



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

I hope everyone had a relaxing two-week half term and is ready for the busy but exciting weeks ahead. The children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see so many smiling faces around school again.

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr Looney and his new wife who tied the knot during the half term break. We wish them every happiness in their married life together!

Although the children weren't in school, a great deal of work continued behind the scenes. We have begun the revamp of the children's toilets, an ongoing project that will continue during the school holidays until Easter. The Year 6 boys' and girls' toilets were the first to be completed and now boast new flooring, improved ventilation, and fresh decoration – they look fantastic! Mr Doug, was also hard at work redecorating other spaces around school. In addition, several trees were cut back, providing the final wood chip needed for our garden area, and the honours boards in the lobby have now been updated with last year's names. Thank you to everyone involved for keeping our school looking its best.

This half term promises to be a particularly busy one, packed with exciting learning opportunities and special events. Parent tours for Reception 2026 continue and we had a packed one on Tuesday. It is always a pleasure to show off our wonderful school and children.

On Wednesday, Terry Price from the BMX Academy visited to work with Year 3, teaching them scooter skills. It was a joy to watch the children developing their balance and confidence as they tackled ramps and weaved through cones. Terry rounded off the day with an inspiring whole-school assembly, where he spoke about his journey from finding school difficult to becoming a world champion. The children were amazed as he performed tricks - culminating in a spectacular backloop! You can see some highlights on our X (Twitter) and Instagram feeds.

A big thank you to everyone who has been purchasing poppies this week in support of the Royal British Legion poppy appeal and to Year 5 for organising it. The children have also been busy decorating their own poppies, and I'm sure you'll agree they look beautiful displayed out the front of the school. We will be observing a two-minute silence on Tuesday at 11am to reflect and remember those who have served.

Next week we are delighted to be welcoming 12 student teachers from Anglia Ruskin University on Tuesday and Thursday. They will be visiting to see some of the excellent practice taking place here at Larchwood. It's always lovely to showcase the enthusiasm, creativity, and high standards that make our school such a special place to learn.

Friday will be Children in Need Day, and we'll be holding a non-uniform day. Children are encouraged to wear spots or themed outfits—I'll be wearing my Pudsey Bear ears! All we ask is that children make a £1 donation to take part and these will be collected in class on Friday morning.



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Friday 21 November will see an additional event taking place – our reading morning. We did this on World Book Day in March and it was such a success we wanted to do it more often. When you drop your children off in the morning at 8.30am you will be able to come into class and share a book with them until 8.55. Older siblings will come to their younger sibling's class. We know this is a popular event and it strengthens the bond between home and school.

Finally, it won't be long before we start turning our attention to Christmas, one of the most magical times of the school year. Please keep an eye on the dates of events below and on our school website so you don't miss any of the festive fun. Here's to a great half term.

Reception Tours for September 2026

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.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Matty in 6R for demonstrating all of the school values all the time.



Stars of the Week

RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM
Jaxon	William	Rupert	Jade	Myla	Jude	Victoria
3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R
Violet	Arihan	James	Revin	Obadiah	Beheshta	Quynn



Reading at Home

Well done to 4J for all 32 of you reading every day. Hopefully we will have more next week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 3 November to Friday 7 November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	4 (18%)	6 (22%)	16 (60%)	22 (82%)
RE	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	21 (80%)	23 (87%)
1B	3 (10%)	10 (34%)	16 (56%)	26 (90%)
1G	3 (10%)	5 (17%)	21 (73%)	26 (90%)
2C	6 (20%)	3 (10%)	20 (70%)	23 (80%)
2P	6 (20%)	5 (18%)	17 (61%)	22 (79%)
3LM	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	25 (90%)	26 (94%)
3T	5 (18%)	7 (26%)	15 (56%)	22 (82%)
4CH	1 (3%)	9 (31%)	19 (66%)	28 (97%)
4J	0 (0%)	11 (34%)	21 (66%)	32 (100%)
5L	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	26 (93%)
5P	1 (3%)	9 (31%)	19 (66%)	28 (97%)
6R	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	27 (97%)
6H	2 (8%)	4 (14%)	21 (78%)	25 (92%)
Total				90%



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 November	Flu jabs
Wednesday 12 November	Coding Day
Friday 14 November	Children in Need
Friday 21 November	Parents coming in for reading morning
Tuesday 2 December	LPPA Christmas wreath making
Tuesday 2 December	Tag rugby tournament
Friday 5 December	LPPA Christmas market
Tuesday 9 December	Reception Nativity (pm)
Wednesday 10 December	Reception Nativity (pm)
Wednesday 10 December	LPPA Pop-up shop
Thursday 11 December	LPPA Pop-up shop
Thursday 11 December	Year 1 Sing-a-long
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day / Discos
Friday 19 December	Break up
Monday 5 January	Staff training day / non-pupil day
Tuesday 6 January	Pupils return to school



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7 November 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	98.5%	95.9%	98.7%	96.7%	98.6%	96.0%	95.3%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.0%
Attendance	94.6%	91.9%	98.4%	96.7%	98.0%	90.0%	96.0%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1B	2C	RA



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September 2025

Class	RA	RE	1B	1G	2C	2P	3LM	Whole school
Attendance	96.6%	93.8%	97.0%	96.1%	98.1%	96.1%	95.7%	
Class	3T	4CH	4J	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	97.3%	94.8%	96.8%	98.1%	96.3%	92.8%	97.0%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L & 2C	3T	1B & 6R



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