



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy week at Larchwood with much learning and enjoyment taking place.

On Monday Year 6 had an excellent art workshop with local artist Sue Mills; the work they produced inspired by David Hockney looks amazing. On Wednesday Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a theatrical Gruffalo workshop. The story teller was so engaging and watching the children enjoying the session was brilliant. Seeing the teachers that had to dress up was also very amusing! The children then got to do some art work based on the characters which will form a display in our hub.

Today we have had Kidzbop in school to perform and encourage children to complete their NSPCC mile for Childhood Day. Thank you to all the parents who have sponsored this using the QR code (which is on the last page of News and Views if you have not yet had a chance to) at the last check we had raised an amazing £625. All the children had a great time watching Kidzbop perform before taking on the mile run which Kidzbop started for us. A special thank you to Year 6 for supporting the other year groups so well, especially the Reception children.

Wednesday afternoon saw speakers from Smartphone Free Childhood come and speak to a group of parents about the dangers of children having smartphones and what parents can do about it. You will know from the news that there are increasing concerns about smartphones and children's mental health and well-being. They are encouraging parents to sign up to their parent pact to not give their children smartphones until they are older. Before the meeting they revealed that 47 Larchwood parents had already signed up to this which is fantastic. Although only Year 6 children are allowed to bring their phones on to the school site, they don't really have the need for this and the majority don't bring their phones in to school. When they do, they don't have access to them anyway. I would encourage you all to look at the Smartphone Free Childhood webpage and sign up to the pact [here](#).

Keeping children safe is one of our key responsibilities as a school and a key government document is Working Together to Safeguard Children. The government have produced some very useful resources about this document that are child friendly, although I think they are very adult friendly too. Please take a look [here](#) and a video [here](#).

Before I finish I would like to thank the dedicated group of parents and Mrs Morgan who came in on Monday to start clearing and redesign the allotment area. As you will see from before and after photos, they have done a great job so far. We have arranged a further morning of work on Saturday 7 June. I will be there providing refreshments as well as working hard! A special thank you to Travis Perkins who allowed one of the parents the day off to come and help.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half term ready for a busy and fun filled second half of the summer term. One very exciting event that is happening next week is that Miss Turner, who teaches in RT is getting married. I'm sure you will join me in saying congratulations and we look forward to hearing all about it from the new Mrs Evans when we get back – have a fabulous day!



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## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Decline	Major	Highlight	Promote	Define	Implement	Fortify



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Alex in 6R for his dedication to his work and being a superstar all week.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Teodor	Bonnie	Ellie	Rosie	Amy	Leo	Zara
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Harrison	Charlie T	All of 4T	Alexander	Victoria	Gabriel	Lola



## Reading at Home

Well done all the classes who had 100% and well done to the joint winners 5P and 4B.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (3%)	7 (23%)	22 (74%)	29 (97%)
RT	5 (17%)	4 (14%)	20 (69%)	20 (83%)
1B	3 (11%)	6 (22%)	18 (67%)	24 (89%)
1G	3 (11%)	4 (14%)	21 (75%)	25 (89%)
2P	2 (8%)	10 (38%)	11 (54%)	21 (92%)
2W	1 (4%)	11 (44%)	13 (52%)	24 (96%)
3C	7 (21%)	6 (19%)	19 (60%)	25 (79%)
3M	0 (0%)	9 (30%)	21 (70%)	30 (100%)
4B	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
4T	3 (10%)	4 (13%)	23 (77%)	27 (90%)
5L	3 (13%)	3 (13%)	18 (74%)	21 (87%)
5P	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	22 (81%)	27 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	27 (100%)
Total				93%



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## Diary Dates

Monday 2 June	Return from half term
Monday 2 June	Year 4 Multiplication Check week
Thursday 5 June	Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
Saturday 7 June	Allotment clearing morning
Monday 9 June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Monday 16 June	Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and 2 (10.00)
Wednesday 18 June	Sports Day – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (10.00)
Thursday 19 June	LPPA Bingo night
Wednesday 25 June	Year 4 trip to Duxford
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

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 19 May 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	97.3%	94.7%	95.7%	96.9%	88.2%	94.1%	99.4%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.9%
Attendance	95.3%	98.6%	98.3%	91.5%	87.9%	94.5%	95.8%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3C	4B	4T



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	94.7%	94%	96.4%	96%	96.3%	95.1%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.2%	95.7%	96.5%	96.4%	94.7%	95.3%	95%	

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4T	5L & 1G	2P



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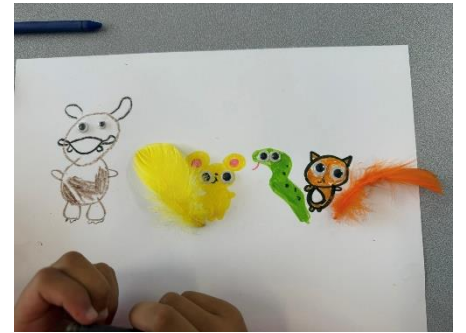


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