



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

There is an increasing amount of talk in the news, on television and online about the use of social media and smartphones by children and the dangers to them. We know that by the time children go to secondary school, most of them will have a smartphone and will be online an awful lot.

We know that the pressures on children and parents to allow children to have smartphones is growing. I'm sure most of you have heard, or will hear at some point, them say, 'Can I have a phone, everyone has got one.' This will not be the case, but the pressure is huge and allowing them to have one is a parental choice.

The only children who are currently allowed to bring phones into school are Year 6 and they must be turned off before entering the school site and handed in immediately in class. Most of them don't bring a phone, and they don't have access to them during the day. However, we know that at home they will be online a lot, as will our younger children. We do a lot of work in our PSHCE and computing lessons to teach children to be safe and responsible online. The technology changes so quickly, it is hard for us as parents to keep up and keep our children safe. With that in mind there are a number of events coming up for parents that I'm sure you will find very useful.

Last week I was at a Headteacher's meeting for the Brentwood Collaborative Partnership (BCP) and an organisation called a Smartphone Free Childhood came to talk to us. They are doing some good work locally with parents and schools about the dangers of children having smartphones and trying to keep them away from the increasing dangers of social media, AI and inappropriate content. I know a number of our families have already signed up to their 'parent pact' to not let their children have a smartphone which is great. We have booked them to come and talk to parents on Wednesday 21 May and details will come out after Easter. If you are interested already, you can visit their website [here](#) and sign up to their parent pact.

The other event we have booked, again through the BCP, is an online meeting for parents with 'the 2 Johns' who will be talking about keeping children safe online, if and when they are allowed on. Again, details will come out after Easter, but the event is on 1 May in the early evening.

### Comic Relief

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the joke competition for Comic Relief last week. Along with raising a lot of laughs, we managed to raise £124.50 for this great cause. Well done!

### Medication

Just a reminder that any prescribed medication such as anti-biotics or asthma pumps need to come into the school via the office and not via the children to their teacher.



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## Next Week

Term ends on Friday, but we have another busy week ahead of us first. We have reports going out on Tuesday and the LPPA Easter discos on Thursday (see image below along with some photo highlights from this week). Finally, don't forget the clocks go forward on Sunday morning – British Summer Time begins! Have a great weekend, especially if you are celebrating Mother's Day.

## Word of the Week

| Reception | Year 1   | Year 2 | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5 | Year 6  |
|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Medium    | Purchase | Adapt  | Multitude | Incapable | Modify | Dynamic |



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Rowan in 2W for always helping others and demonstrating the value of Friendship.



## Stars of the Week

| RA        | RT     | 1B     | 1G     | 2W   | 2P     | 3C     |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| Freddie F | Pippa  | Willow | Oliver | Lily | Archie | Joshua |
| 3M        | 4B     | 4T     | 5L     | 5P   | 6H     | 6R     |
| Joel      | Daniel | Skylar | Albie  | Jake | Dolcie | Miller |



## Reading at Home

Well done to 4B – everyone read 5 times this week!

| Class | Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from<br><b>Monday 24 March to Friday 28 March</b> |         |           | Percentage<br>Read 4 & 5 times<br>% |
|-------|--|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
|       | Less than 4  | 4       | 5         |                                     |
| RA    | 0 (3%)   | 6 (21%) | 22 (76%)  | 28 (97%)                            |
| RT    | 2 (7%)   | 5 (17%) | 23 (76%)  | 28 (93%)                            |
| 1B    | 3 (11%)  | 6 (21%) | 19 (68%)  | 25 (89%)                            |
| 1G    | 3 (10%)  | 2 (7%)  | 25 (83%)  | 27 (90%)                            |
| 2P    | 0 (0%)   | 6 (21%) | 22 (79%)  | 28 (100%)                           |
| 2W    | 4 (14%)  | 5 (18%) | 19 (68%)  | 24 (86%)                            |
| 3C    | 5 (16%)  | 5 (16%) | 21 (68%)  | 26 (84%)                            |
| 3M    | 1 (3%)   | 1 (3%)  | 23 (93%)  | 24 (97%)                            |
| 4B    | 0 (0%)   | 0 (0%)  | 30 (100%) | 30 (100%)                           |
| 4T    | 0 (0%)   | 7 (24%) | 22 (76%)  | 29 (100%)                           |
| 5L    | 3 (11%)  | 2 (7%)  | 22 (82%)  | 24 (89%)                            |
| 5P    | 0 (0%)   | 2 (7%)  | 26 (93%)  | 28 (100%)                           |
| 6H    | 3 (11%)  | 4 (14%) | 21 (75%)  | 25 (89%)                            |
| 6R    | 2 (7%)   | 4 (13%) | 24 (80%)  | 28 (93%)                            |
| Total |  |         |           | 93%                                 |



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## Diary Dates

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Tuesday 1 April   | Year 6 'Come dine with me'                               |
| Tuesday 1 April   | Spring term reports come home                            |
| Thursday 3 April  | LPPA Easter discos                                       |
| Friday 4 April    | Break up   |
| Tuesday 22 April  | Back to school   |
| Thursday 24 April | Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum                         |
| Friday 25 April   | Don Rae with Year 4                                      |
| Tuesday 29 April  | Reception 'Come dine with me'                            |
| Thursday 1 May    | Year 4 Viking Day  |
| Thursday 1 May    | The '2 Johns' online safety workshop – details to follow |
| Thursday 8 May    | VE day celebrations                                      |
| Friday 9 May      | LPPA doughnut sale                                       |
| Monday 12 May     | Year 6 SATs week   |
| Wednesday 21 May  | Parent workshop – smartphone free childhood meeting      |
| Friday 23 May     | Break up   |
| Monday 2 June     | Back to school   |
| Thursday 5 June   | Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo                            |



