



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Today is Larchwood World Book Day. Every day is book day at Larchwood and everyday should always be book day. I was discussing World Book Day with someone who is writing an article for the local press this week and one of the first things I said that one of the fundamental aims of our curriculum was to develop a love of reading. World book day is a day to celebrate that love of reading.

As much as things like the costumes, door decorating competition and LPPA 'Bowsher Bars' are fun, it is things like reading together and sharing a book that are key. By reading with your child every day from the day they are born until they are fluent readers themselves you are helping them to open up so many possibilities for the future and they will hopefully love reading for the rest of their lives. That is why it was great to see so many of you in school this morning sharing a book with your child.

Today wasn't the only time we have welcomed parents into school. We had our second 'come dine with me' on Tuesday. 47 parents and carers joined their Year 2 child for lunch and it was hugely successful. Year 3 are next week. Bookings for each year group open up about a week before so look out for the letters.

Also coming up in the next few weeks we have the science fair on 13 March (bring in items on Wednesday next week please), an author visit for Year 3 and 4 next Friday and the LPPA non-uniform day. The following Friday, 21 March, we will be holding our traditional Comic Relief joke competition as well as wearing bright and colourful socks for World Down Syndrome Day.

On the last page of this News and Views are some photos from this week including today as well as details of events coming up. Thank you for your continued support with all of these and for helping Larchwood continue to be the great school we all love.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

The final results of the Battle of the Bands round robin are in and the final 4 have been decided. Well done to everyone for taking part – the times table knowledge has really improved while hopefully having fun. Congratulations to 6H, 4B, 5L and 6R for making the semi-finals.

	W	D	L	Points
6H	7	0	0	21
5L	6	0	1	19
4B	5	0	2	17
6R	4	0	3	15
5P	3	0	4	13
4T	2	0	5	11
3C	1	0	6	9
3M	0	0	7	7

Semi-final battles:

6H vs 6R

5L vs 4B



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LPPA Events

A massive thank you to all the LPPA team for the events they have been organising this week. There was the excellent quiz night on Thursday evening where everyone demonstrated their excellent knowledge. Today they will be busy selling 'Bowsher Bars' with 20 golden tickets in to add to the book fun.

Next Friday is the non-uniform day for the rainbow raffle. On the last page is the flyer for this so that you know what colour donations to bring in. For those that haven't done this event before, simply send your child in with an appropriately coloured item that can be added to the coloured hamper e.g. if your child's colour is red something like a box of Maltesers works great. Children can wear any colour clothes. Finally, the Easter pop-up shop is on 21 March – details to follow.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Odd	Expert	Participate	Adjust	Proceed	Institute	Initiate



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Anesa in 4B for demonstrating the values of responsibility and perseverance.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Ava	Zac	Max	Jessica	Amelia P	Sadie	Scarlett
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Layla-Rose	Revin	Thomas	Eleanor	James	Claudia-Mae	Freddie W



Reading at Home

400 fab children reading at least 5 times and 6 winners. Well done 5P once again for retaining the trophy.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 3 March to Friday 7 March			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
RT	0 (0%)	9 (30%)	21 (70%)	30 (100%)
1B	2 (7%)	7 (26%)	18 (67%)	25 (93%)
1G	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	21 (78%)	24 (88%)
2P	2 (8%)	6 (21%)	20 (71%)	26 (82%)
2W	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	21 (72%)	29 (100%)
3C	5 (16%)	6 (19%)	20 (65%)	26 (84%)
3M	2 (6%)	8 (28%)	19 (66%)	27 (94%)
4B	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	28 (93%)
4T	0 (0%)	10 (34%)	19 (66%)	29 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	22 (85%)	26 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	27 (100%)	27 (100%)
6H	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	25 (86%)	27 (93%)
6R	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	23 (79%)	28 (97%)
Total				95%



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Diary Dates

Friday 7 March	Come and read with your child morning
Tuesday 11 March	Year 3 'Come dine with me'
Thursday 13 March	Science Fair
Thursday 13 March	Book fair arrives
Friday 14 March	LPPA non-uniform day for rainbow raffle
Friday 14 March	Year 3 and 4 author visit
Tuesday 18 March	Year 4 'Come dine with me'
Wednesday 19 March	Don Rae with Year 3
Friday 21 March	'Rock your socks' for World Down Syndrome Day
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



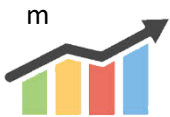
Weekly Attendance

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

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 3 March 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	98.7%	98%	95%	91%	99.7%	97.5%	92.8%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.2%
Attendance	99.7%	95.2%	97.9%	91.4%	95.4%	97.9%	95.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2W & 3M	RA	RT



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	94.8%	95.3%	93.6%	96.6%	96.4%	95.9%	94.6%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.5%
Attendance	96.3%	95.7%	96.3%	96.5%	95.2%	94.4%	95.3%	

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



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MULTI COLOUR NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

Non Uniform day, wear ANY colour in exchange for a donation in the colour of your year group. These donations will then make hampers for our Easter Rainbow Raffle

Your hamper donations could be candles, stationary, toiletries, toys, games, sweets, biscuits, drinks, anything that matches the colour for your year group...let your imagination run free.

All we ask is NO perishable items.

DONATION COLOURS

★ Reception	★ Year 1	★ Year 2	★ Year 3
★ Year 4	★ Year 5	★ Year 6	

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Friday 21st March

The shop will be selling a range of gifts for the children to choose from, for themselves and all the family. The children will visit the pop-up shop in their classes.

Gifts are 50p each, the children will be provided with a voucher to pay for their gifts, which must be purchased in advance via the attached link by Wednesday 6th March.

EASTER POP-UP SHOP

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