



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

Another great week at Larchwood has flown by. I conducted two parent tours this week and as always there was lots of great learning taking place. Wednesday was a particularly busy day, with 10 student teachers coming to watch the excellent phonics being taught to enhance their training. We also had Terry from the BMX Academy working with Year 3 delivering a scooter workshop. They had a great day learning new tricks. He ended the day with an assembly talking about perseverance while showing off some of his tricks, including doing a back flip over a reluctant volunteer – me. Just in case you are wondering, I was lying down! (Photos below).

In celebration assembly last Friday, I was really pleased to be able to give out the badges to our new Junior Governors. These children put themselves forward to represent their class for the year and have been chosen by their classmates. They have a big responsibility helping to make decisions about the school to make it even better. In a few weeks they are off to Parliament in London to see democracy in action. Congratulations to:

RA – Reign	RT – Douglas
1B – Max	1G – Myla
2W – Dylan	2P – Archie
3C – Rayzel	3M – Finley
4B – Lily	4T – Thomas
5P – Bonnie-Marie	5L – Indie
6R – Reuben	6H – Kayden

LPPA Christmas Market

December is not far off and the LPPA Christmas market will be taking place next Friday 29 November in the hall and playground. Preparations have been underway for a while now and it looks like it is going to be another exciting event. There are lots of stalls planned, there will be a BBQ on the go and Father Christmas is booked in. This year the LPPA have organised a stall that involves guessing the staff member from their baby / infant pictures, which having seen all the photos, is a lot of fun. There is also the opportunity to be the headteacher for the day. For £1 a ticket, children will be added to the prize draw with one lucky winner getting to have a fun day making the rules and being in charge.



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Reception Places September 2025

Tours of the school for parents who have children starting Reception in September 2025 have been taking place each week for the last couple of months. If you have a child who is due to start Reception at this time, applications need to be completed by 15 January 2025 via the Essex school admissions page which can be accessed [here](#). If you or anyone you know wishes to have a tour of the school, please call the school office.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Vehicle	Trace	Thermometer	Hydrate	Consent	Ignorance	Civil



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Tania in 2P for following all the school values and having a great attitude to learning.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Ralph	Jayden	Tommy	Cristiano	Dylan	Isabella	Robyn
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Alex	Nancy	Freddie	Teddy	Holly	Max	Reggie



Reading at Home

Well done to all the classes with 100% reading at least 4 times, especially 4B who had the most reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
RT	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
1B	4 (16%)	7 (28%)	14 (56%)	21 (84%)
1G	5 (17%)	5 (20%)	19 (63%)	24 (83%)
2P	3 (10%)	10 (33%)	17 (57%)	27 (90%)
2W	4 (14%)	7 (25%)	17 (61%)	24 (86%)
3C	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	20 (69%)	25 (86%)
3M	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	29 (93%)	29 (93%)
4B	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
4T	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	28 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	24 (82%)	29 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	21 (73%)	29 (100%)
6H	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	20 (69%)	25 (86%)
6R	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	30 (100%)
Total				93%



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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 29 November	LPPA Christmas Market
Monday 9 December	Year 3 and 4 to attend concert at Brentwood Centre
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 14:00
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
Thursday 19 December	End of term reports sent home
Thursday 19 December	Don Rae in with Year 5
Friday 20 December	Break up
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 18 November 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	93.4%	94.3%	88.3%	98.3%	98.3%	98%	94.2%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.5%	95.2%	97.9%	95.7%	98.3%	97.9%	96.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G, 2W & 5P	2P	4T & 6H



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.7%	96.4%	93.9%	97.6%	97.4%	97.9%	94.9%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.6%	96.6%	96.2%	98.6%	95.1%	95.1%	96.4%	

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



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