

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another brilliant week at school—loads of enriched opportunities for the children to take part in. I loved seeing the children taking part in the Chinese New Year dance workshops as well as our 2nd Cultural Awareness Day of the year! More information later on in the newsletter!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** we've had a wonderful time celebrating Chinese New Year! The children loved listening to the story of *The Great Race*, and we all had fun discovering which zodiac animal represents the year they were born. We also took part in some festive dancing and made special wishes, which the children proudly hung on our very own Chinese New Year wishing tree.

**Reception:** Welcome back to the second half of term, the children seem well rested and ready to focus on their learning. We have completed our writing this week on *The Snail and the Whale* and have enjoyed our cultural awareness day focusing on the picture story 'The Journey'. In addition the children also took part in a hugely enjoyable Chinese New Year dance workshop organised by Mrs Abadee.

**Year 1:** have been fully immersed in their learning this week. We have mastered another spelling rule for the sound 'ee' which looks like 'ie'. The children were great at sounding, blending and writing the new sound without morning lessons. We have also started exploring a new text this week, *The owl and the pussy cat*. The children have really enjoyed listening to the text, making predictions and story mapping the verses to help us remember the order of the poem. Within math's we have continued place value within 50 looking at number lines and partitioning using part whole models. As it's also the start to a new half term, the children have also been fully immersed in their PE learning, starting to develop skills within football and hockey. The children also had a wonderful opportunity to take part in a Chinese New Year workshop where the children got to learn a dance and embrace this celebration through movement and expression. A great first week back!

**Year 2:** have settled back into their routines with ease, diving straight into the enchanting world of traditional tales as they explore the story of *Cinderella*. Alongside their writing, they've shown fantastic curiosity while starting their brand-new Guided Reading book and displayed impressive focus during their very first DT session of the term. It's wonderful to see them so energized and ready for learning.

**Year 3:** This week we started our fractions unit in maths and began writing our own magazine articles in English. We also created line graphs showing Scandinavian temperatures.

We enjoyed a Chinese New Year dance workshop and took part in Cultural Awareness Day, where we created drama scenes, used freeze frames, and wrote stories inspired by *Journey* by Aaron Becker. It was a fun and creative week!

**Year 4:** This week, pupils have dived straight into their learning and have shown great determination in working hard. In Maths, pupils have been exploring fractions, focusing on understanding mixed numbers, how to partition them, and how to place them accurately on a number line. In Science, we have begun our new topic, *Animals Including Humans*, where pupils have been learning about food chains and food webs. They particularly enjoyed creating their own food chains, developing a clear understanding of how energy is passed from one living thing to another. In Guided Reading, we have continued reading *Twitch* and are getting very close to discovering who Robber Ryan is and where the stolen money is hidden. The suspense is building, and pupils are eager to uncover the truth!

**Year 5:** Have been developing their understanding of decimals, looking at thousandths and converting these into fractions. Year 5 are doing really well with this topic, demonstrating lots of resilience and independence! In PSHE, we explored the dangers of smoking and the health risks that can occur. The children were very mature and had open discussions, sharing their views on smoking and how to stop it.

**Year 6:** stepped back in time for their Victorian 1897 *History Off the Page* day, immersing themselves in the atmosphere, curriculum and expectations of a Victorian schoolroom. Our hall was transformed into an authentic Victorian classroom, where pupils experienced the "4 Rs" and gained a deeper understanding of their place within one of the most influential societies in the world at the height of the British Empire. In the afternoon, the children became history detectives, using hands-on investigation skills to solve mysteries involving genuine historical artefacts. They also explored a wider range of Victorian objects and enjoyed recreating their own Victorian toys, bringing the past vividly to life through creativity and discovery.

## To do this week ...

- Please report any parking issues on Oakington Avenue using the following link <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> if you include photos then the Police can action it.
- Easter PTA bingo night next Friday
- World Book Day and associated workshops next Thursday!

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 4th March Yr 2 Roald Dahl museum trip
- 5th March World Book Day workshops (all children—in school)
- 6th March PTA Easter Bingo (after 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)
- 13th March—Year 4 Hockey Festival—selected pupils only
- 17th and 18th March—Book Fair (after school)
- 18th March Voice in a Million—Yr 5 and 6 pupils @ Wembley Arena
- 20th March—Yr 1 trip to Amersham Field Centre
- 23rd-27th March Yr 5 Bikeability
- 25th March—Yr 4 releasing trout

## 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](#).

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



**Hot Chocolate with the Head:** Well done to **Charlotte (Rec)**, **Jamie (Yr 1)**, **Divya (Yr 2)**, **Theia (Yr 3)**, **Akshara (Yr 4)**, **Theo (Yr 5)** and **Piper (Yr 6)** who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

**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 **89%** of active journeys. An active journey can be walk, scooter, cycle or park and stride. Active journeys set your child up for a productive and focused day.



**Weekly Winners**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Year R</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>68%</b>

**Attendance Last Week:**

**27th Feb**

<b>Year 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
<b>Year R</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.6%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>91.0%</b>

**Whole School: 96.9%**

**Attendance:** Well done to **Year 4** and **Year 6** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent 100%. 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.

**Dojo Points**

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

<b>507</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>2nd=</b> <b>Burton 6 pts</b>	<b>2nd=</b> <b>Loudham 6 pts</b>	<b>1st=</b> <b>Bendrose 9 pts</b>	<b>4th</b> <b>Coleman 0 pts</b>

**Chinese New year Dance workshops:** This week, all year groups (Nursery-year 6) all had the opportunity to take part in a workshop to understand the story of how the Emperor decided on how to set the time. The children put together a dance routine which reinforced the learning of the story. As you can see from the photos below it was another enriched, action-packed experience.



