



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mrs Jaycock's Comment:

This week has been another highly productive week in school, with fantastic learning taking place alongside many exciting curriculum enrichment events. On Monday, our boys' football team played their rearranged cup match against Warley. In a closely fought game, the team showed great determination and teamwork to secure a 2-1 victory and progress to the quarter-finals – well done to all involved.

Our love of reading was the focus on Wednesday, when author Yassmin Abdel-Magied visited the school to share her story with pupils from Years 3 to 6, followed by a book-signing session. Speaking to staff and pupils afterwards, it was clear that she has led a varied life and was hugely entertaining – one of the best author visits we have had.

Thursday was a special day for Year 1, who enjoyed their Great Fire of London workshop in the hall. As the photographs on the last page show, they had a fantastic day full of memorable learning.

Children's Mental Health Week is a national event that helps us shine a light on the importance of emotional wellbeing for children and families. It starts on Monday 9th February and the theme this year is 'This is My Place' which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

Throughout the week, pupils will be taking part in age-appropriate activities and discussions that encourage them to talk about their feelings, build resilience and know where to find support when they need it.

We also know how important it is to support parents and carers. As part of the week, our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be running a coffee afternoon for parents on Tuesday 10th February at 2pm. This will be a relaxed, informal opportunity to meet the team, ask questions and chat with other parents about children's mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to join us, please come to the office at 2pm. We hope many of you will be able to come and be part of these supportive conversations.

In addition, the MHST will be offering some parent webinars, providing practical advice and guidance on supporting children's emotional wellbeing at home.

Understanding ADHD in Primary Aged Children 11th February 6:30pm

Supporting Your Child with Challenging Behaviour 24th February 10am

Please use the QR code on the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter if you would like to register to attend.



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Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands is now at the end of week 3 and scores are going up. 5L won against 6R, 6H won against 5P, 3T won against 4CH and 4J won against 3LM.

	W	D	L	Points
4J	3	0	0	9
5L	3	0	0	9
6H	2	0	1	7
3LM	1	0	2	5
4CH	1	0	2	5
6R	1	0	2	5
3T	1	0	2	5
5P	0	0	3	3

Week 4 battles:

3LM vs 5L

3T vs 5P

4CH vs 6H

4J vs 6R



Mrs Jaycock's Superstar Award

Harley in year 5 for consistently demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Kason	Mason	Freddie F	Freddie H	Callie	Cooper	Marnie
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Valentina	Nelia	Charlie	Grace W	Freya	Braydon	Mason



Reading at Home

Well done to 6R. 100% of you read 5 times this week. Keep up the excellent work!

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 26 January to Friday 30 January			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	7(26%)	5(18.5%)	15(55.5%)	20(34%)
RE	2(8%)	3(11%)	22 (81%)	25(92%)
1B	2(6%)	4(15%)	22(76%)	26(91%)
1G	2(6%)	5(18%)	22(76%)	27(94%)
2C	4(14%)	4(14%)	21(72%)	25(86%)
2P	3(12%)	1(4%)	23(84%)	24(88%)
3LM	1(3%)	6(21%)	22(76%)	28(97%)
3T	4(14%)	5(18%)	19(68%)	24(86%)
4CH	0(0%)	6(20%)	24(80%)	30(100%)
4J	0(0%)	10(31.3%)	22(68.7%)	32(100%)
5L	2(6%)	6(22%)	21(72%)	27(94%)
5P	4(7%)	9(30%)	19(63%)	28(93%)
6R	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	28(100%)
6H	0(0%)	3(10%)	26(90%)	29(100%)
Total				89.6%



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 4 February	Booking opens for Parent Consultations 16.00
Friday 6 February	Don Rae Chinese New Year - Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 February	MHST Coffee Afternoon 14.00
Tuesday 10 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 February	Year 6 trip to St Martins to watch 'We Will Rock You'
Wednesday 11 February	Parent Consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Thursday 12 February	Parent Consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Friday 13 February	Break up for half term
Tuesday 24 February	Choir to the O2 for Young Voices
Tuesday 3 March	Year 1 'come-dine with me'
Friday 6 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 6 March	Parent reading drop in morning
Tuesday 10 March	Year 3 'come-dine with me'
Tuesday 17 March	Year 2 'come-dine with me'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 4 'come-dine with me'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 3 Trip Chelmsford Museum
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 26 January 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.0%	93.6%	98.0%	96.7%	98.0%	95.3%	93.0%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.6%
Attendance	96.9%	94.7%	97.8%	95.7%	97.0%	92.4%	96.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1B & 2C	4J	5P



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	96.6%	92.6%	97.1%	96.4%	97.6%	94.5%	95.6%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.8%	95.0%	96.3%	96.4%	96.5%	92.7%	96.7%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	1B	3T



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hcrg care groups

Believe in children Barnardo's

SEND School Age Drop-in

An opportunity to get advice and support in a relaxed and non judgemental environment

Parents and carers of both diagnosed and non-diagnosed children welcome.

1st Wednesday of the month
12:00 - 13:00

No need to book - Just drop in!

Northlands Park Family Hub
Davenants, Basildon Essex SS13 1QX

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Service commissioned by: Essex County Council NHS



MHST Coffee Afternoon – Larchwood School

Take a break, enjoy a warm drink, and meet your local **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

Date: Tuesday 10th February
Time: 2pm
Location: Larchwood School

Come along for an informal chat with the MHST:

- Learn more about the support we offer for children, parents and carers.
- Ask questions about emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- Find out how referrals into our service can be made.
- Discover tips for supporting your child at home.
- Meet the team and connect with other parents and carers.

We look forward to seeing you!

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

of primary aged children to support with mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@essexmhst_and_setcamhs

bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Coming up in February...

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