



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy and exciting week at Larchwood. We've been especially delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school this week. Each afternoon, we've held their first induction sessions, giving them a chance to explore their new classroom, meet their teachers, and begin to feel part of the Larchwood family. It has been a joy to see them coming in and enjoying school. A huge thank you to our Early Years team for creating such a warm and welcoming environment – we can already see that these children are going to thrive with us in September.

Meanwhile, our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic trip to the Imperial War Museum Duxford on Wednesday. This immersive day out brought their history learning to life in a powerful and memorable way. The children were able to explore real aircraft, including Concord, and hear stories of bravery and innovation. They even created their own documentaries. As always, they represented our school really well – so much so that one of the museum guides took to X (formerly Twitter) to say, *"Thank you for being such an enthusiastic group and it was a pleasure to take you through the Documentary Challenge!"* Well done, Year 4!

Behind the scenes, our school governors have also been busy this week. As you may know, governors play a vital role in helping to shape the strategic direction of our school. They work hard to hold the school to account, ensure high standards, and support leadership in making decisions that are always in the best interest of the children. This week, governors met twice – once to review and approve the risk assessments for the upcoming Year 6 residential trip to Mersea, and again to discuss admissions. Their commitment, time, and thoughtful questioning help us stay focused and continually improve.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very special thank you to one of our long-serving governors, Mrs Wenham, who has recently stepped down after eight years of dedicated service. We are truly grateful for everything she has contributed.

There is still lots going on over the next three and a half weeks. One of the biggest things is the LPPA colour run and family picnic which I'm sure you are looking forward to. Two years ago, it raised a huge amount for the school which we invested in our outdoor facilities, so keep collecting the sponsorship money ready for next Friday. It is promising to be bigger and better this year with the addition of a BBQ along with the usual refreshments and I will be taking part again (much against my better judgement). Our new Reception children starting in September are also welcome to take part. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

Sunflower Competition

The annual sunflower competition is getting to the business end with only a few weeks left of



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growing time. The closing date for entries is Friday 18 July and entries can be sent to the school via the office email, X (@LarchwoodPS) or Instagram (larchwoodps). Entries need to include a photo that shows the sunflower with your child (if possible) and a tape measure that shows the height (a second photo of the actual measurement helps). Please also put your child's name, class and the measurement in the email. There will be winners in each year group as well as a top 3 overall. The overall winner gets their name added to the honours board in the lobby. So, keep watering those sunflowers and feel free to update us on progress via X and Instagram.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
React	Submit	Range	Generation	Scenario	Psychology	-



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Holly in 5P for showing perseverance and working hard as well as showing all the school values.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
All of RA	All of RT	Millie	Jaxon	Lukas	Lois D	Markus
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Zarish	Zoe	Mylo	Betsy	Frankie	Esme	Harry.G

Reading at Home



Well done all of you who read at least 4 times. Great effort from Reception setting a great example to the new children.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	21 (72%)	29 (100%)
RT	0 (0%)	12 (86%)	16 (57%)	28 (100%)
1B	4 (13%)	6 (21%)	19 (66%)	25 (87%)
1G	5 (17%)	0 (0%)	24 (83%)	24 (83%)
2P	6 (21%)	7 (25%)	15 (54%)	22 (79%)
2W	4 (14%)	5 (18%)	19 (68%)	24 (86%)
3C	4 (15%)	4 (15%)	19 (70%)	23 (85%)
3M	1 (3%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	28 (97%)
4B	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	27 (100%)
4T	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	26 (93%)
5L	3 (11%)	7 (26%)	17 (63%)	24 (89%)
5P	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	23 (92%)	25 (100%)
6R	-	-	-	-
6H	-	-	-	-
Total				91.6%



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 July	Year 1 trip to Barleylands
Wednesday 2 July	Cricket match vs Hogarth
Friday 4 July	Year 5 taster day at St Martins
Friday 4 July	LPPA Colour Run
Monday 7 July	Year 3 Roman Day
Tuesday 8 July	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Country Park
Wednesday 9 July	Year 6 end of year play (afternoon and evening)
Monday 14 July	Year 6 residential to Mersea
Wednesday 16 July	Reception trip to Boydells Farm
Friday 18 July	Sunflower Competition entries to be in
Friday 18 July	Reports sent home
Monday 21 July	Move up morning
Monday 21 July	Celebration Evening (16.00 – 18.00)
Monday 21 July	Don Rae with Year 6
Tuesday 22 July	Year 6 leavers BBQ (lunchtime)
Tuesday 22 July	LPPA Summer Discos
Wednesday 23 July	Larchwood's Got Talent
Wednesday 23 July	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 23 June 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	96.7%	95.4%	94.7%	100%	98.6%	95.6%	89.4%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.8%
Attendance	96.8%	96.1%	97.2%	95.9%	91.4%	96.6%	96.65	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G	2W	4T



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.9%	95.3%	94.1%	96.2%	96.3%	96.3%	94.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.3%	95.5%	96.5%	95.6%	94.5%	95.0%	95.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T	2W & 2P	1G



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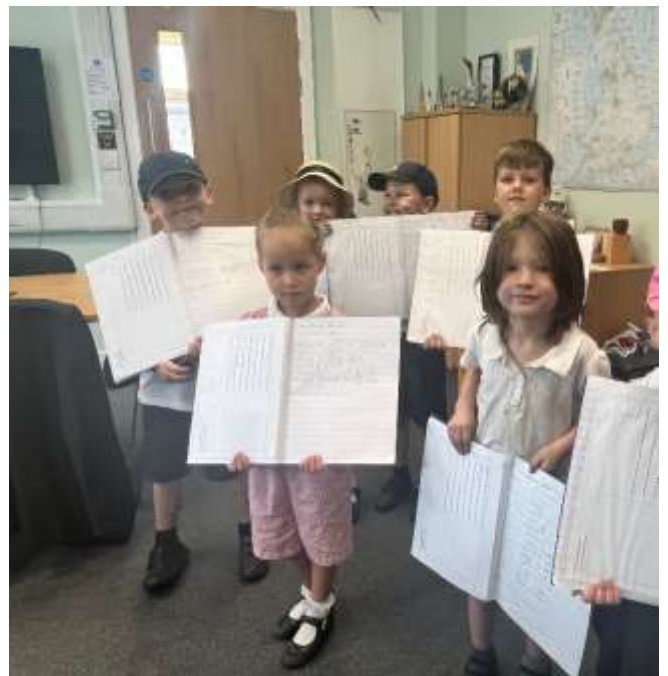
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LARCHWOOD PRIMARY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

COLOUR RUN AND FAMILY PICNIC

Friday 4th July
Gates open to the School Field at
15:30. First race at 16:00

To run this event, we need more volunteers to help on the day. Any time
you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact
larchwoodpa@yahoo.com for more info



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