West End  
in Schools

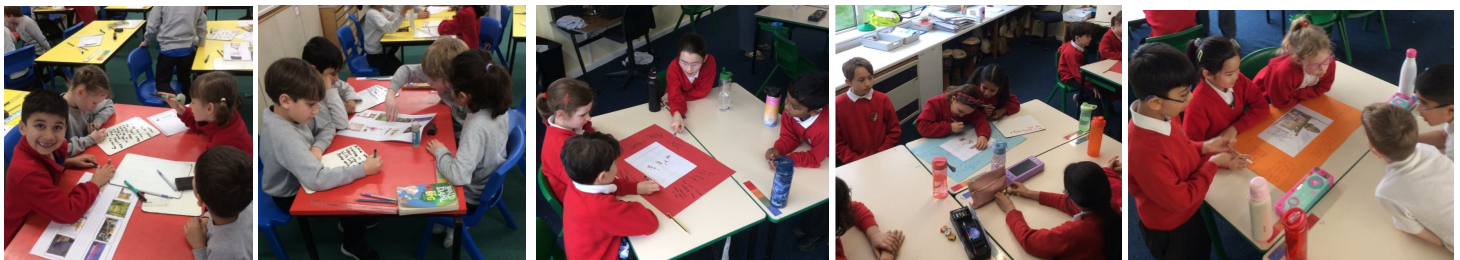
**The Great Race:**  
The Chinese Zodiac Dance Workshop



**The Great Race**



**Cultural Awareness Day #2:** Today we celebrated our second Cultural Awareness Day, diving into the vivid, wordless worlds of author Aaron Becker. Every class explored Becker's intricate illustrations, using them as a silent canvas for their own creative writing. By interpreting the stories in their own unique ways, children proved that while a picture may be worth a thousand words, those words change beautifully depending on who is telling the story. It was a fantastic day of perspective-shifting and imagination!



**Writer of the month:** Today, during Celebration Assembly, the following children were recognised for excellent effort and achievement in their writing this month. These children's work will be on display in the main hall to showcase to everyone their achievements. Well done to **Pranavi (Rec)**, **Rory (Yr 1)**, **Gauhar (Yr 2)**, **Hollie (Yr 3)**, **Geethu (Yr 4)**, **George (Yr 5)** and **Rishi (Yr 6)**.



**Innovative Artist:** During Celebration Assembly today, the following children were selected for their impressive final pieces in the last Art unit. Well done to **Eira (Rec)**, **Amaaya (Yr 1)**, **Yumna (Yr 2)**, **Savannah (Yr 3)**, **Adele (Yr 4)**, **Keerthika (Yr 5)** and **Daisy (Yr 6)**.

As you can see from the below photo some highly impressive pieces where the techniques they have been learning have been applied expertly.





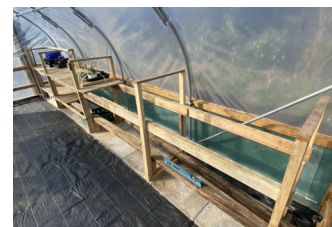
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**Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above):** Spring - it's all about new beginnings, and the hope of life breathing it's way in, bringing the magic and uplifting potential of optimism when all seems dead and finished.

Year 1's mini pots of muscari bulbs planted in the autumn have sensed the sunshine and warmth, and are poking through their little compost duvets.

Year 2's giant pots of tulip bulbs are also now shooting up through the top of the soil, so we've rescued them from under the benches where they were being kept safe from squirrels and they will be heading round to outside the Year 2 classroom so the children can see their handiwork grow and bloom.

And Reception have a lovely glass vase to be able to see this in action above and below the soil - along with all their other seasonal Spring colouring and crafting!



Not only are these heart-warming and life affirming sights of sunnier days on the way but they're sneakily also core science curriculum for Early Years and KS1 - learning about what plants need to grow, what roots and shoots are, what flowers are and what a bulb does and looks like, all the way through the changing seasons of the year - and even what the seasons themselves mean.

In the grounds the wild violets and early blackthorn blossom are blooming, the snowdrops are passing on to the crocuses for the next starring bulb moment, and the daffodils are nodding their bright heads all along the edges of the playground.

Outside we have so nearly finished what is needed for the polytunnel to be used for growing this year - the bed is built ready for filling with soil, the bench is almost done bar half the bench tops and the donated woodchip has arrived to make the paths - this is where you all come in!

Please do come along to the gardening drop in day tomorrow Saturday 28th February any time for as long as you'd like, between 10:00am and 3:00pm. See the email from Mr Hacking sent earlier today about some of the things we'll be doing to get the garden ready for growing, and get to know other families in the process. All are welcome, whatever your skill level. Come with and make new friends, wear wellies and old clothes you don't mind getting messy. bring snacks and drinks (no nuts!) and lunch if you'd like to make a day of it! Mrs Tate will be there all day to show you around and learn the ropes.

If you're handy with a drill and electric screwdriver please do bring those tools along, likewise if you have a garden spade or wheelbarrow (of any size - kids ones welcome too!) they would be very helpful.

The weather forecast looks like it will bless us with a dry window, but there is plenty to do undercover in the new polytunnel, cabin, greenhouse and DT room if it is wet, so please don't let the weather put you off, the children never seem to notice! And please email [gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk) if you think you'll swing by so we can get an idea of who to expect. Look forward to seeing some familiar and new faces tomorrow!



Thank you for your support,

**Grateful and undaunted,**  
Mr Hacking

