



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I am always talking about my love of reading and how one of the aims of our curriculum is to develop that same love of reading in our children. Reading is such an important life skill and being able to read confidently opens up so many opportunities for children both now and in the future.

When children start at Larchwood, they are given a book to share at home right from the beginning. Thanks to the hard work of our staff, parents and carers, and of course the children themselves, our children learn to read well here.

On Monday, I went around to each class and congratulated all the children who had read at least four and five times the previous week. Five classes had every child reading at least four times, which is fantastic. Those children who read five times will have this celebrated in class each week. If you are not currently reading with your child at least four times a week, please make sure you do. Regular reading is an expectation at Larchwood because we know the difference it makes to children's progress, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

On Monday, I also met all of our Stars of the Week from Friday for a cup of squash and a biscuit. They love coming to my office to tell me about their weekend and, of course, to talk about which of our school values they received their award for. It is always lovely hearing their stories and seeing how proud they are. I am hoping to make this a weekly event throughout this term.

There has been plenty going on in school this week. On Tuesday, our Junior Governors from last year visited the Houses of Parliament for a tour and learnt more about how democracy works in our country. It was a fitting end to their year in office and they were an amazing group of Junior Governors. They represented Larchwood brilliantly.

We have also held football trials for both boys and girls in Years 5 and 6. So many children attended that choosing the final squads has been very tricky for Mr Duchen and me! Well done to everyone who took part – all of our school values were on show.

Yesterday, we welcomed parents into school as Year 1 shared information about phonics and how parents can support their children at home. This morning, I also conducted my first parent tour of the year for prospective families looking to join us in September 2027. If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2027 and would like a tour, please contact the school office.

Finally, it has been highlighted to me a number of times this week how bad the parking has been outside school at pick-up time. The double yellow lines are there for a reason – to prevent dangerous parking and help keep our children safe.

Please park safely and legally so that we can avoid accidents and keep everyone in our school community safe.



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Zara in 5P for demonstrating the value of friendship in afterschool club.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC
Teodor	Beau	Harry	Karam	Charlie	Amara	Tommy
3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Callie	Lois	Charlie	Daisy	Alisa	William	John



Reading at Home

Well done to the three classes with 100% and to 2IM for the most reading 5 times. Remember reading 4 times is the minimum expectation.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	5 (17%)	4 (14%)	20 (69%)	24 (83%)
RE	7 (23%)	6 (20%)	17 (57%)	23 (77%)
1B	5 (19%)	6 (22%)	16 (59%)	22 (81%)
1G	3 (11%)	7 (25%)	18 (64%)	25 (89%)
2IM	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	30 (100%)
2P	0 (0%)	5 (20%)	21 (80%)	26 (100%)
3LC	5 (18%)	3 (11%)	20 (71%)	23 (82%)
3T	4 (13%)	3 (10%)	22 (77%)	25 (87%)
4C	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	20 (69%)	28 (96%)
4J	1 (8%)	8 (30%)	18 (67%)	26 (97%)
5L	4 (12%)	12 (39%)	15 (49%)	27 (88%)
5P	3 (9%)	10 (33%)	18 (58%)	28 (91%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	29 (73%)	29 (100%)
6H	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	21 (70%)	29 (97%)
Total				90.5%



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 30 September	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 7 October	RE parent and child nursery rhyme workshop 14.30
Thursday 8 October	RA parent and child nursery rhyme workshop 14.30
Monday 12 October	Reception Don Rae dance workshop
Tuesday 13 October	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 14 October	Parent consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 15 October	Parent consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 16 October	Break up for half term
Monday 2 November	Return to school
Wednesday 4 November	Year 3 Scooter Workshop
Thursday 5 November	Reception Workshop – Prime Areas of Learning
Friday 13 November	Children in Need
Friday 4 November	LPPA Christmas Market



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 21 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	97.0%	96.6%	96.5%	94.2%	95.0%	97.6%	93.2%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.9%
Attendance	98.3%	95.1%	95.5%	93.7%	98.0%	98.0%	94.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T	5P & 6H	2P



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	97.0%	96.6%	95.7%	94.2%	95.2%	97.4%	92.7%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.6%
Attendance	98.3%	95.0%	94.7%	93.8%	93.8%	97.4%	96.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3T	2P & 6H	RA



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is its name associated with video games, it's a multi-purpose communication tool. It's a place where you can find like-minded people, share ideas, make friends, and even find a job. It's a place where you can find like-minded people, share ideas, make friends, and even find a job. It's a place where you can find like-minded people, share ideas, make friends, and even find a job.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

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STRANGER DANGER

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A HARASSMENT RISK

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INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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A MONEY DRAIN

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Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents can create a Family Centre on Discord, which gives an overview of a teenager's activity while respecting their privacy. It's a place where you can find like-minded people, share ideas, make friends, and even find a job.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

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CHECK TALK REPORT

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REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

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Meet Our Expert

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Special Menu Favourites Day

Thursday 1st October

- Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap
- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Served with Baked Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas
- Also Available
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Dessert
- Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard

DM1, DM2 & DM3

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