

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great week at school. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the children taking part in the "Alice in Wonderland" workshops as part of World Book Day (further information on p5).

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** have had a busy start to our new 'On the Farm' topic! This week, the children enjoyed the story 'Wake Up Time on Bumble Farm', which follows the sleepy farm animals as they struggle to get out of bed for their morning chores. To build our vocabulary, we played 'Describe it, Find it,' where the children used their listening skills to identify animals based on their features. The highlight of our week was definitely a hands-on science experiment! It was a fantastic way to learn where our food comes from.

**Reception:** We have had a busy week in Reception starting our new focus on Traditional Tales with the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. In Maths we have been developing our subtraction skills; finding one less than a given number or group of objects. On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day - we had lots of fun exploring the story and characters in Alice in Wonderland and it was wonderful to see all the children in their costumes!

**Year 1:** It has been an action packed week for Year 1! In English, we've been busy expanding our vocabulary by adding the "-ed" suffix to root words, while in Math, we've been getting hands on investigating length and height using centimeters (cm). The absolute highlight of our week was celebrating World Book Day with a fabulous Alice in Wonderland workshop, where the children jumped down the rabbit hole for a morning of pure imagination. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and storytelling shine through in everything they did!

**Year 2:** It's been a truly spectacular week for Year 2, filled with wonder, wit, and high-quality learning! Our trip to the Roald Dahl Museum was a highlight, where the children were captivated by the creative partnership between Dahl and Quentin Blake, returning to school bursting with storytelling inspiration. This enthusiasm carried perfectly into our World Book Day *Alice in Wonderland* workshop, where the children fully immersed themselves in the whimsical world of Lewis Carroll. Amidst these literary adventures, the class has remained focused and diligent in their maths measurement unit, showing fantastic progress in their ability to compare and measure with precision.

**Year 3:** have finished their first fractions unit, showing fantastic resilience when tackling new challenges. In English, we began exploring persuasive letter writing using our new model text. We have been practising basketball skills in PE and learning different drumming beats from around the world. We are also loving *Finn Family Moomintroll* and have been left on a cliff hanger with the mysterious Hobgoblin's hat! Well done on another brilliant week, Year 3!

**Year 4:** In Science, pupils explored the different roles within the digestive system. They worked collaboratively in teams to build a model of the digestive system. To challenge their communication skills, only one child in each group was allowed to touch and rearrange the sheet, while the others studied the answer sheet and explained where each organ belonged and what it was called. This activity really put their talking and listening skills to the test! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the task and showed great enthusiasm, with a sense of competition as they aimed to be the first team to complete it correctly. In English, the class has begun creating their own innovative set of instructions on how to train your own dragon. Pupils are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to be creative, using imaginative ideas and descriptive instructions to bring their write to life.



**Year 5:** have continued learning a dance routine in PE. I am really impressed with the resilience and dedication Year 5 have shown when learning this routine. Year 5 have also finished writing their own monologues this week, inspired by Mark Twain. They wrote their monologue as an angry child, using semi colons to mark boundaries between two independent clauses. They have also been focusing on the emotion and expression when performing their monologues. Well done on another great week!

**Year 6:** This week in PE, Year 6 have been taking responsibility for leading their own warm-ups, understanding the importance of preparing properly for exercise, while continuing to develop their speed and aerobic endurance through fitness activities. In football, they have been selecting appropriate skills and techniques for different tasks and applying simple tactics in game situations to work effectively as a team and achieve success.

## 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.
- British Science Week workshops happening next week ([further information about the week here](#)).
- Next week is assessment week—please ensure your child has a sensible bedtime and is hydrated in preparation.

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 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



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If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 38964  
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 **Jessica (Rec)**, **Jessica (Yr 1)**, **Gauhar (Yr 2)**, **Iris (Yr 3)**, **Karam (Yr 4)**, **Aarna (Yr 5)** and **Louie (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 the 2nd week in a row) for topping the leader board this week with an impressive **88%** 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.



### Weekly Winners

Year 1	88%
Year R	85%
Year 4	83%
Year 6	81%
Year 2	80%
Year 5	78%
Year 3	77%

In addition, we are topping the Buckinghamshire leader board—a great achievement from our families

Please see our top 5 engaging schools for February:

School	Engagement
Little Chalfont Primary School	93%
Elangeni School	92%
St Michael's Catholic School	87%
Dorney School	86%
Holmer Green First School and Pre-School	86%

**Attendance:** Well done to **Year 6** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent 99.7%. 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 Mar**

Year 6	99.7%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 2	99.4%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 4	97.7%
Year R	97.6%
Year 3	95.5%

**Whole School: 97.1%**






### Dojo Points

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

454	367	422	371
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

**Times Table Rockstars (February competition):** During Celebration Assembly today, I announced the highest using class and individual user. Well done to **Year 5** for taking the top spot and **Shanvika** (Yr 5) was the highest individual user answering over 11,000 questions.

### Class of the competition- Year 5

	Year 5	949
	Year 3	613
	Year 4	425
	Year 2	226
	Year 6	126

### Overall winner

Shanvika- Year 5 she answered 11332 questions!

Amazing work, well done Shanvika!!



