



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher Comment:

I hope everyone had a really enjoyable two-week half term. There are many benefits to coming to Larchwood and at this time of year that longer break is definitely one of them. After an eight-week half term everyone needed a good rest to recharge and spend time with family.

The longer break was an excellent opportunity for the different building teams to complete some of their major works and the school was completely shut over the two weeks. All 46 fire doors have been replaced, the electrical wiring, lighting and ceilings in the Year 6 end of the school were replaced, and the biggest bit of work was the switch over to the new heating and water distribution system. It was a big relief to come and check on the site at the end of last week to find the school toasty warm and hot water in all the sinks. Well done to all the teams, including Larchwood staff, for working so hard and getting the school back up and running for Monday morning.

Since we have been back plenty has been going on. We welcomed our new Pabulum chef, Mark, on Monday and I can confirm that the roast dinner I had on Wednesday with Year 4 was delicious. In regards to learning, each class has started a new book as their English focus, new topics have been started in foundation subjects. On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 students attended an assembly led by Nicola Doubleday, the Essex Cyber Prevent and Protect officer, where they learned about the Computer Misuse Act and online safety. Nicola introduced various pieces of legislation, explained the potential consequences of cybercrimes, and emphasised the importance of staying safe online and protecting things like passwords (photo below).

Finally, the Tag Rugby team had their first match after school on Thursday against Woodlands Hutton Manor where they played excellently and demonstrated all the Larchwood values, despite not quite winning. Thank you to all the parents who helped with lifts and came to support (photo below).

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

The transition to booking breakfast club and afterschool club online has gone really well overall. Bookings for both clubs are now made via Parentpay and need to be paid for in advance. If you intend to pay with child care vouchers, please speak to the office first. Breakfast club bookings can be made up to 07.00 on the day and after school club bookings can be made up to 14.00.



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## Midday Assistant Job Opportunity

We currently have a vacancy for a midday assistant to join our lunchtime. This is an excellent opportunity to join the Larchwood team and would fit really well around the school day. Details can be found on the Essex School Jobs website [here](#).

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Visible	Edit	Previous	Prior	Diagram	Malevolent	Corporate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Ashton in 6R for demonstrating all the school values.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
James	Aurelia	Isabel	Jimmy	Noah	Charlie	Grace
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Caleb	Georgia	Vania	Yug	Frankie	Esme	Ruby



## Reading at Home

Well done to the 4 classes who all read and especially well done to those that read 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	21 (73%)	29 (100%)
RT	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	29 (97%)
1B	2 (8%)	6 (25%)	16 (67%)	22 (92%)
1G	6 (21%)	3 (11%)	19 (68%)	22 (79%)
2P	3 (10%)	4 (12%)	23 (78%)	27 (90%)
2W	5 (17%)	7 (24%)	17 (59%)	24 (83%)
3C	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	23 (82%)	26 (93%)
3M	2 (6%)	3 (11%)	24 (83%)	27 (94%)
4B	1 (3%)	10 (32%)	20 (65%)	30 (97%)
4T	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	27 (100%)
5L	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	23 (82%)	26 (93%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	29 (100%)
6H	2 (7%)	8 (27%)	19 (66%)	27 (93%)
6R	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	29 (100%)
<b>Total</b>				<b>94%</b>



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# Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 20 November	Year 3 scooter workshop
Friday 29 November	LPPA Christmas Market
Monday 9 December	Year 3 and 4 to attend concert at Brentwood Centre
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
Thursday 19 December	End of term reports sent home
Thursday 19 December	Don Rae in with Year 5
Friday 20 December	Break up
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school



# Weekly Attendance

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 11 November 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	96.9%	100%	86.7%	98.7%	96.9%	98.7%	93.1%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	92.6%	98.1%	90.7%	97.9%	97.2%	98.6%	99%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RT	6R	1G & 2P



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.9%	96.7%	94.5%	97.5%	97.3%	97.8%	95%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.4%
Attendance	96.6%	96.7%	96.1%	99%	94.7%	94.8%	96.4%	

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



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