



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher Comment:

We are very lucky at Larchwood to have a really engaged and supportive group of parents. This is especially true with the work for the fabulous Larchwood Primary Parents Association (LPPA). On Tuesday evening they held their AGM (see photo below) and once again it was another successful year.

In the last year they have spent over £14,000 on our children including items such as the book bags Reception are given, the playground markings and the leavers hoodies that Year 6 receive. Last year they raised a fantastic £9,345 which is not far off the record for a year.

One of the main aims of the LPPA is that the events they hold are affordable and inclusive so that all children can take part. There are lots of exciting events planned for the year, some of which are listed on the diary dates below. The first is a pumpkin carving competition over half term, before we get into the busy Christmas period. I can also confirm that the hugely successful colour run that took place in 2023 will return for summer 2025 – I will be taking names of anyone who gets me this time!

Those members of the LPPA who come and help regularly, have all had relevant safeguarding checks and as a result have helped on school trips and at sporting events, as well as coming in to listen to readers. Just this week, two of these parents helped out at the district cross country where 46 of our children took part (see photo). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have helped with the LPPA over the last year, especially the committee. You are all amazing!

They are always on the look out for more volunteers and are a really friendly and welcoming group. They are on X and can be contacted on email at [larchwoodpa@yahoo.com](mailto:larchwoodpa@yahoo.com).

### Half Term Holiday Club

As you will know from the letter that went out earlier in the week, we are really pleased to be able to offer a multi-sports holiday club for the second week of half term in November which will be run by Moores Coaching and held at St Martins School. It runs from 08.30 until 15.30 every day and costs just £30 a day, or £120 for all 5 days. Bookings can be made by clicking the link [here](#). Please make bookings as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to access the club.



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## Out of School Clubs and Activities

I always love seeing the trophies and awards that children receive out of school for different sporting events and activities. Every Monday someone brings me a trophy they won at the weekend which gets them a Headteachers Award. Taking part in these extra activities is always a great idea. However, what I would say to parents is that if your child is taking part in activities outside of school, whether it is a sports club, activity club or even tutoring, please make sure that appropriate safeguarding checks are in place for the adults working with them. We carry out extensive checks on all adults in school to make sure the children are safe, so should parents.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Injure	Design	Constant	Deny	Diagram	Conform	Theory



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Rayzel in 3C for demonstrating the value of friendship.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Phoebe	Charlie Wr	Freddie	Sofia	Emily	Tommy-Lei	Emily
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Penny	Anesa	Spencer	Logan	Kian	Lucca	Ashton



## Reading at Home

Well done 5P, 100% read 5 times – amazing! Well done 5L and 6H too.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 7 October to Friday 11 October</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	23 (88%)	25 (96%)
RT	3 (11%)	1 (3%)	24 (86%)	25 (89%)
1B	6 (21%)	3 (11%)	19 (68%)	22 (79%)
1G	5 (18%)	2 (7%)	21 (75%)	24 (82%)
2P	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	28 (93%)
2W	5 (16%)	2 (7%)	23 (77%)	25 (84%)
3C	1 (3%)	7 (23%)	23 (74%)	30 (97%)
3M	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	27 (97%)
4B	3 (10%)	4 (13%)	24 (77%)	28 (90%)
4T	2 (7%)	4 (15%)	22 (78%)	25 (93%)
5L	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (100%)	28 (100%)
6H	3 (11%)	1 (4%)	23 (85%)	24 (89%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	30 (100%)
Total				92%



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# Diary Dates

Below are some of the of the important dates coming up this term, including Christmas events!

Thursday 17 October	Don Rae with Reception
Tuesday 22 October	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 23 October	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Consultations 15.30-18.00
Thursday 24 October	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 25 October	Break up for two-week half term
Monday 11 November	Return to school
Friday 29 November	LPPA Christmas Market
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 13:00
Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H (pm)
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R (PM)
Friday 13 December	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 December	LPPA Christmas discos
Friday 20 December	Break up



# Weekly Attendance

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7 October 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	98%	94.3%	95.2%	97.9%	99.3%	98.7%	95.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	97.5%	97.9%	96.7%	99.3%	94.6%	92.8%	94.3%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2W & 5L	2P	RA



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	98%	96.2%	95.2%	97.9%	97.7%	97.8%	95.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	97.5%	97.9%	96.7%	99.1%	94.6%	94%	95.2%	

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5L	RA	1G & 4B



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