



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I'll start with some sporting updates. Firstly, a massive thank you to all the parents who brought their children to take part in the Hutton Rec Parkrun on Sunday. We had an incredible 87 children in attendance for an 8:45am start! We had hoped for 40 children, so this exceeded both our expectations and those of the organisers considerably. The previous record attendance for the event was 93, and on Sunday 150 children took part thanks to our community. Thank you so much.

The good news is that the Parkrun takes place every week, so please don't let it be a one-off! This Sunday, a number of staff will be there again to support the event as we enjoyed it so much. It would be fantastic to see you all again too – and some new faces. You can register for a barcode here: www.parkrun.org.uk/register/ and don't forget to join the Larchwood Lightning Striders group.

This week we also celebrated two further sporting successes. On Monday, our boys' football team played their cup quarter-final and secured an impressive 3–0 victory against Holly Trees Primary. The semi-final takes place next week. On Tuesday, our Tag Rugby team took part in the district tournament. After winning their group, they went all the way to the final, beating Long Ridings 3–1. The excitement from the 12 boys and girls, their parents and myself was clear for all to see! The referee commented that the difference between the two teams was our teamwork – every player contributed, showed perseverance in defence and never gave up. While each child is talented, it was their teamwork that truly made the difference. I was incredibly proud of them all.

Tuesday also saw the first brilliant 'Come Dine With Me'. This is the second year we have hosted this event and 56 parents joined Year 1 for lunch. Thank you so much for coming – it was wonderful to see so many of you there. We are already looking forward to welcoming Year 3 families next week.

Today has been about one of my favourite things – books. The school has been buzzing with excitement and activity, all centred around reading. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school this morning to share reading time. I am sure your children will be keen to tell you about the activities they have enjoyed, as well as their costumes and classroom door decorations. Head over to our Instagram page at [@larchwoodps](https://www.instagram.com/larchwoodps) to see photos later.

Governor Visit by Mrs Romero-Fernandez

As part of the Governing Body's role in monitoring the school's improvement priorities, I met with Mrs Belle (curriculum lead) on Monday to discuss and review progress in Design & Technology (including cooking and nutrition), Computing and Religious Education. It was fantastic to see the significant work that has taken place to refine and strengthen these subjects further. The updated planning, aligned with National Curriculum expectations, has a strong focus on small steps in learning, recap and retrieval quizzes with particular emphasis on 'big' enquiry-based questions and real-world problem solving. I had the privilege to see examples of pupil's work including incredible looking computing journals and DT and RE books which demonstrate clear thinking and progress over time.



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Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

The final results are in and we have our top four! Next week our semi-finals will be 5L vs 6R and 6H vs 4J! The winners will go onto the grand final and be crowned the 2026 TTRS Battle of the Bands Champions.

	W	D	L	Points
5L	7	0	0	21
6H	6	0	1	19
4J	5	0	2	17
6R	4	0	3	15
3T	2	0	5	11
3LM	2	0	5	11
4CH	2	0	5	11
5P	0	0	7	7



Mrs Bowsher's Superstar Award

Wyatt in 5P for responsibility and perseverance along with his team mates from the Year above.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Tabitha	Harley	Jayden	Reign	Hannah	Jesse	Neve
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Mabel	Khadheera	Ezra	Zac	Wyatt	Skylar	Leah



Reading at Home

Well done to our 3 winners in this special reading week. And well done everyone is continues to read 4 times or more.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	3 (11.1%)	1 (3.7%)	22 (81.5%)	23 (85.2%)
RE	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	21 (78%)	24 (89%)
1B	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
1G	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	23 (80%)	26 (94%)
2C	2 (6%)	5 (17%)	23 (77%)	28 (94%)
2P	0 (0%)	3 (12%)	21 (84%)	24 (97%)
3LM	1 (3%)	11 (37%)	18 (60%)	29 (97%)
3T	1 (3%)	7 (25%)	20 (69%)	27 (94%)
4CH	3 (10%)	11 (35%)	17 (55%)	28 (90%)
4J	0 (0%)	6 (19%)	26 (81%)	32 (100%)
5L	4 (13%)	8 (27%)	18 (60%)	26 (87%)
5P	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	28 (97%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	29 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
Total				94.5%



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 March	Class RE phonics session
Tuesday 10 March	Year 2 tag rugby event
Tuesday 10 March	Year 3 'come dine with me'
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 school trip to Layer Marney Tower
Friday 13 March	LPPA Quiz Night – can you beat to staff!
Tuesday 17 March	Year 2 'come-dine with me'
Friday 20 March	Comic relief 'Red Nose Day'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 4 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 3 trip Chelmsford Museum
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter
Monday 13 April	Return to school
Tuesday 14 April	Year 6 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 21 April	Year 5 'come dine with me'
Tuesday 28 April	Reception 'come dine with me'
Wednesday 6 May	Year 2 trip to Thorndon Park
Monday 11 May	Start of Year 6 SATs week



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 2 March 2026

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.7%	97.1%	94.3%	98.0%	97.6%	96.0%	99.6%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.9%	97.8%	99.6%	97.0%	97.3%	93.7%	96.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3LM & 4J	1G	2C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	93.6%	93.0%	96.8%	96.6%	97.4%	94.4%	96.1%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.3%	95.4%	96.3%	96.4%	96.4%	93.2%	96.9%	

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



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Join the Larchwood Lightning Striders Parkrun group using this QR code.



Larchwood Primary Parents' Association
Registered Charity Number 1188347

QUIZ!

Friday 13th March | 7pm - 9.30pm

The LPPA Quiz Night is back for its 4th year.
Larchwood School Hall
£25 per table - max of 6 per table
or £5pp
Tickets can be purchased via the link attached
Bring your own drinks and snacks (No Nuts)

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