



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy week at Larchwood with lots going on as usual. Today we have had the children's author Jessica Betts Gray in sharing her books thanks to the excellent Chicken and Frog bookshop. Many of Year 1 and 2 now have a signed copy of their own. I have seen some great lessons taking place this week including design technology lessons. For example, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of levers as they experimented with different types ready for making moving Viking Longships and Year 2 have made recycled instruments.

As part of the same design technology curriculum, this week I had some cheesy pasta made by Year 6. You probably know that we cook every half term in all classes thanks to our large children's kitchen. Cooking half-termly is a unique experience that children get at Larchwood that they would not get at other schools and as pointed out by one of the Year 6 children, I get to have my meals made for me!

Yesterday evening we hosted the Discovery Educational Trust board meeting. Before it started, I gave a tour of the school to a number of the trustees and members. The Trust board oversee the decision making for all five trust schools and hold us all to account. By holding one of their meetings at each school they get a better understanding of what is happening to back up all the reports they get and decisions they make. Some of the members and trustees have a long-standing relationship with the school so it is always good to welcome them back. They were also really impressed with how the school is functioning and could see the impact of all the building work that has been undertaken.

Attendance this week is much improved compared to last week, we seem to have broken the back of much of the illness. Term time holidays have been in the news lots this week as there has been a big increase nationally. As teachers we understand the frustration of holiday prices being much higher when we are off school, but being in school every day is so important. Term time holidays will not be authorised and even if it is for less than the five days that would incur a fine, a fine could still be issued if a child is off at any other time in a ten-week period around the holiday. Please book holidays in the holidays!

### Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

This week our fourth round of TTRS battles took place. 5L won against 3M, 4B just beat 6R, 5P won against 3C and 6H beat 4T. The leader board looks like this but there is still time to turn it around.

	W	D	L	Points
4B	4	0	0	12
6H	4	0	0	12
5L	3	0	1	10
4T	2	0	2	8
3C	1	0	3	6
6R	1	0	3	6
5P	1	0	3	6
3M	0	0	4	4

### Week 5 battles:

3M vs 5P

3C vs 5L

4T vs 6R

4B vs 6H



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## Mr Duncan

Mr Duncan our sports coach, is leaving us on Wednesday next week. Mr Duncan has been associated with Larchwood for about 13 years and has expertly taught PE to many, many children over that time. With a young family, he has taken the decision to spend more time with them and developing his career outside of sports coaching. He will be greatly missed.

We have been very fortunate to have new coaches joining us after half term from Moore Coaching. They currently do the PE coaching at Hogarth, ran the half term holiday club and covered Mr Duncan when he was on paternity leave. They will be running the football clubs as well as teaching some of the PE lessons.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If you haven't booked an appointment, please do so [here](#). We look forward to welcoming everyone.



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Niam in 3M for demonstrating all the school values.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Frankie	Rupert	Ilham	Malik	Rowan	Fearne	Cody
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Olivia	Bobby	Bella	Benjamin	Leah	Stanley	Leo



## Reading at Home

Well done to 5 classes who had 100% of children reading at least 4 times this week. 5P had the highest percentage of children that read 5 times so win the trophy

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 3 February to Friday 7 February			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	2 (7%)	8 (29%)	18 (64%)	24 (93%)
RT	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	22 (78%)	25 (89%)
1B	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	28 (97%)
1G	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	25 (92%)	26 (96%)
2P	1 (4%)	5 (19%)	20 (77%)	25 (96%)
2W	2 (8%)	4 (16%)	20 (76%)	24 (92%)
3C	4 (12%)	6 (19%)	22 (69%)	28 (88%)
3M	3 (10%)	7 (23%)	20 (67%)	27 (90%)
4B	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	30 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	3 (12%)	22 (88%)	25 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	25 (97%)	26 (100%)
6H	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	25 (89%)	27 (96%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)
Total				96%



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# Diary Dates

Wednesday 12 February	Parent Consultations 15.30-18.00
Thursday 13 February	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 14 February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 February	Return to school
Thursday 6 March	LPPA quiz night
Friday 7 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 7 March	Come and read with your child morning
Friday 14 March	LPPA non-uniform day
Wednesday 19 March	Don Rae with Year 3
Friday 21 March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Tuesday 1 April	Reports go home
Thursday 3 April	Easter discos
Friday 4 April	Break up
Tuesday 22 April	Return to school

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Expose	Inspect	Evaluate	Interact	Contrast	Obtain	Sustain



# Weekly Attendance

Well done to 3M and 4T for this week for the best attendance.