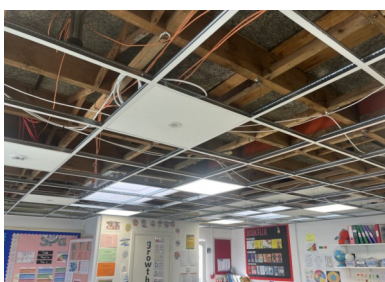
**CIF (Condition improvement funding) update:** As you are probably aware, we have had contractors with us this year from Hopkins Young. They are undertaking significant building works across the school to:

- Install complete rewiring throughout the school
- Replace all the internal doors
- Replace all the ceilings and install LED lighting throughout the school building

So far, we have new ceilings and lighting in Reception and Year 1 (and their cloakroom corridor and toilets), Years 5 and 6 with the rest of the works planned for the next few months. The children have responded maturely with no disruption to their learning—even when they walked in with no ceiling! Next time you visit the classrooms, have a look—there are some photos below of the improved facilities to date



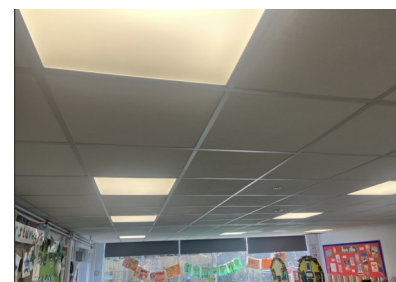
Year 5



Year 6



Yr 1/Rec corridor



Reception

**Nowpressplay highest users:** One of the immersive opportunities that we offer the children at school is nowpressplay—this is kindly funded by the PTA and parents contributing to their fund-raising effort. During February, we were the highest experience users nationwide—see the attached communication from the team at Nowpressplay. Further information about this brilliant resource can be found [by clicking here](#).



### Celebrating Our School of the Month for February

A huge **congrats** to **Little Chalfont Primary School** in Buckinghamshire, who are our *School of the Month* for February!



Staff across all phases pressed play on the highest number of Experiences throughout February - a really impressive feat, considering it's the shortest month of the year AND includes a half-term break. Well done to all staff and pupils!

Want to be our *School of the Month* for March? Press play on our Experiences and if you're our highest player next month, you'll receive a gift of recognition to display proudly in school - we'd love to see your successes on Social Media... 📸

**World Book Day:** On Thursday this week, we had another really immersive day jam-packed with workshops and activities. The children came in fancy dress to celebrate on of the characters from 'Alice in Wonderland.' As you can see below a brilliant, enriched experience for our children who loved seeing each other (and the teachers) in main roles!

World Book Day: Children in Reception to Year 6 had a fantastic time participating in immersive drama workshops hosted by Divergent Drama. Taking inspiration from *Alice in Wonderland*, the children jumped into the story, showing incredible creativity and performance skills. We were especially impressed by the effort put into the day; the school was buzzing with Mad Hatters, Cheshire Cats and Queens of Hearts! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and imagination on display. We would also like to extend our thanks to the parents who have donated to our [Usborne Book Fundraiser](#) this week, as well as a generous donation of £100 from Code Ninjas Amersham.





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**Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above):** Oh First day of meteorological Spring this week and the garden is coming alive! The early blackthorn blossom is buzzing with pollinators, we've seen yellow Brimstone and bright eyed Peacock butterflies fluttering out in the sunshine, wrens, blue tits, robins, magpies and even red kites sailing past with sticks in their mouths, and so exciting to see the little birds investigating our bird boxes and bug home areas for food and nesting sites!

In a busy gardening week Year 5 came to learn how campaigns to grow-your-own were crucial for feeding the nation in wartime, chitting their Heidi, Cristine and Casablanca potatoes ready to sprout before we plant in a few weeks.



Year 2 came to see how much growth this autumn planted tulips have put on and they now have 4 giant pots ready outside their classroom to bloom very soon!



Reception were super busy sowing sunflowers in pots and pea seeds in the beds - heading the spring seed sowing drive!

The sunshine made the quiet garden a blissful place on World Book Day to set up new "book nook" outdoor reading areas, with the tree stumps we have been donated. What a lovely chance to sit down with some of our outdoor favourites! We were also very excited to have our own "Through the Looking Glass" Alice in Wonderland squint at our new polytunnel - especially when a host of Alice, Red Queens, White Rabbits and Cheshire Cats came to help us set it all up and run "this way and that way" to uncover the "secret paths" buried by overgrown grass in the garden!



A **multitude of thanks** also goes to the 24 brilliant volunteers from our families who came along last Saturday with their passionate and curious gardening children and spent a glorious few hours in the warmth and light to weed the growing beds and paths, wash the greenhouse, paint our beds and strawberry tower, fill the Dig for Victory beds... and **FINISH the build of our fantastic polytunnel** complete with raised beds and 3-tier wooden plant staging. We're delighted! What a fab leaps and bounds ahead, and such a special space for the growing year ahead! We're planning an open day and thank you to all our donors and supporters in the next few months, so everyone has the chance to see what a great asset this all is for your children.



Thank you for your support,

Grateful and undaunted,  
Mr Hacking

