



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

We have made it to the end of another great term which has been full of learning and enjoyment for the whole community. This week is a perfect example of this. Yesterday reports went home in the new and improved format and having looked at each of these and how the children are progressing, it has been very pleasing. The fun and enjoyment have come from many things. Firstly, we had two brilliantly attended sing-a-longs earlier in the week followed by the Christmas dinner and Christmas discos on Wednesday. Yesterday Don Rae was in performing his pantomime with Year 5 to the whole school. They were brilliant. Some photographs from the last week are below.

I can't talk about all the things we have been up to over the last few weeks without mentioning the Larchwood Primary Parents' Association. The LPPA have once again been very busy over the last few weeks, starting with the Christmas market which made a record £2,700. There was the Christmas shop, the discos and the crackers they donated for Christmas dinner. Thank you to all of the LPPA who have helped to continue to make attending Larchwood even more enjoyable.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Markey who joined us in September and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Luthra and Mrs Holder will be taking the class going forward.

The new year will be here before we know it and there is lots planned. Staff are back in school on Friday 3 January preparing for the new term. We will be developing the new resources for the teaching of reading and spelling which we will share with you later in January.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We will see you all on Monday 6 January at 08.30. Don't forget to keep up with the reading – I'm hoping for some good books from Santa!



Merry Christmas



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Reception Places September 2025

If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2025, applications need to be completed by 15 January 2025 via the Essex school admissions page which can be accessed [here](#).

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Enormous	Exclusion	Reject	Affect	Invest	External



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Sophie in 5P for demonstrating all the school values and being an amazing headteacher.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Albert	Dougie	Ryan	Kai	Grayson-James	Harper-Rose	Omar
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Chloe	Valerie	Daniel	Praneet	Lily	Brooke	Harry B



Reading at Home

Well done Year 4 and 5. Keep it up.

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%)	6 (21%)	21 (75%)	27 (96%)
RT	2 (8%)	6 (23%)	18 (69%)	24 (92%)
1B	7 (26%)	4 (15%)	16 (59%)	20 (74%)
1G	2 (7%)	8 (30%)	17 (63%)	25 (93%)
2P	10 (36%)	9 (32%)	9 (32%)	18 (64%)
2W	8 (29%)	3 (11%)	18 (64%)	21 (75%)
3C	6 (21%)	6 (21%)	17 (58%)	23 (80%)
3M	5 (18%)	7 (25%)	16 (57%)	23 (82%)
4B	0 (0%)	12 (41%)	17 (59%)	29 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	11 (38%)	18 (62%)	29 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	25 (96%)	26 (100%)
6H	3 (11%)	11 (39%)	14 (50%)	25 (89%)
6R	4 (13%)	5 (18%)	20 (69%)	25 (87%)
Total				88%



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Diary Dates

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

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
Thursday 6 March	LPPA quiz night
Friday 7 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 14 March	LPPA non-uniform day
Friday 21 March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Thursday 3 April	Easter discos
Friday 4 April	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 16 December 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	93.1%	88.9%	95.5%	94.1%	95.2%	96.6%	91.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.3%
Attendance	93.9%	89%	94.2%	96.4%	93.6%	97.9%	97.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6R & 6H	4T	2P



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.6%	95.8%	93.5%	97.7%	96.7%	95.9%	94.3%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.8%
Attendance	95.9%	95.7%	96.3%	97.7%	95%	94.6%	95.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G & 5L	2W	4T



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