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 3 February 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	92.7%	90.3%	97.3%	94.1%	94.8%	97.1%	97.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.4%
Attendance	97.6%	95.8%	97.6%	93.2%	96.3%	96.6%	94.5%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3M & 4T	1B	3C



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.9%	94.8%	93.3%	96.9%	96.2%	95.9%	94.7%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.4%
Attendance	95.8%	95.5%	96.1%	96.9%	95.1%	94.2%	95.5%	

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1G & 5L	2W	4T



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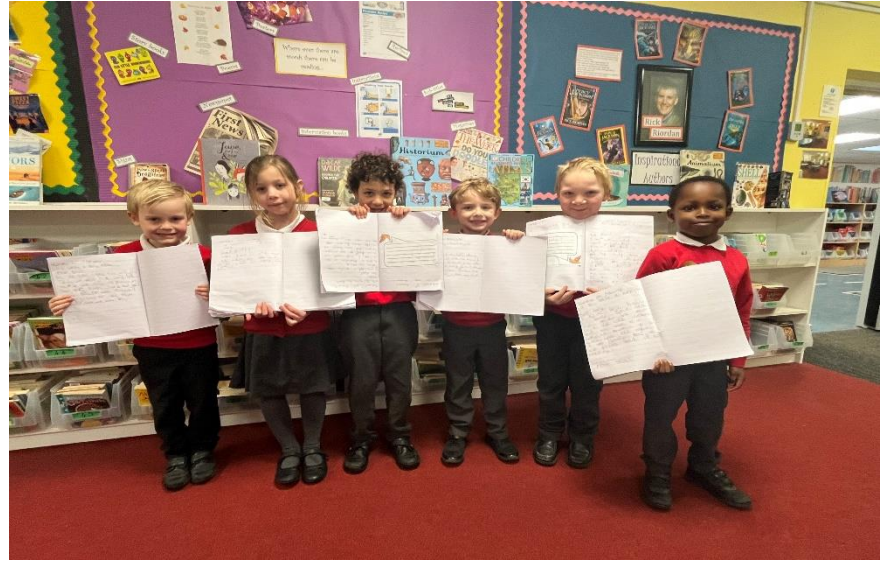
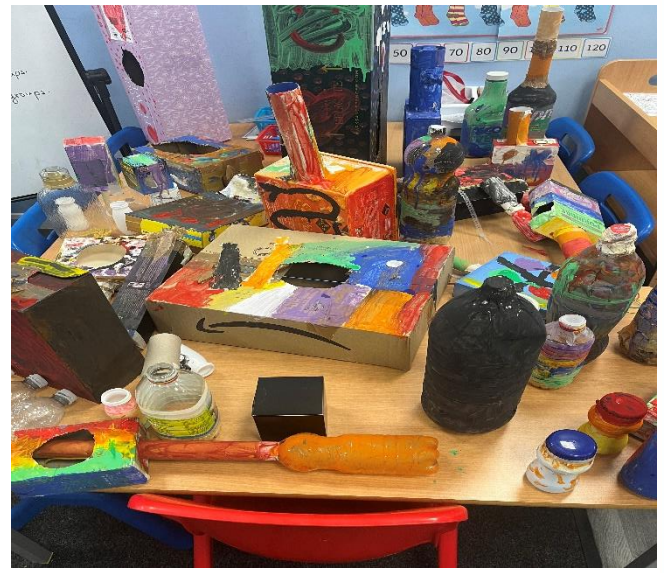
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## SEND Drop in



**Co-hosted with SNAP Charity**  
**Free and safe space for parent and carers.**  
**To access advice and support for families of children with SEND.**

**Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided**  
**Children are welcome to attend, no diagnosis required.**

**Time**  
11:30 -12:30

**Upcoming Dates :**  
**28th January 2025**  
**25th February 2025**  
**25th March 2025**

**Location:**  
**Brentwood Library**  
**Brentwood**  
**CM14 4BP**

**For further information please call 0300 247 0013**  
**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

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