



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another brilliantly busy week at Larchwood with lots of learning taking place, clubs starting, and sporting trials capturing the children's energy and enthusiasm. Photos of these are on the last page.

Over 150 children took part in our cross-country trials this week – an incredible number! It was inspiring to see so many of our pupils give their very best and demonstrate the Larchwood value of responsibility. Each runner showed determination and resilience, whether they were at the front of the pack or pacing themselves steadily to the finish line.

The sense of encouragement among the children was wonderful to witness, and the atmosphere was full of positivity. Well done to everyone who took part – you should all be proud.

This week also saw around 40 children from Years 5 and 6 trying out for the school football squads. The standard of play was excellent, with many children demonstrating strong teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship.

While not everyone can make the final squads, every pupil who took part represented the school and themselves brilliantly. A big thank you to the staff who helped with all the trials this week.

We know parents are always keen to support children with their learning at home, and your encouragement really does make a difference. At Larchwood, we do not ask children to complete large amounts of homework, but it is essential that they are:

- Reading every night
- Practising their weekly spellings (Year 2 and above)
- Using Times Tables Rock Stars regularly (Year 3 and above)

These small, consistent routines build confidence and help children make excellent progress across the curriculum.

If you would like to see what your child will be learning each week, you can view our Year Group Overviews on the school website. These are updated to reflect our curriculum and provide a clear picture of the knowledge and skills being developed in each year group. Please use the links below:

- [Reception Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 2 Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 3 Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 4 Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 5 Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Year 6 Curriculum Overview](#)



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This morning, I had the pleasure of leading the very first parent tour for families with children due to start school in September 2026. These visits are always a highlight of the week as they give me the chance to share the joy of our classrooms, showcasing the great learning and fab children as well as the many great things that happen every day at Larchwood.

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2026, or know someone who does, please do book a place on one of our weekly tours. You can do this easily by calling or emailing the school office. We look forward to welcoming families and giving them a flavour of what makes Larchwood so special.

Thank you, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead as we move into October!



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Joshua F in 6R for demonstrating the values of responsibility and perseverance.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Harry	Layla-Mae	Pippa	Charlie	Jaxon	Ellie	Kayla
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Venba	Dylan	Mackenzie	Nancy	Bella	Alayna	Lily



## Reading at Home

Well done to all the 4 times readers. Only 20 children did not read 4 times which meant 400 did! Fantastic! Overall winners were 6R.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 22 September to Friday 26 September</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
RE	4 (19%)	2 (8%)	19 (73%)	21 (81%)
1B	0 (0%)	11 (38%)	18 (62%)	29 (100%)
1G	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	26 (93%)
2C	2 (6%)	3 (11%)	24 (83%)	27 (94%)
2P	2 (8%)	6 (21%)	20 (71%)	26 (92%)
3LM	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	25 (89%)	27 (96%)
3T	0 (0%)	9 (32%)	19 (68%)	28 (100%)
4CH	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	25 (87%)	27 (100%)
4J	0 (0%)	8 (26%)	23 (74%)	31 (100%)
5L	2 (7%)	3 (10%)	24 (83%)	29 (100%)
5P	2 (8%)	6 (21%)	20 (71%)	26 (92%)
6R	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	30 (100%)
6H	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	27 (96%)	27 (96%)
Total				95.2%



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## Diary Dates

Thursday 2 October	Shenfield Cup – football tournament
Friday 3 October	Reception Don Rae dance workshop – parents invited (14.30)
Tuesday 7 October	District Cross country – Years 3 - 6
Tuesday 7 October	LPPA AGM 18.00
Friday 10 October	Year 3 and 4 Author visit
Tuesday 14 October	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 14 October	Girls football tournament
Wednesday 15 October	Parent consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 16 October	Parent consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 17 October	Break up for half term
Monday 3 November	Return to school
Tuesday 11 November	Flu jabs
Tuesday 2 December	LPPA Christmas wreath making
Friday 19 December	Break up



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 22 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	98.9%	93.8%	94.7%	96.7%	99.0%	97.0%	94.3%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.4%
Attendance	98.2%	95.5%	98.1%	99.7%	91.7%	93.4%	99.0%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5L	2C & 6R	RA



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	97.8%	94.2%	96.7%	96.3%	98.1%	96.6%	95.7%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.3%
Attendance	97.8%	94.7%	97.4%	99.1%	93.9%	91.6%	97.7%	

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5L	2C	RA



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