



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. This is always my favourite, with so many things going on across the school. The final weeks of the academic year are packed with learning, celebration and a real sense of community — and this week has been no exception.

### Enrichment Highlights

We have had a number of enrichment activities taking place this week (photos of which can be seen on the last page). On Monday, Reception were joined by the musical storyteller George, who brought stories to life with a range of musical instruments — including his harp — which fascinated the children and sparked the imagination.

At the same time, Year 2 welcomed Ian from Chelmsford Beekeepers, who gave an engaging and informative talk all about bees. The children asked thoughtful questions and gained useful insight to support their English work.

On Thursday, Year 5 set off on the first school trip of this half term — a visit to Colchester Zoo. Alongside exploring the zoo, the children took part in specialist workshops linked to their science learning. The day was filled with excitement and discovery.

Thursday also brought a very special guest to Larchwood — author Kes Gray, best known for the *Oi Dog* series. He met with our younger children, who were thrilled to meet a real-life author and hear more about how books come to life. It was an inspiring moment for many budding writers!

### Celebrating Volunteers

This week is **Volunteers' Week** across the UK, and it feels like the perfect time to recognise the amazing parents and carers who support our school in so many ways. At Larchwood, we are incredibly lucky to have such an engaged and generous parent community.

Over the past few days alone, we've had parents helping on the Year 5 trip, assisting with swimming sessions, listening to readers and collecting clothing donations for the Larchwood Primary Parents Association (LPPA). Tomorrow, weather permitting, a hardworking group of volunteers will be joining Mrs Morgan and me to continue the allotment renovation project — a fantastic initiative that brings learning outdoors and benefits the whole school.

The LPPA are always looking for new volunteers, especially as they prepare for their showpiece event — the **Colour Run on Thursday 4th July**. If you're able to help, please do get in touch with them when they ask. Being a volunteer is a brilliant way to give back, and I know that the children, staff, and the LPPA truly appreciate it. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support and especially those that volunteer.



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## Uniform Sale

On Tuesday our uniform supplier, Smartypants, will be on site selling school uniform. They will be in the hall and parents will be able to access the hall and order uniform from 15.20 once all the children have left (via the playground). Smartypants will also be on site in the evening for our new Reception meeting at 18.00 (doors open at 17.40)

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Expand	Minor	Aid	Mechanism	Output	Facilitate	Component



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Teddy in 5L for demonstrating responsibility and friendship.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Sadie	Nylah	Ryan	David	Mekna	Leon	Freddie
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Grace W	Nancy	Parker	All of 5L	James	Islay	Freddie

## Reading at Home



Well done to our 4 winners and especially 6H for winning the trophy.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 2 June to Friday 6 June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (86%)	30 (100%)
RT	5 (17%)	2 (7%)	22 (76%)	24 (83%)
1B	6 (21%)	2 (7%)	19 (72%)	21 (79%)
1G	2 (8%)	4 (17%)	18 (75%)	22 (92%)
2P	3 (11%)	1 (4%)	22 (85%)	23 (89%)
2W	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	21 (76%)	26 (94%)
3C	2 (6%)	9 (29%)	20 (65%)	29 (94%)
3M	2 (6%)	6 (21%)	22 (73%)	28 (94%)
4B	1 (4%)	8 (30%)	18 (66%)	26 (96%)
4T	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (77%)	28 (100%)
5L	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	19 (90%)
5P	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	24 (89%)	26 (96%)
6H	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	24 (92%)	26 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (23%)	20 (77%)	26 (100%)
Total				93.3%



## Diary Dates

Saturday 7 June	Allotment clearing morning
Monday 9 June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Tuesday 10 June	Uniform sale 15.20 in the hall
Tuesday 10 June	New Reception parents meeting
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 2 June 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	96.0%	98.7%	94.3%	88.3%	97.9%	93.0%	91.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	92.7%%
Attendance	95.7%	90.4%	94.7%	80.0%	95.7%	92.8%	88.6%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RA	2W	RT



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.6%	94.9%	94.0%	96.2%	96.0%	96.2%	95.0%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.2%
Attendance	96.2%	95.5%	96.5%	93.1%	94.7%	94.9%	95.1%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4T	1G & 2P & 3M	2W



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