

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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6th Feb 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an excellent week of learning with many notable experiences.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: The Nursery children have had a busy week exploring the story 'Aliens Love Underpants.' The children enjoyed a range of creative activities, including designing their own aliens. We also used the story as a foundation for Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED), focusing on the importance of seeking permission and using respectful language when interacting with others and their belongings.

Reception: have completed working on our focus story, The Smartest Giant in Town. One of the highlights of the week was using the props from our story sac made by the Women's Institute to retell our focus story. All the concrete resources were very engaging and the children loved dressing up the giant in his set of new clothes. We have also celebrated Number Day with lots of fun maths activities.

Year 1: has had another busy week of learning. We were very lucky to have been visited by Jim Beckett, the author of "Buzz Sausage Wolf". The children enjoyed his enthusiastic approach to reading and writing as well taking part in creating a story along with Reception and Year 2. It was a very collaborative and inspiring session which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Within our classroom learning this week the children have been working hard to master the skills and features of a non-chronological report, we have used our knowledge to text map out ideas which are building up to a very exciting piece of writing about Christopher Columbus who we have also been exploring in History. Year one has also been working hard to complete their final piece in Art where Piet Mondrian has been the source of all our line and primary colour skills. Within science, the children have been exploring trees, identifying the differences between evergreen and deciduous. Lots of lovely highlights this week as we slowly draw a close to another half term in Year 1.

Year 2: have had a great week focusing on fitness and healthy lifestyles in Science, while also creating innovative fact sheets about tortoises. They had a fantastic time tackling number challenges in Maths NSPCC Day and showed great enthusiasm throughout!

Year 3: This week in Year 3 we explored the human geography of Scandinavia, learning about the different buildings. In English, we looked at a new model text of a magazine article and had great fun "hot seating" as a hedgehog, the author, and a wildlife expert to deepen our understanding. We also practised our techniques for our final art piece using watercolours. In maths, we discussed perimeter and worked on measuring and calculating it. Rugby with Mr Hacking was great fun, and we are all enjoying our guided reading book, *Finn Family Moomintroll*.

Year 4: This week in English, pupils explored acrostic poems and similes. Together as a class, we created powerful imagery to compare how small things can be part of something much larger. It was lovely to see the pupils' imaginations run wild as they came up with ideas such as "as a grain of sand is to a beach," "as an atom is to the universe," and "as a drop is to an ocean." Then on Wednesday, pupils walked to the River Chess to complete their final river art piece in the style of pointillism. Although it was muddy, the pupils were resilient and made their way there, sitting on the hill and working quietly while observing the river. With the sun shining and swans and birds floating on the water, it was a wonderful afternoon and an experience the pupils thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 5: Have had a fantastic week! We started the week off by going to the Hare Krishna temple, where the children were exposed to the shrine and religious practices that Hindus follow daily. They fed cows, ate Hindu cuisine and listened to a fascinating talk that linked to their learning in the classroom. Year 5 have also started their final piece for Pop Art and I am already blown away at the precision and detail. I can't wait to see how they turn out! Well done for a great week Year 5.



Year 6: This week in English, Year 6 researched Queen Victoria and used their findings to write clear, factual biographies. They focused on organising information effectively and practised accurate use of colons and semi-colons to improve sentence structure and clarity in their writing.



To do this week ...

- Author visit Yr 3-6 : Please pre-order any books you wish to receive signed copies of.
- 13th Feb break up for half term 3.15pm finish
- Please avoid doing 3-point turns at pick up and drop off times on Oakington Avenue.

Looking Ahead...

[Click here for the full calendar.](#)

- 6th Feb NSPCC Number Day (in school)
- 9th Feb Yr 5/6 VIAM workshop (in school)
- 12th Feb Author Rashmi Sirdeshpande visit Yrs 3-6
- 13th Feb half term
- 23rd Feb children back from half term holiday
- 24th Feb Yr 6 HoTP Victorian Day (in school)
- 25th and 26th Feb Yrs 2-6 Chinese New Year dance workshop
- 4th March Yr 2 Roald Dahl museum trip
- 5th March World Book Day workshops (all children—in school)
- 9th March Rec-Yr 1 Science week workshops (in school)
- 10th March Yrs 2-6 Science workshops (in school)
- 9th-13th March Assessment Week (Yrs 1-6)
- 10th March—Ducks eggs arriving in Nursery for incubation
- 12th March—Yr 1 Dance festival DCHS
- 13th March—beacon Maths challenge @Beacon (selected pupils only)

Premier Education update:

Please [click here](#) for the weekly announcement from Premier Education.

