



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

A slightly belated welcome back from half term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable week off and you were able to spend time resting and having fun as well as preparing things for the science fair on 13 March. We are now in the second half of the academic year – time is flying.

The school site was extremely busy over the half term. As you will have seen the plumbers' containers have now left the playground. All three projects (the fire doors, water / heating upgrade and electrical work) are now in the snagging stage. We also had 30 new computers installed in the computer suite with the old ones going into classes. This week we have new data cabling being installed after school to improve our internet connections. It won't be long before the whole school is new!

This week has been another busy one. New books have been introduced and new topics have been started in lessons, our new sports coaches have started work (and have been excellent) and we have had a number of events taking place including the Shenfield Basketball participation event.

One of the highlights this week was the 'Come Dine With Me' event on Tuesday. It was our first ever one and we had 42 parents join their Year 1 child for lunch. The food was the usual menu and of course it was delicious. The feedback from parents was really positive and those with another child in the school can't wait to come back. It is Year 2's turn next week and other dates are below. Reception's date will be in the summer term. It is also pancake day next week so all the children eating school dinners will be having pancakes for dessert - parents will too.

This week also saw our governors have their termly meeting on Wednesday. We were joined by our new parent governor, Laura Meeajane and our new staff governor, Miss Chambers. Miss Chambers has taken over from Miss Beard who after four years as a governor has stepped down – thank you for all your help. The focus of these meetings is to monitor, support and challenge the school. All our governors have been in to school this term to monitor how the school is progressing with the school improvement plan and to check on standards which they are impressed with.

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

This week our fifth round of TTRS battles took place. 5L won against 4T, 4B beat 5P, 6R won against 3M and 6H beat 3C. The leader board looks like this with one week to go.

	W	D	L	Points
6H	6	0	0	18
4B	5	0	1	16
5L	5	0	1	16
6R	3	0	3	12
4T	2	0	4	10
5P	2	0	4	10
3C	1	0	5	8
3M	0	0	6	6

#### Week 6 battles:

3M vs 6H

3C vs 6R

4T vs 5P

4B vs 5L



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## World Book Day

Don't forget that next Friday is Larchwood World Book Day. Events during the day include parents coming to share reading with their children on Friday morning at 08.30, older and younger children sharing books together and our traditional 'decorate the doors as a book' competition. We have a special World Book Day menu and the LPPA will be selling special chocolate bars after school. Just like the Wonka bars in Charlie in the Chocolate Factory, 20 of these bars will have a golden ticket in them meaning they will have won a prize, most of which will be book related – there was even talk of one prize being a Kindle. Bars will cost £2 and the aim of this isn't to raise money, just to add to the fun. Obviously, they can't be called Wonka bars for copyright reasons, so they have gone for Bowsher Bars!!

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Random	Couple	Approach	Resolve	International	Decline	Adequate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Lily in 5P for demonstrating the value of perseverance during the basketball competition.



## Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Lexi	Bobby	Aubrey	Aliza	Indie	Finley	Lilly-Mae
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Joseph	John	McKenzie	Frankie	Victoria	Ronnie	Leila-May



## Reading at Home

Three winners of a certificate and extra play this week. Well done 5P, it looks like the trophy will be permanently yours for the most 5x readers.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	3 (11%)	6 (21%)	19 (68%)	25 (89%)
RT	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	21 (72%)	25 (86%)
1B	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	27 (96%)
1G	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	25 (86%)	27 (93%)
2P	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	21 (81%)	26 (100%)
2W	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
3C	5 (17%)	4 (13%)	21 (70%)	25 (83%)
3M	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)
4B	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	27 (87%)	30 (97%)
4T	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	22 (79%)	26 (93%)
5L	1 (3%)	5 (19%)	21 (78%)	26 (97%)
5P	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	27 (97%)	28 (100%)
6H	1 (4%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	27 (96%)
6R	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	25 (86%)	28 (96%)
<b>Total</b>				<b>94%</b>



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# Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 March	Year 2 'Come dine with me'
Thursday 6 March	LPPA quiz night (see flyer)
Friday 7 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 7 March	Come and read with your child morning
Tuesday 11 March	Year 3 'Come dine with me'
Thursday 13 March	Science Fair
Friday 14 March	LPPA non-uniform day for colour raffle
Tuesday 18 March	Year 4 'Come dine with me'
Wednesday 19 March	Don Rae with Year 3
Friday 21 March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Tuesday 25 March	Year 5 'Come dine with me'
Tuesday 1 April	Year 6 'Come dine with me'
Thursday 3 April	Easter discos
Friday 4 April	Break up
Tuesday 22 April	Back to school
Thursday 24 April	Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum
Friday 25 April	Don Rae with Year 4



# Weekly Attendance

Good attendance this week and three winners of a certificate for over 98%.

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 24 February 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	89.7%	99.3%	96.3%	97%	96.9%	96.1%	96.3%	96.6%
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	98.6%	98.7%	96.4%	97.1%	96.4%	95.2%	96.6%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RT	4B	3M

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# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.6%	95.2%	93.5%	96.8%	96.2%	95.9%	94.7%	95.4%
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	
Attendance	96.1%	95.7%	96.2%	96.8%	95.1%	94.2%	95.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1G & 5L	2W & 4T	3M



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# QUIZ!

Thursday 6th March 7pm - 9.30pm

The LPPA Quiz Night is back for its 4th year.  
Larchwood School Hall  
£25 per table - max of 6 per table  
or £5pp  
Tickets can be purchased via the link attached

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## SCRUMPTIOUS PANCAKES

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Fluffy Pancakes with Berry Compote,  
Sugar & Lemon or Golden syrup

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## Special Menu World Book Day

Friday 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**MAIN MEAL**  
"Fantastic Mr Fox's Wrapped Chicken & Beef Bake (Chicken & Beef Sausage Wrapped in Pastry)"  
"Peter Rabbit's Wrapped Garden Vegetables (Vegan Sausage Wrapped in Pastry)"  
Supertato's Spectacular Baked Wedges Jack & the Beanstalk's Magic Beans  
Gangster Granny's Garden Peas

**DESSERT**  
Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake with Golden Goose Custard

**ALTERNATIVE MEAL**  
Winnie the Witch's Baked Jacket with Baked Beans

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