	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3M	3C & 4T	4B



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.0%	95.3%	94.2%	96.2%	96.1%	96.3%	94.5%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.4%	95.5%	96.6%	95.5%	94.7%	95.1%	95.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T	3M	2P



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