



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

This week we have got back into full swing of life at Larchwood with a number of milestones happening. All our Reception children have started and are enjoying being part of the school – I think I have nearly memorised all 60 names! Clubs also started this week with children enjoying all the different opportunities these provide – a few photos are below.

We have also had a number of wider curriculum opportunities in school. Year 5 had the amazing space dome in on Tuesday where they got an interactive space show – the look of wonder on their faces was brilliant. Year 6 got to attend a virtual lesson with the children's author Katherine Rundell who is the author of their current reading book, Rooftoppers. Also, on Tuesday we had the Essex Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in to talk to the children and teachers about the work they do. They do some really good work with families to support them with children who are experiencing anxiety and worry – we look forward to working with them.

Below are some photographs of events that have taken place this week. More are on X (Twitter) [@LarchwoodPS](https://twitter.com/LarchwoodPS).

As it is the start of a new school year, your child will be experiencing new learning. As we all know, when asked what they have done at school, children will often say nothing. Our website has lots of information about each year's learning which are included on the Year Group Overviews and the Subject Overviews. If you want more information, please click [here](#) or speak to your child's teacher.

Finally, you may have noticed Mrs Everett on the gate with me on Monday. She is the new Discovery Educational Trust Primary Director of Education and is working with all three of the Trust primaries. Mrs Everett is first and foremost a mum and foster mum, so understands the importance of getting school right for our children. She has also been a teacher in the primary sector for over 25 years, 8 of these as a headteacher. More recently, she has worked for the local authority supporting headteachers to make their schools the best that they can be. She will be with us regularly and is very much looking forward to getting to know our school community and helping us to continue to develop and improve.



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Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Alter	Investigate	Identify	Export	Differentiate	Precise



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Isla in 5P for demonstrating the value of friendship and responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Reign	Freddie Fr	Fraiser	Callie	Penny	Daniel	Charlie
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Layla-May	Oliver	Mylo	Abigail	Lewis	Evan	Lola



Reading at Home

Well done everyone who read – nearly 400 children! Well done 3M who had the most reading 5 times. Next week Reception figures will appear – make sure they are 100%.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 16 September to Friday 20 September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-
1B	2 (7%)	9 (32%)	17 (61%)	26 (93%)
1G	5 (17%)	3 (10%)	22 (73%)	25 (83%)
2P	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	28 (97%)
2W	5 (17%)	7 (24%)	17 (59%)	24 (83%)
3C	2 (6%)	7 (25%)	20 (69%)	27 (94%)
3M	0 (0%)	5 (16%)	26 (84%)	31 (100%)
4B	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	29 (94%)	30 (97%)
4T	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	25 (87%)	28 (97%)
5L	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	27 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	23 (80%)	29 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	30 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	9 (29%)	22 (71%)	31 (100%)
Total				95%



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Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 24 th September	Parent tours start for Reception 2025
Tuesday 24 th September	Reception parents meeting for Tapestry 2:30pm
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
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
Friday 20 December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 16 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.6%	99.2%	96%	98%	95.3%	97%	96%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	97.3%
Attendance	98.1%	100%	99.3%	100%	95%	95%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4B & 5L	RA	4T



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	99.3%	95%	98.6%	97.3%	96%	96.1%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.9%
Attendance	98%	98.6%	97.6%	99.6%	93.2%	95.4%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	RA & RT	1G & 4B



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