



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been a week full of learning and enjoyment for everyone across the school, with lots to celebrate both in and out of the classroom.

On Monday, our girls' football team played their quarter-final match in the Wiskard Cup. The team have shown real growth and determination throughout the year, and this was clear to see in their performance. Although they did not progress to the next round, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship against a very strong Shenfield St Mary's side. We are extremely proud of the way they represented the school and of the progress they have made as a team this year.

Yesterday, we were delighted to celebrate attendance with our attendance raffle winners at a wonderful tea party, kindly provided by our caterers, Pabulum. Twenty lucky pupils were each able to invite an adult to join them, and it was a lovely opportunity to recognise and reward their commitment to coming to school every day. Any pupil with attendance over 98% for the term is entered into the raffle. Our overall attendance continues to sit just above the national average, and when compared with similar schools, we are doing well. However, maintaining this remains a priority, as good attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing.

It hasn't just been the children who have been learning this week. All staff have taken part in training delivered by the Essex SEND team, focusing on demand avoidance. These sessions are now a regular part of our professional development programme and ensure that staff receive up-to-date training to help us meet the needs of all pupils effectively.

Finally, today Miss Adams and I attended the BETT exhibition at Docklands alongside our Digital Leaders. BETT is a major educational technology event showcasing the very latest developments in edtech. We saw some fantastic innovations and have returned to school full of exciting ideas and plans for the future.

Governor Monitoring Visit – Rachel Fossey, Chair of Governors

Last week I completed monitoring visits to review Assessment and Attainment outcomes as well as how the school spends the funds allocated to support children with the Pupil Premium Grant.

It is clear that school leaders regularly carry out a detailed review of all available assessment data and that individual class teachers identify any areas to address in their own class and are able to plan and carry out appropriate interventions.

A large proportion of the Pupil Premium Grant is spent on ensuring that there is high quality teaching as well as targeted support provided to those pupils who need it the most.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff at Larchwood who work so hard to welcome children into the school and support them throughout their school journey.



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Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands is now at the end of week 2 and scores are going up. 6R won against 5P, 5L won against 6H, 3T won against 4J and 3LM won against 4CH.

	W	D	L	Points
4J	2	0	0	6
5L	2	0	0	6
3LM	1	0	1	4
4CH	1	0	1	4
6R	1	0	1	4
6H	1	0	1	4
3T	0	0	2	2
5P	0	0	2	2

Week 3 battles:

3LM vs 4J

4CH vs 3T

5L vs 6R

5P vs 6H



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Chloe in 4CH for representing the school so well.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Nico	Finn	Charlie.Wo	Connie	Thea	George	Tania
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Amelia.W	Robyn	Niam	Charlie	All of 5P	Millie	Teigan-Rose



Reading at Home

Well done to all the 4 and 5 x readers who continue to meet the expectations and are developing a love of reading.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 19 January to Friday 23 January			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (15%)	7 (26%)	16 (59%)	23 (85%)
RE	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	22 (85%)	25 (96%)
1B	4 (13%)	3 (11%)	22 (76%)	25 (87%)
1G	3 (11%)	2 (7%)	23 (82%)	25 (89%)
2C	4 (15%)	4 (13%)	21 (72%)	25 (85%)
2P	5 (17%)	2 (7%)	20 (77%)	22 (84%)
3LM	3 (11%)	5 (19%)	19 (70%)	24 (89%)
3T	1 (4%)	6 (22%)	20 (74%)	26 (96%)
4CH	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	29 (94%)	31 (100%)
4J	0 (0%)	10 (31%)	22 (69%)	32 (100%)
5L	1 (3%)	9 (31%)	19 (66%)	28 (97%)
5P	2 (6%)	5 (17%)	23 (77%)	28 (94%)
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	29 (100%)
6H	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	27 (97%)
Total				92.8%



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Diary Dates

Friday 23 January	Digital Leaders trip to BETT exhibition
Monday 26 January	Year 6 boys football match vs Warley (home)
Tuesday 27 January	Tag Rugby tournament
Thursday 29 January	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 6 February	Don Rae Chinese New Year - Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 11 February	Year 6 trip to St Martins to watch 'We Will Rock You'
Wednesday 11 February	Parent Consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 12 February	Parent Consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 13 February	Break up for half term
Tuesday 24 February	Choir to the O2 for Young Voices
Tuesday 3 March	Year 1 'come-dine with me'
Friday 6 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 6 March	Parent reading drop in morning
Tuesday 10 March	Year 3 'come-dine with me'
Tuesday 17 March	Year 2 'come-dine with me'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 3 Trip Chelmsford Museum
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 19 January 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.4%	92.5%	96.7%	94.7%	93.0%	93.7%	89.0%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.3%
Attendance	96.9%	95.0%	97.2%	95.7%	96.7%	91.7%	99.0%	

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



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.6%	92.5%	97.0%	96.4%	97.6%	94.4%	95.8%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.8%	95.0%	96.2%	96.4%	96.5%	92.7%	96.7%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	1B	3T



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SEND School Age Drop-in

An opportunity to get advice and support in a relaxed and non judgemental environment

Parents and carers of both diagnosed and non-diagnosed children welcome.

1st Wednesday of the month
12:00 - 13:00

No need to book - Just drop-in!

Northlands Park Family Hub
Davenants, Basildon Essex SS13 1QX

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