Friday 6 November 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher

Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope everyone managed to enjoy a relaxing two-week break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together. It has been lovely to have the children back at school, refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. They have settled back into their routines quickly and it has been great to see them working hard and enjoying their learning.

This week has been another busy one at Larchwood. As well as starting new topics across all subjects, there have been a number of additional activities taking place, providing children with opportunities to develop new skills and enjoy experiences beyond the classroom.

Year 6 have been taking part in Bikeability this week, developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely. The children begin by practising in the playground before progressing to cycling on local roads. This is a really valuable experience, helping them to develop their confidence, independence and awareness of road safety. We have over 40 children taking part this year, which is fantastic to see.

Wednesday saw Terry from the BMX and Scoot Academy visit Larchwood to work with Year 3. The children spent the day developing their scooter skills, learning new techniques and challenging themselves to try things they may not have attempted before. Terry also held an assembly for the whole school, where he talked about the importance of perseverance and demonstrated some of his fantastic tricks. If you haven't already, have a look at our Instagram page to see some of these in action!

Next week sees two exciting events. On Thursday, the LPPA will be hosting a tea and coffee afternoon in the hall from 14.30. This is a great opportunity to come into school, meet other parents and find out more about the fantastic work the LPPA do, as well as how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome!

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year's theme is 'Run Pudsey', so we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite sports star, making a £1 donation to Children in Need. Spotty T-shirts and Pudsey ears are also very welcome! Miss Chambers is organising a PE-themed activity, with every class taking part in a whole-school dance.

A few reminders

As the weather has turned colder and we are likely to experience some showers, please make sure children have a coat in school each day.

We would also like to remind parents that smartwatches and smart glasses should not be worn in school. Children may wear a normal watch from Year 3.

Finally, please ensure you have downloaded the My Child At School (MCAS) app and notifications switched on. As previously communicated, school messages and emails are now being sent through the app. It is important that you can receive these so that you don't miss any key information.

Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Charlie in 6R for demonstrating the value of perseverance.

Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC
Naomi	Sanaan	Emily	George	James	Kiki	Freddie
3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Jesscia	Harper-Rose	Mekna	Ezra	Freya	Sonny	Lily

Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from **Monday 2 November to Friday 6 November**			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (13%)	7 (23%)	19 (64%)	26 (87%)
RE	6 (21%)	7 (24%)	16 (55%)	23 (79%)
1B	7 (25%)	8 (29%)	13 (46%)	21 (75%)
1G	2 (8%)	4 (16%)	19 (76%)	23 (92%)
2IM	1 (4%)	7 (25%)	20 (71%)	27 (96%)
2P	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	22 (85%)	**26 (100%)**
3LC	6 (20%)	4 (13%)	20 (67%)	24 (80%)
3T	3 (9%)	7 (24%)	20 (67%)	27 (91%)
4C	5 (17%)	8 (28%)	16 (55%)	24 (83%)
4J	1 (4%)	5 (19%)	20 (80%)	25 (96%)
5L	6 (19%)	7 (23%)	18 (58%)	25 (81%)
5P	1 (3%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	28 (97%)
6R	2 (6%)	9 (29%)	20 (65%)	29 (94%)
6H	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	**28 (100%)**
Total				**89.3%**

Diary Dates

Thursday 12 November	LPPA Coffee and Cake drop-in
Friday 13 November	Children in Need – dress as a sports staf
Friday 4 December	LPPA Christmas Market
Tuesday 8 December	Reception Nativity 14.00
Wednesday 9 December	Reception Nativity 14.00
Wednesday 9 December	LPPA pop-up shop
Thursday 10 December	LPPA pop-up shop
Thursday 10 December	Year 1 Sing-a-long (pm)
Monday 14 December	Don Rae Pantomime
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Sing-a-long 2IM, 3T, 4C, 5L, 6H
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas lunch, jumper day and Disco
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Sing-a-long 2P, 3LC, 4J, 5P, 6R
Friday 18 December	Break up

Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 2 November 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	93.6%	90.3%	95.8%	92.0%	95.0%	91.3%	92.9%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.1%
Attendance	96.0%	91.0%	94.8%	96.8%	98.6%	91.0%	98.0%	

1st	2nd	3rd
5P	6R	5L

Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2IM	2P	3LC	Whole school
Attendance	95.1%	94.3%	93.3%	94.3%	96.7%	95.6%	92.1%	
Class	3T	4C	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.8%
Attendance	97.3%	94.4%	94.2%	93.9%	95.1%	94.5%	96.6%	

1st	2nd	3rd
3T	2IM	6R


LPPA
Larchwood Primary Parents' Association
MEET & GREET
New faces & familiar faces welcome!
Thursday 12 November
2:30pm • Main school hall
Meet the trustees, share ideas and hear what's coming up.
All parents & carers welcome
Help when you can — no time commitment expected.
Tea, cake & friendly faces!




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