



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

This week, we have celebrated one of our key priorities: excellent attendance. Coming to school every day plays a vital role in children's learning and overall success. While there are, of course, times when children are too unwell to attend, maintaining the highest possible attendance has a significant impact on their progress throughout their school journey.

Last Friday, we were delighted to award nearly 100 certificates for 100% attendance. In addition, yesterday, 20 lucky winners from our attendance raffle enjoyed a special tea party with a parent or carer. These pupils were selected from almost 200 children who achieved 98% attendance or higher last term. It is clear that these children are giving themselves the best chance to succeed academically.

There have been many other exciting events taking place this week. Our Year 6 girls represented the school in a district netball tournament, performing brilliantly in their first competitive event. They won three matches and narrowly lost three, showing great determination and teamwork.

On Tuesday, Year 5 hosted their "Come Dine With Me" event, which was attended by over 40 parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the school experience together.

Year 4 have also had an engaging and memorable week. As part of their history topic, they took part in a World War II themed day, dressing in period clothing and immersing themselves in the topic through a range of activities. This was enhanced by visitors on Wednesday who brought in a variety of WWII artefacts, further inspiring the children's learning.

Yesterday, Mr Horne took on the role of Headteacher for the day after winning the opportunity through the Bowsher Bar Golden Tickets. He has shared a summary of his experience below.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be just as busy. The book fair will be available in the main playground after school from today, and Reception will be hosting their "Come Dine With Me" event on Tuesday.



Mr Horne's Headteacher Comment:

I had a really fun day as the Headteacher yesterday. I went on the gate. I made a card for my favourite teachers, Miss Gardner and Miss Adams. I gave all the children 10 minutes extra break and a chocolate biscuit to enjoy. I also got snacks and drinks for the teachers. My mum and the middays had a surprise at lunchtime. I made Mr Bowsher go in goal while my class took penalties at him. He was very, very, very, very, very, very good but we won! I also made a treasure hunt around the school for 1G and 1B using a map. At lunchtime Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 went on the field with me and Mr Bowsher. It was a brilliant day but hard work.



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Mrs Fossey, Chair of Governors, writes:

The governors met on Wednesday of this week to discuss and review the progress the school is making and to discuss this with Mr Bowsher. This included looking at attainment data, the school improvement plan, behaviour, finance and teaching and learning. We continue to be impressed with how the school is performing and the offer that the children get at Larchwood, particularly the enrichment activities. The results of the parent survey were also really pleasing. The Governors would like to thank all Larchwood staff for their ongoing hard work and commitment to the school which really makes a difference to the community.

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 the take a look at the advert [here](#) or speak to Mr Bowsher or Mrs Jaycock.

Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award



Aaryan in 6R for his entertaining and creative writing in science.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Alexander	Karam	Mason	Phoebe	Ava	Speedy-Junior	Marnie
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Eliza	Olivia.H	Darcy	Valerie	Mylo	Molly	Sophie



Reading at Home

Great effort from all our 4 and 5 times readers especially, 4CH, 5P, 6H and the trophy winners 6R.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	7 (29%)	7 (26%)	13 (48%)	20 (74%)
RE	3 (10%)	3 (11%)	22 (79%)	25 (90%)
1B	3 (10%)	3 (11%)	22 (79%)	25 (90%)
1G	3 (9%)	6 (20%)	21 (71%)	27 (91%)
2C	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	25 (84%)	29 (97%)
2P	3 (12%)	4 (16%)	18 (72%)	22 (88%)
3LM	2 (7%)	9 (30%)	19 (63%)	28 (93%)
3T	2 (7%)	6 (21%)	21 (72%)	27 (93%)
4CH	0 (0%)	14 (47%)	16 (53%)	30 (100%)
4J	2 (6%)	9 (28%)	21 (66%)	30 (94%)
5L	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	24 (86%)	27 (96%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	28 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	29 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	29 (100%)
Total				80.2%



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 28 April	Reception 'come dine with me'
Monday 4 May	Bank holiday Monday – school closed
Tuesday 5 May	Year 2 'come dine with me'
Wednesday 6 May	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Park
Thursday 7 May	Local elections – school still open
Monday 11 May	Start of Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 May	Year 6 rearranged 'come dine with me'
Friday 22 May	Break up for half term
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
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



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 20 April 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	95.0%	95.7%	94.9%	98.0%	100%	93.3%	96.3%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	97.4%	98.1%	97.4%	96.3%	92.2%	98.9%	99.3%	

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



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.6%	92.9%	96.5%	96.7%	97.5%	94.2%	96.4%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.9%
Attendance	96.3%	95.5%	96.4%	96.2%	96.3%	95.3%	97.5%	

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



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