



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

It has been another productive half term at Larchwood which culminated in two successful parent consultation evenings this week. It is always so good to share how well the children are doing. I wanted to reflect on some of the many successes since September. The term started with the publication of our excellent Ofsted report which highlighted all the great things about the school. Sixty new Reception children started their journey with us and they have settled in brilliantly. I have lunch with them every Wednesday and each week I can see their progress, they are doing amazingly.

Learning has been happening at pace across the school and it is clear how well the children are doing. I am frequently in lessons watching what is happening and seeing children enjoying their learning. I am really pleased as well at how much better the reading numbers have been this term. This is especially true for Reception who have started off in the right way.

This half term break, the school will be a hive of activity for the two weeks as the building work continues at pace. The teams have been working evenings and weekends this half term, but the two weeks gives them a good block of time to get lots done. The 46 new fire doors should all be fitted, the new heating system is likely to come online and the electrical work will move to the Year 6 wing with new lights, wiring and ceilings being installed.

After the well-deserved break, our focus will continue to be to make sure children achieve their potential and are learning the best they can. Our attendance continues to be above average with many children still having 100% attendance. However there remains a few children who are missing too much school and I will be meeting with more of these parents once we return. One of the benefits about the two week half term is the fact that we can all benefit from cheaper holidays. Just a reminder that next year the extra week is the week before the normal half term, not after like it has been. Please check the dates [here](#) before booking holidays. In the meantime, enjoy the two week break and we will see you at 8:30am on Monday 11 November.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Just a reminder that after half term breakfast club and afterschool club spaces need to be booked and paid for in advance. The system has been 'live' all week and bookings have been coming in already. Bookings can be made on Parentpay and can be made up until 07.00 each day for breakfast club and up to 14.00 for afterschool club, the same time as it is now. There is still no cap on the number of children who can be booked in.

Half Term Holiday Club

As you will know from the letter that went out earlier in the term, 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. Although this club is not run or organised by us, it is exclusively for children from the three Discovery Educational Trust (DET) primary schools. It runs from 08.30 until 15.30 every day and costs just £30 a day, or £120 for all 5 days. Bookings can still 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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PE Kit

PE kit should have come home this week. Please ensure this is washed and returned on Monday 11 November. Classes will have PE on this day. Please also ensure that the full PE is present, including the black tracksuit bottoms and tops, the weather will be colder when we return and will be outside still.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Display	Edit	Locate	Volume	Income	Immortal	Perspective



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Oliva in 4T for demonstrating all of the school values.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Dylan	Mileta	Lennon	Daniella	Michael	Poppy	Niam
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Jack	Nino	Diana	Behestha	Frankie	Joshua	Alex



Reading at Home

Great results from Reception, Year 2 and 6R. Please keep up the reading over half term everyone.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	29 (100%)
RT	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	27 (100%)
1B	6 (20%)	3 (10%)	20 (70%)	23 (80%)
1G	2 (6%)	8 (28%)	19 (66%)	27 (94%)
2P	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
2W	0 (0%)	11 (37%)	19 (63%)	30 (100%)
3C	4 (13%)	3 (10%)	23 (77%)	26 (87%)
3M	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	28 (94%)	29 (97%)
4B	1 (4%)	9 (32%)	18 (64%)	27 (96%)
4T	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	24 (85%)	27 (96%)
5L	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	27 (97%)
5P	1 (3%)	6 (23%)	19 (74%)	25 (97%)
6H	5 (17%)	6 (21%)	18 (62%)	24 (83%)
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	25 (93%)	27 (100%)
Total				95%



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Diary Dates

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

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 21 October 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	90.3%	95.4%	94.7%	97.3%	96.9%	98.3%	93.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.3%
Attendance	97.4%	88.1%	96.6%	99.3%	92.8%	97.2%	96.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	2P	3M



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.8%	96.1%	95.5%	97.4%	97.4%	97.7%	95.3%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.4%
Attendance	97.1%	96.6%	96.7%	99.1%	94.4%	94.3%	96.1%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	2P	1G



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