



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

This half term has flown by and it is hard to believe we are at the end of another busy and productive one. This week has been another fulfilling one with lots of exciting learning taking place, culminating in our Cultural Diversity Day today. It has been wonderful to see the children celebrating different cultures and traditions and embracing what makes our community so special.

The week started with Alistair from Old Brentwood Rugby Club visiting Year 2 to deliver tag rugby sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their teamwork and ball skills.

On Tuesday, Year 1 welcomed a visitor into school to talk to the children about Judaism and Shabbat. The children loved learning about the traditions associated with Shabbat and were especially delighted to try Challah bread. Experiences such as these really help bring learning to life and support the children's understanding of different faiths and cultures.

Tuesday also saw our final "Come Dine with Me" event of the year, which was very well attended by our Year 6 parents. We have had record numbers attending these events this year and I am sure you will all agree that school dinners are incredibly tasty these days. A massive thank you to Cassie and her kitchen team for consistently providing such excellent food and service throughout the year.

Wednesday was International Bee Day and Year 2 were lucky enough to welcome Ian, an expert beekeeper, into school to talk to them about all things bee-related. This visit supported their learning in both English and Science and the children were fascinated to learn more about the important role bees play in our environment.

On Thursday, Nimmo from Brentwood Triathlon Club visited Year 6 to deliver a mini "Try-a-Tri" session as part of their PE learning. Watching the children "swimming" on the field before completing the different transitions was great fun. A copy of the flyer for the real event is included on the last page. The event is open to all children aged 8 and above, as long as they can swim. It is free and bikes are available to borrow if needed. If your child decides to take part, please let us know so we can hopefully arrange for the Larchwood children to start together.

In other exciting news, Larchwood has been nominated for an Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) Initial Teacher Training Partnership Award in the Partnership Contribution Award category. This nomination is testament to the dedication and professionalism of the whole team and we are incredibly proud of this recognition.

Next term promises to be another busy one with Sports Days, residentials and school trips all planned. We will also be launching our new communication app, My Child At School (MCAS), which will become our main way of sending texts, emails and newsletters.

In the meantime, have a wonderful week off, enjoy the glorious weather that is forecast and, as always, keep reading!



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Job Opportunity

We are looking for an additional midday to join our staff team. If you think you have what it takes to join the lunchtime team then take a look at the advert [here](#) or speak to Mr Bowsher or Mrs Jaycock.

Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday we love knowing – they always remind us. If they want to wear a birthday badge they can, but only 1 please and no birthday headbands, sashes or other birthday related items.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Nasema in 3T for demonstrating all of the school values.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Sadie	Leo	Soham	Albert	Thomas	Willow	George
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Emily	Grace	Layla-May	Ethan	Zachary	Behesta	Frankie



Reading at Home

Well done to our four winning classes.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Tuesday 18 May to Friday 22 May			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	8 (12%)	5 (19%)	13 (50%)	18 (69%)
RE	3 (11%)	8 (31%)	15 (58%)	23 (89%)
1B	6 (22%)	4 (14%)	18 (64%)	22 (78%)
1G	4 (13%)	5 (17%)	20 (70%)	25 (87%)
2C	5 (19%)	6 (21%)	17 (60%)	23 (81%)
2P	1 (4%)	6 (24%)	18 (72%)	24 (96%)
3LM	7 (23%)	4 (13%)	20 (65%)	24 (78%)
3T	2 (7%)	5 (18%)	21 (75%)	26 (93%)
4CH	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	27 (100%)
4J	1 (3%)	10 (32%)	20 (65%)	30 (97%)
5L	4 (13%)	4 (13%)	22 (74%)	26 (87%)
5P	0 (0%)	6 (23%)	23 (79%)	29 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	24 (85%)	28 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	24 (92%)	26 (100%)
Total				89.6%



Diary Dates

Friday 22 May	LPPA ice cream sale
Friday 22 May	Break up for half term
Tuesday 2 June	Girls cricket tournament
Thursday 4 June	Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 9 June	Year 5 visit to St Martins to watch High School Musical
Monday 15 June	Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day
Wednesday 17 June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day
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
Tuesday 7 July	Reception trip to Boydell's Farm
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 play 13.45 and 18.30
Friday 10 July	Sunflower competition deadline
Tuesday 14 July	Celebration Evening



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 18 May 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	89.6%	91.4%	94.6%	95.0%	92.3%	92.0%	100%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.9%
Attendance	89.0%	92.0%	93.5%	98.1%	94.6%	93.7%	94.4%	

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



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.3%	93.0%	96.4%	96.6%	97.1%	94.1%	96.7%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.8%
Attendance	96.1%	95.4%	96.4%	96.3%	96.0%	95.5%	97.4%	

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



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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!

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FREE Triathlon Juniors (aged 8-14) 50m Swim >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on
FREE Field Duathlon Juniors (aged 6-14) 1k Run >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run
on Field Please use the code EssexSBRFree when registering any junior
places



Team Relays!

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

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