



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

This week has been a busy one in school. Year 6 have been undertaking their SATs tests all week as have all Year 6 children around the country. This is where they are able to show what they have learnt over the course of their time at primary school and to show they are ready for secondary school. The whole cohort have been fantastic, coming in early for breakfast, remaining calm and trying their best. They have taken it in their stride and we are very proud of them.

Because this has been going on all week, and many of them use the hall for the tests, the rest of the school has been especially good at remaining quiet and focused. Walking around the school during the tests, you would hardly know that there were 420 children here busy working away including having a number of in person and online art workshops, photos of which are on the last page.

Now the SATs are over for Year 6, learning doesn't stop. They will continue to be working hard until the end of the year, but they will also be starting to think about things like their residential trip in July and then secondary school beyond.

As their journey at Larchwood comes towards an end, it is just the beginning for some children. Over the last few weeks, I have been busy calling our new Reception parents ready for them starting at Larchwood in September. These are always really exciting times and parents and children are all looking forward to joining our fab community.

The summer weather has been with us for a number of weeks now and it is important that children have water bottles in school. Please ensure that they are wearing sun cream. The children are often outside learning at this time of year and PE lessons are on the field so having that protection is vital.

The warm weather is also great for sunflower growing. I had lunch on Wednesday and they were all keen to tell me how their sunflowers were doing. In the staff competition, Mrs Jaycock has been very excited to tell us how she finally has a sunflower growing well after many less successful attempts! If you haven't planted them into bigger pots yet, now is the time to do so. Please feel free to share progress via X (Twitter)

Looking ahead to next week, we have a group of parent volunteers in on Monday helping Mrs Morgan with moving things around in our allotment area - thank you for those of you who are coming. We also have the Smartphone Free Childhood meeting on Tuesday at 14.00 in the hall. As the letter said, this is open to all parents and it would be good to see as many of you as possible present.

On Friday we will be celebrating NSPCC childhood day by running or walking a mile around the field. Kidzobop and the NSPCC will be there to start the event. This is a sponsored event and we are aiming to raise £500 for this excellent charity. You will have seen the letter come home yesterday with the QR code on. If every child was sponsored a pound we would almost at our target. The QR code will be up in the playgrounds next week for you to scan with your phones.



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Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Capacity	Estimate	Energy	Alternative	Version	Circumstance	-



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Elise in 1G for demonstrating the value of friendship and being one of the nicest people in the world.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Om	Maalan	Taylor.T	Lukas	Amelia	Kayla	Jack
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Grace	Lily	Harley	Acacia-Mai	Sophie	All 6H	All 6R



Reading at Home

Well done to the 4 winners of a certificate and to 5P for winning the trophy for the most children reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 12 May to Friday 16 May			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	2 (6%)	9 (30%)	19 (64%)	28 (94%)
RT	4 (17%)	3 (10%)	23 (77%)	26 (87%)
1B	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
1G	2 (7%)	6 (21%)	20 (72%)	26 (93%)
2P	3 (10%)	7 (24%)	18 (62%)	25 (86%)
2W	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	22 (79%)	26 (93%)
3C	8 (24%)	6 (19%)	18 (57%)	24 (76%)
3M	4 (13%)	4 (13%)	22 (73%)	26 (86%)
4B	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	27 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	9 (32%)	19 (68%)	28 (100%)
5L	3 (12%)	3 (10%)	21 (78%)	24 (88%)
5P	0 (0%)	4 (16%)	21 (84%)	25 (100%)
6H	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	20 (70%)	27 (94%)
6R	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	27 (97%)
Total				92.4%



Diary Dates

Wednesday 21 May	Parent workshop – smartphone free childhood meeting
Thursday 22 May	Year 6 parents Mersea meeting (17.00)
Friday 23 May	NSPCC Childhood Day
Friday 23 May	LPPA Ice Cream Sale
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term
Thursday 5 June	Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
Monday 16 June	Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and 2 (10.00)
Wednesday 18 June	Sports Day – Year 3 – 6 (10.00)
Wednesday 25 June	Year 4 trip
Wednesday 2 July	Year 1 trip to Barleylands
Friday 4 July	LPPA Colour Run
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
Monday 21 July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday 22 July	LPPA Summer Discos
Wednesday 23 July	Break up



Weekly Attendance

A good week, especially for RT and 6H. Well done.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Tuesday 12 May 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	97.0%	99.7%	96.3%	94.5%	98.9%	95.6%	94.7%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.4%
Attendance	98.0%	92.5%	98.0%	97.8%	91.8%	99.7%	96.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6H & RT	2W	4T & 3M



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	95.3%	93.9%	96.4%	96.2%	96.3%	94.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.2%	95.6%	96.5%	96.5%	94.9%	95.0%	95.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T & 5L	1G	2P92.4



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Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Online Parent Workshop: Supporting Emotional Regulation

The MHST provide early intervention wellbeing support across education and healthcare to support whole school communities.

This workshop aims to give parents an understanding of how to support emotional regulation in their child, it covers:

- The emotional pot and what stressors fill up our pot
- What dysregulation might look like in children
- How we can support children to learn to regulate their emotions

When: Friday 27th June at 9.30am

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

All parents are welcome!

Please use the QR code or link to sign up below;

<https://forms.office.com/e/urc4CJJD9E>



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