Premier also run local holiday clubs—further info can be found by following [this link](#).

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to Sia (Rec), Ellie-May (Yr 1), Freya (Yr 2), Arjan L (Yr 3), Geethu (Yr 4), Neha (Yr 5) and Daisy (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Weekly Winners

Year 1	90%
Year 6	86%
Year R	82%
Year 4	82%
Year 2	79%
Year 3	73%
Year 5	61%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done to Year 1 for topping the leader board this week with an impressive 90% of active journeys. An active journey can be walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride. Active journeys set your child up for a productive and focused day.

Attendance: A much better week this week with our attendance standards returning to their usual high elements. Well done to Year 6 for achieving the best attendance this week. Strong attendance is a legal requirement as well as crucial to obtain strong academic and social progress. Thank you to all our families for their assistance in this important matter this week.

Attendance Last Week:

6th Feb

Year 6	99.2%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 5	98.0%
Year R	96.3%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	94.0%

Whole School: 96.1%

Dojo Points

(house points are awarded at the end of each half term: 1st = 5, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, 4th = 1)

2648	2751	2527	2870
1st= Burton 6 pts	1st= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 6 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Year 4	2,935
Year 2	509
Year 3	433
Year 6	260
Year 5	72

Times Table rockstars: The winning class and individual in the January TTRS competition was announced in Celebration Assembly today. Well done to year 4 for being the highest using class that month. Well done to **Akshara** (Yr 4) who answered an incredible 38, 074 questions during the month of January!

PTA Easter Bingo Night: Save the date! Please see the attached flyer (opposite). After the success of last year's Bingo Night the PTA are running the same night again this year. It's a great family night with adult and child refreshments available. Please look out for communication from the PTA to enable you to purchase tickets in advance. We look forward to seeing you all there!

NSPCC Number Day: Today, we had an incredibly interactive maths-themed Day to raise money for the NSPCC. Throughout the school, children have been taking part in many number-based activities to reinforce maths learning and bring some of the activities to life! As you can see from the photos below, another immersive, hands-on learning opportunity for our children.



Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Hacking
DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee
Deputy DSL & SENCo



Mrs West
Deputy DSL & AHT

If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 383962
If your concern involves a DSL, contact Chair of Governors, Simon Barrett or the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01296 382070
In danger is imminent, contact the police on 101 (999 for an emergency)



No mobile phones
No photography

Please keep phones out of sight whilst on school property





LAWFORDS

Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above): Apple tree pruning this week! Two of the espalier trees in the Edible Garden didn't get a winter prune last year, so had put on huge amounts of growth in the 2025's perfect apple growing conditions, and had started to overgrow the path next to the adjoining vegetable beds, and stretch up to the edge of the hall roofline. The trees needed to be brought back down to a manageable size both so we could pick fruit from them more easily and access around them more effectively, but also cutting back to remove excess leafy growth encourages the replacement of long spindly growth with a sturdier branching framework better able to support fruit rather than bending and breaking under the weight, and also initiates additional fruiting branches or spurs to grow from side buds. Before and after photos included!

The trees might look a bit stick like at the moment, but they will still burst into leaf in the spring and will put out new stems and growth from remaining side shoots so whilst we might not get much fruit this year after such a hard cut back, in the longer term we will get more fruit and a stronger plant.

We've saved the many apple tree cuttings. They smell wonderful - like appley wood. As a side bonus we can use these to make edgings for new planting areas, both in the quiet garden, and as part of an area for new soft fruit plants which we have been donated - many thanks indeed to Mrs Tate's gardening friend Carol Easter in Marlow, who apart from having supplied us with lots of plant pots leftover from planting days from the landscaping company she works for, after coming to visit the garden with her daughter in September, has kindly donated 5 raspberry plants and 5 thornless blackberry plants that she has propagated herself from cuttings. She has also donated lots of packets of surplus seeds which will be fun to grow in the Spring - thank you! We just need to build the new soft fruit area now - a project for the coming year.

We also spent a morning moving the very heavy tree stumps from the Dunning family into the quiet garden and playground - so there are now lovely new seating areas for the children when the weather warms up and they can eat their lunch outside. Many thanks again for these!

Thank you for your support,

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