## Weekly Attendance

Well done to 3M – excellent attendance this week.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 24 March 2025

| Class      | RA    | RT    | 1B    | 1G    | 2W    | 2P    | 3C    | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 95.7% | 97.3% | 97.3% | 98.7% | 94.1% | 98.6% | 94.7% |              |
| Class      | 3M    | 4B    | 4T    | 5L    | 5P    | 6H    | 6R    | 96.9%        |
| Attendance | 99%   | 97.1% | 98.3% | 97.4% | 97.1% | 95.2% | 95.9% |              |

|                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 3M              | 1G              | 2P              |



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

| Class      | RA    | RT    | 1B    | 1G    | 2W    | 2P    | 3C    | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 94.7% | 95%   | 93.7% | 96.7% | 96.1% | 96.2% | 94.7% |              |
| Class      | 3M    | 4B    | 4T    | 5L    | 5P    | 6H    | 6R    | 95.5%        |
| Attendance | 96.4% | 95.8% | 96.3% | 96.6% | 95.1% | 94.2% | 95.1% |              |

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 1G              | 5L              | 3M              |



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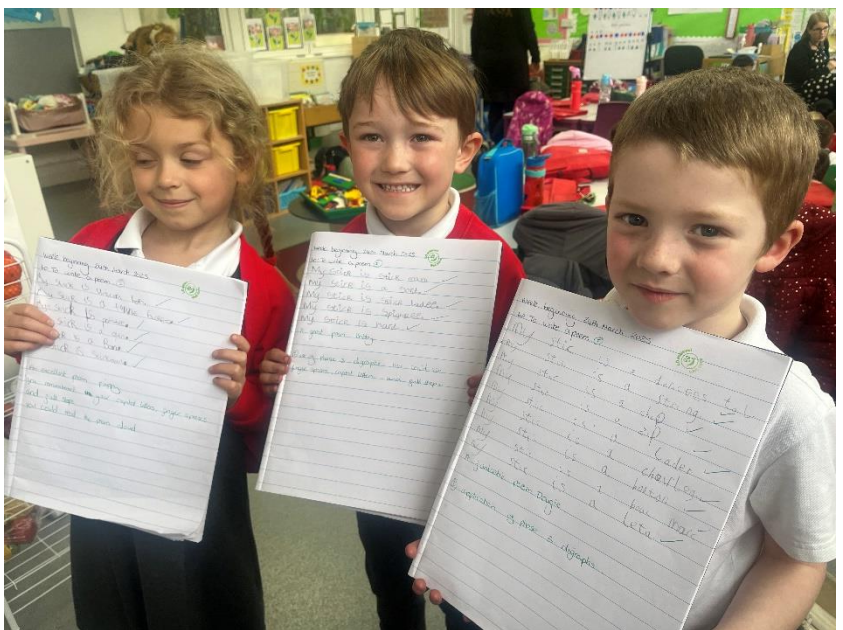
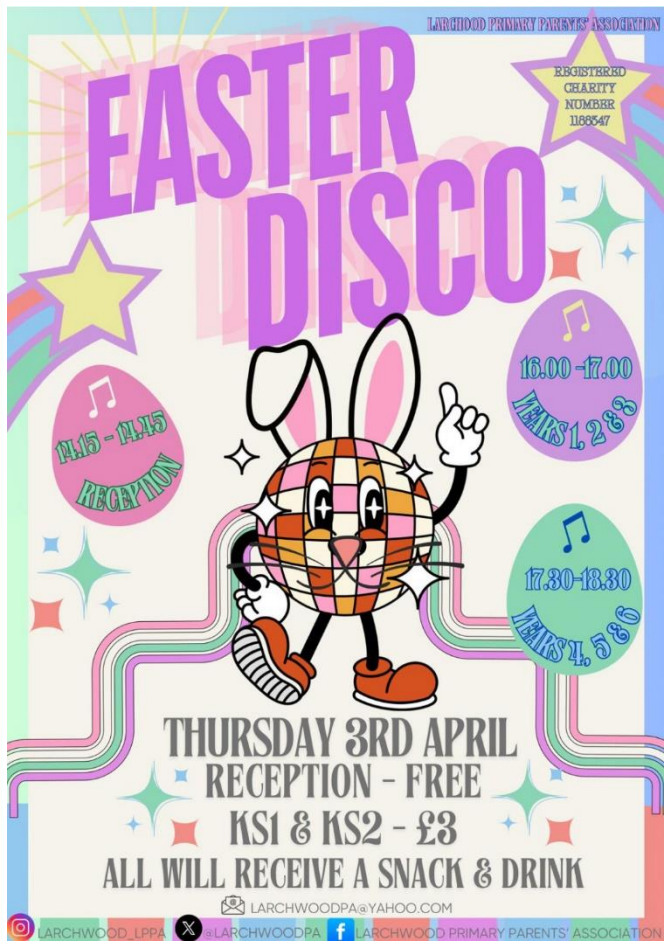


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