



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Well, it's been a hot one this week! Working in a school means that no two days are ever the same, and this week was certainly no exception. The unusually warm weather has brought its own challenges, but the way our children and staff have continued with their learning has been fantastic. As you know, we have made a number of adaptations to help keep everyone comfortable, including limiting time outdoors, adjusting PE lessons and encouraging plenty of fluids throughout the day. The LPPA also provided the children with ice pops on Wednesday.

I know that some of the secondary schools around Brentwood have either closed or operated shortened days this week, but local primary schools have remained open and we have been no exception. Breakfast Club has continued from 7.30am and After School Club has run until 6.00pm as normal. Keeping school operating as normally as possible is important for children's learning and we know families have appreciated the consistency.

There has been plenty happening in school this week. On Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed their Roman Day and arrived dressed in a wonderful array of Roman costumes. A Roman tent was erected on the field, activities were organised and a Roman army was assembled! The children fully embraced the experience and had a fantastic day bringing their history learning to life.

Year 1 also enjoyed their trip to Call of the Wild on Thursday. As they stepped off the coach, each one told me a different animal they saw - penguins being the favourite. Despite the warm weather, the children had a brilliant day.

This week also saw our new Reception children visit for their first afternoon transition session. It was lovely to meet them all in person. Our current children were excellent ambassadors, helping to show them the ropes and making them feel welcome. We look forward to seeing them all again next week.

Talking of next week, Year 6 head off to Mersea Island for their residential on Monday. This was always one of my favourite weeks of the year as a Year 6 teacher. The children will take part in a wide range of activities, create lasting memories and undoubtedly have a wonderful time. You can keep up with their adventures on our Instagram throughout the week.

Next week also sees French Day for Years 3, 4 and 5 and Wednesday and children can come to school wearing red, white and blue. The teachers have lots of fun activities planned and the LPPA will be providing French-themed snacks for the children to enjoy.

LPPA Big BBQ and Bounce

The LPPA made the sensible decision to postpone the BBQ and Bounce event until 10th July due to the very hot weather today. Tickets already purchased can be used on the new date. We are already looking forward to the new date and, hopefully, some cooler weather.



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Parking and Driving

Please remember to park and drive responsibly around the school site. During the warmer weather, more children are walking and cycling to school. I was made aware of some particularly aggressive driving by a grandparent this week. We all have a responsibility to help keep our children safe and set a positive example within our school community. Thank you for your continued support.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Teodor in 1G for showing responsibility on the school trip and having an expert knowledge of animals.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Archil	Raffi	All of 1B	All of 1G	George	Bella	Fearne
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Jamie	Caleb	Wilf	Marlowe	Harrison	All of 6H	Ralphie



Reading at Home

Despite the hot weather we still had classes reading at least 4 times. Well done.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (16%)	6 (24%)	15 (60%)	37 (84%)
RE	3 (12%)	5 (21%)	16 (67%)	21 (85%)
1B	5 (19%)	12 (44%)	10 (37%)	22 (81%)
1G	7 (25%)	11 (39%)	10 (36%)	21 (75%)
2C	4 (16%)	6 (23%)	16 (61%)	22 (84%)
2P	2 (10%)	4 (19%)	15 (71%)	19 (90%)
3LM	3 (12%)	7 (25%)	18 (64%)	25 (89%)
3T	5 (17%)	11 (36%)	14 (47%)	25 (83%)
4CH	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	27 (100%)
4J	3 (11%)	16 (57%)	9 (32%)	28 (89%)
5L	0 (0%)	7 (21%)	18 (72%)	25 (100%)
5P	2 (8%)	7 (28%)	23 (92%)	23 (92%)
6R	2 (8%)	8 (25%)	13 (57%)	21 (92%)
6H	0 (0%)	4 (21%)	15 (79%)	19 (100%)
Total				88.8%



Diary Dates

Monday 29 June	Year 6 residential to Mersea Island
Wednesday 1 July	French Day – Years 3-5
Friday 3 July	Year 5 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	LPPA BBQ and bounce
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 22 June 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	88.2%	86.9%	88.0%	93.0%	89.6%	77.4%	93.5%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	87.1%
Attendance	91.0%	88.9%	87.8%	82.9%	84.5%	82.0%	85.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3LM	1G	3T



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	92.9%	93.4%	96.3%	96.6%	96.9%	93.7%	96.6%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.4%
Attendance	95.9%	95.3%	96.2%	96.0%	95.6%	93.5%	96.7%	

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



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