



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

This week at Larchwood has been all about sport. I'm not talking about the World Cup, Harry Kane's goals or the excitement of international football, but the sporting achievements of our own children.

Sport plays an important role in the primary curriculum, and this week we held our two Sports Days. For a while, the weather threatened to make things difficult, but as the children made their way onto the field, the clouds cleared and the sunshine arrived. Sports Day is always a colourful spectacle, and this year was no exception. Seeing over 420 children competing, supporting one another and enjoying themselves was a truly positive experience.

We know Sports Day may not be everyone's favourite, but thanks to the encouragement of classmates and the support of our wonderful staff, every child was able to take part. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers cheering from the sidelines. Thank you.

This year saw several exciting additions to the programme. Miss Chambers worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the events were enjoyable and inclusive for all. Alongside my favourite, the sack race, the team sprints and relays were a huge success. The hard work of the children, Miss Chambers and our sports coaches, Mr Duchen and Mr Masters, certainly paid off. The competitive spirit of the relays, combined with the enthusiastic support from spectators, created a wonderful atmosphere.

The final team results are: 4th place – Red Team; 3rd place – Yellow Team; 2nd place – Blue Team; and our overall winners, with 1,578 points and a winning margin of 41 points, the Green Team. Congratulations to everyone involved.

On Tuesday, two teams represented Larchwood at the District Cricket Competition at South Weald. Our B Team improved with every match and learnt a great deal throughout the day. Our A Team won all of their matches and finished second out of sixteen teams, missing first place only on runs scored as there was no time for a final. Both teams should be extremely proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the parent helpers, especially our stand-in umpire.

Looking ahead, the Brentwood Try-a-Tri takes place next Saturday at the Brentwood Centre. Please let us know if your child has entered so that all Larchwood participants can start together.

A huge well done to Hannah in Year 6, who has raised over £1,800 for the Little Princess Trust by donating her hair. We are incredibly proud of her achievement.

Finally, auditions for Larchwood's Got Talent will take place over the next two weeks ahead of the show on Friday 17 July.

We will also begin sending communications through the My Child at School (MCAS) app from next week. If you have not yet installed the app, please do so and ensure notifications are switched on so you do not miss important school updates. 380 children now have a parent on the app.



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Jaxon in 4J for demonstrating all the school values at sports day.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
All of RA	Kate	Aureila	Ayla	Rosie	Tommy	Fearne
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Rowan	Chloe	Joel	Oliver	Harrison	Bodie	Sophie



Reading at Home

Well done all the 4 and 5 times readers and an improvement from those classes that didn't read enough last week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	5 (11%)	6 (21%)	17 (61%)	23 (82%)
RE	2 (4%)	8 (28%)	18 (92%)	26 (92%)
1B	3 (10%)	7 (24%)	19 (66%)	26 (90%)
1G	0 (0%)	9 (30%)	21 (70%)	30 (100%)
2C	4 (14%)	3 (10%)	23 (76%)	26 (86%)
2P	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	23 (88%)	24 (92%)
3LM	0 (0%)	12 (40%)	18 (60%)	30 (100%)
3T	3 (10%)	7 (25%)	17 (61%)	24 (86%)
4CH	4 (13%)	5 (18%)	20 (69%)	25 (87%)
4J	1 (3%)	10 (31%)	21 (66%)	31 (97%)
5L	2 (6%)	10 (34%)	18 (60%)	28 (90%)
5P	1 (3%)	7 (25%)	21 (72%)	28 (97%)
6R	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	25 (86%)	28 (97%)
6H	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	27 (97%)
Total				92.3%



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 June	Year 3 Roman Day
Thursday 25 June	Year 1 Call of the Wild Trip
Friday 26 June	LPPA BBQ and bounce
Monday 29 June	Year 6 residential to Mersea Island
Wednesday 1 July	French Day – Years 3-5
Friday 3 July	Year 6 BMX workshop
Tuesday 7 July	Reception trip to Boydell's Farm
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 play 13.45 and 18.30
Friday 10 July	Year 5 Taster Day – St Martins
Friday 10 July	Sunflower competition deadline
Monday 13 July	Don Rae with Year 6
Tuesday 14 July	Celebration Evening
Wednesday 15 July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Thursday 16 July	End of term Discos
Friday 17 July	Larchwood's Got Talent
Friday 17 July	Last day of term



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 15 June 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	96.5%	95.8%	98.0%	97.0%	99.3%	96.0%	96.7%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	93.3%	93.0%	99.0%	95.4%	94.8%	94.8%	95.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	4J	1B



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.0%	93.6%	96.5%	96.7%	97.1%	94.2%	96.7%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.7%
Attendance	96.0%	95.4%	96.4%	96.4%	96.0%	93.8%	97.0%	

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



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Raising funds for



TRY A TRI BRENTWOOD

Sunday 28th June, 2026 from 8.00am
Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

If you've ever considered the idea of taking on a triathlon then this is a great taster opportunity. With adult and junior challenges - plus entertainment and refreshments available on the day - there is something for everyone!

BOOK NOW



£20.00 Triathlon Adults (aged 15+) 200m Swim + 10k Bike + 3k Run
£20.00 Duathlon Adults (aged 15+) 3k Run + 10k Bike + 1k Run
FREE Triathlon Juniors (aged 8-14) 50m Swim + 5k Bike on Field + 1k Run on Field
FREE Field Duathlon Juniors (aged 8-14) 3k Run + 5k Bike on Field + 3k Run on Field Please use the code: EssexSBRFree when registering any junior places

Team Relays!

Teams have the option to complete in a relay format, where each participant takes on one of the three disciplines - swimming, cycling, or running. Contact Race Co-ordinator, Neha, to sign-up your team - triaton@essex@outlook.com

Headline sponsor: **Bakers** Venue sponsor: **everyone ACTIVE** **BROWNLEE** FEEDBACK With support from the **Brownlee Foundation**

THE BIG BBQ AND BOUNCE

Larchwood's Summer Social

Friday 26th June 3.30-6.30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wristbands can be purchased in advance for a discounted price of £8.50 before Sunday 21st June. Wristbands will be available on the door at £10. To get yours please scan the QR code or head over to - www.pta-events.co.uk/larchwoodprimaryps



All children must be accompanied by an adult and remain their responsibility

No smoking or vaping on School grounds No personal BBQ's

No dogs Only alcohol purchased on the premises is consumed



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