



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been a really busy week here at Larchwood with lots of learning taking place along with lots of enjoyable events. I have conducted two full tours for parents whose children are due to start school in September. Just a reminder that the deadline for applications is 15 January.

We have had 2 amazing nativity plays from Reception. 'A bundle of Joy' is exactly what it was. The singing was beautiful and the way they all remembered their lines was fantastic. Yesterday, we had the Year 1 concert. This was also amazing and seeing how much these children have developed in a year was a joy.

Today there have been two school trips taking place, firstly the Junior Governors have been in Westminster visiting parliament and seeing democracy in action. We have also had Year 3 and 4 visiting the Brentwood Centre for a Nutcracker concert.

The highlight of the day though is that there have been two headteachers today. As you know Miss Milliken won the competition to be the headteacher for the day and she has been having a great day. I will let her explain what she has been up to today while I've had my feet up drinking tea!

Mr Bowsher



## Miss Milliken's Headteacher Comment:

It has been a very busy day for me being the Headteacher for the day. It was great to welcome everyone into school first thing and this was followed by visiting the classrooms and checking the work that was going on. I am pleased to say everyone was working hard. I then said goodbye to the junior governors before they left for their trip to parliament with Mrs Jaycock.

We have been very lucky to have been given a signed copy of 'My Bright Shining Star' by Fatima Whitbread. I asked classes to come up with reasons why they felt they should have the book for their class and they all came up with brilliant reasons. The winners were 3C who are very excited, especially Mrs Cooper! I also had a Teams meeting with Mrs Everett the DET primary director of education. She wanted to check how the day was going and if Mr Bowsher was behaving himself – he was!

After second break I set a quiz for the children in 5P based on Harry Potter – the winning team were Callum, Lewis and Temulin.

Then this afternoon I got ready for celebration assembly and decided that it was about time we had some new reading and attendance trophies. I met with Mrs Whitehead to get these ordered.

It has been a very fun busy day and I have really enjoyed being the Headteacher for the day.

Miss Milliken



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## Sort Your Settings 2025

There is a growing tide of parents and organisations who feel that children should not have mobile phones, even until they are 16. However, we are aware many of our Year 6 have phones and more children have tablets etc. Essex Police have launched their [Sort Your Settings](#) campaign. It provides parents and carers with essential safeguarding tips and advice on making online devices safer for children. The refreshed webpage now includes up-to-date information about new and popular online games and social media platforms. There is a step-by-step guide and advice on all aspects of online safety, including how to access parental controls, social media age restrictions, game age ratings, chat settings, and more.

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Label	Image	Core	Microscopic	Tradition	Bias	Revenue



## Mr Bowsher's and Miss Milliken's Superstar Award

Mia in 5P for demonstrating the value of friendship and responsibility to the residents of Howard Lodge where she volunteers and for inviting them to watch the nativity.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
All of RA	All of RT	Vinny-Lee	Dwight	Scarlett	Adalee	Olivia
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Rose	Mia	Olivia	Indie Blue	Matty	All of 6H	Ava



## Reading at Home

Well done to the four winning class and especially 5P who had 97% reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 9 December to Friday 13 December			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (4%)	5 (18%)	22 (78%)	27 (96%)
RT	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	30 (100%)
1B	5 (19%)	3 (11%)	19 (70%)	22 (81%)
1G	6 (21%)	5 (17%)	18 (62%)	23 (79%)
2P	2 (8%)	6 (25%)	16 (67%)	22 (92%)
2W	2 (8%)	12 (44%)	13 (48%)	25 (92%)
3C	7 (24%)	2 (7%)	20 (69%)	22 (76%)
3M	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	19 (70%)	26 (96%)
4B	2 (7%)	9 (32%)	17 (61%)	26 (93%)
4T	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	29 (100%)
5L	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	25 (89%)	27 (96%)
5P	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	26 (97%)	27 (100%)
6H	7 (24%)	8 (28%)	14 (48%)	22 (76%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (24%)	19 (76%)	25 (100%)
Total				91%



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## Diary Dates

Below are some of the of the important dates coming up next week and after Christmas.

Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H 14.30
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R 14.30
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
Friday 3 January	Staff Inset day
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 15 January	Deadline for applications to Reception 2025
Monday 20 January	Chinese students visiting school for the morning
Wednesday 22 January	Young Voices at the 02
Thursday 30 January	Don Rae in with Year 1
Wednesday 12 February	Parent Consultation 15.30-18.00
Thursday 13 February	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 14 February	Break up for half term



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9 December 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.8%	97.3%	92.1%	100%	93.1%	81.4%	94.8%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	92.6%
Attendance	90.3%	92.3%	87.6%	97.1%	93.9%	93.8%	87.9%	

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



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.9%	96.4%	93.3%	98%	96.8%	95.8%	94.5%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.9%
Attendance	96.1%	96.3%	96.2%	97.8%	95.1%	94.7%	95.7%	

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



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