



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

I have been conducting parent tours of the school for parents who have children starting in Reception in September 2025. Each week I start by talking about our mission statement and the words, Achievement and Enjoyment and by the end of the tour they can see how well the children are doing and how much they are enjoying school. If you have a child who is due to start Reception next September, or know someone who does, tours of the school can be booked via the office and applications are via the Essex website between 4 November and 15 January.

This week in school we have been looking at the progress children have been making with their work in preparation for parent consultations next week as well as ensuring lots of enjoyable things are taking place. Year 3, for example, were cooking on Wednesday and I was lucky enough to sample both classes' apple crumble. Meanwhile, yesterday Reception had the amazing Don Rae in with them leading a dance workshop, which is always fab (photos below). He will be back next with Year 5.

Thank you to all the parents and children who brought in donations for the Food Hub at St Georges Church. They came to collect it this week and were delighted with the nine heavy crates of donations.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks we have a number of events worth noting. The Larchwood Primary Parents Association have a second-hand clothing collection booked for Monday and Tuesday next week. Please bring the bags into the playground / car park first thing in the morning.

Don't forget that Wednesday and Thursday next week are parent consultation evenings. It is vital that all parents come to this to find out how your child is getting on and how we can continue to work together. Children can also come along and it is great for them to hear all the positive things their teachers will share along with next steps. Appointments can be booked via this [link](#).

Don't forget that next Tuesday is individual school photo day. We have also added a new date to the diary. Friday 15th November is Children in Need day. This will be a non-uniform day. Children pay £1 to wear non-uniform. Wearing spots and Pudsey Bear related clothing gets extra marks!

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Partner	Edit	Construct	Autograph	Predict	Analyse	Economy



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Admissions Policy

We are proposing to make one change to our Admission Arrangements for Academic Year 2026/27. It will revert to previous Waiting List wording, meaning that the Waiting Lists will only remain open until the end of the academic year. If parents/carers wish for their child to remain on the Waiting List, they must contact Larchwood Primary School to confirm. Without such confirmation, the child's name will be removed at the end of the academic year.

The statutory consultation period is open for six weeks from Thursday 17 October and will close on Thursday 12 December 2024. We are interested to hear the views of parents/carers and the local community. If you would like to comment on the admission arrangements please contact the School Office via: office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk or in writing by post by Thursday 12 December 2024. The policy consultation document can be found on our website [here](#).



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Oliver in 3C for demonstrating the value of Friendship.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
All of RA	All of RT	Otto	Thomas	Noah	Esther	Dylan
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Daisy	Isobel	Sophie	Alayna	Mia	Hermione	Kai



Reading at Home

7 classes with 100% again – well done all of you. 17 more children and we will have 100% across the school.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	28 (97%)
RT	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
1B	3 (10%)	4 (14%)	22 (76%)	26 (90%)
1G	4 (14%)	1 (4%)	23 (82%)	24 (86%)
2P	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	30 (100%)
2W	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
3C	4 (12%)	3 (10%)	24 (78%)	27 (88%)
3M	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
4B	1 (3%)	14 (13%)	25 (84%)	29 (97%)
4T	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	28 (97%)
5L	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (93%)	28 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	27 (97%)	28 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	21 (81%)	26 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (93%)	28 (100%)
Total				96%



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Diary Dates

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

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 15 November	Children in Need non-uniform day
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 14 October 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	93%	96.8%	98.3%	94%	95.9%	96.7%	97.7%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	94.8%	97.1%	96.9%	98.9%	95.2%	93.1%	97.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	1B	3C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	97%	96.3%	95.6%	97.4%	97.5%	97.6%	95.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	97.1%	97.8%	96.8%	99.1%	94.7%	93.9%	96%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	4B	2P



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