

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank-you to all your support this half term. We've had a busy, enriched time and appreciate all of our families support. Have a safe and restful holiday and come back in the summer term recharged, refreshed and ready to learn!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: Our nursery focus this week was on the spring celebrations of **Eid and Easter**. Through stories like *Eid for Nylah* and *We're Going on an Egg Hunt*, the children explored how these occasions are celebrated by families. This learning was brought to life through a wide variety of themed creative craft activities.

Reception: have immersed themselves in lots of Spring activities this week, especially the Easter story. They have sequenced the events of Holy Week and completed making Easter cards. They have also been embedding their understanding of doubles and consolidating all phase 3 phonics.

Year 1: have had a great week of innovating their rhyming poems using the Owl and the Pussy Cat. We have measured and compared capacity in our math learning and the children continued their investigations outside using enhanced provision. In Art we created our final pieces inspired by Italian artist Guiseppe Arcimboldo, the class really enjoyed using their fine motor skills to manipulate the clay to create fruit and vegetable figures. To end the week the children also had the opportunity to take part in a fun filled Easter Egg hunt along with some crafty activities to round off the term before a well deserved break. Well done Year 1. See you in the Summer term!

Year 2: It's been a fantastic week for Year 2! They've worked incredibly hard mastering mass, volume and temperature in maths and their finished bird feeders in DT look brilliant. Most importantly, I was so proud to see them show such great resilience while tackling some tricky SPAG lessons, well done, everyone!

Year 3: have been working hard and having lots of fun! In history, we learned about the impact of farming in the Stone Age, and in maths we completed our unit on mass and capacity. We also finished our Scandinavian folk art pieces and enjoyed making our own granola bars! To celebrate the end of term, we had a fantastic time taking part in an Easter egg hunt. Well done for a brilliant half term, Year 3!

Year 4: This week, pupils have been incredibly busy! In English, we have been finishing our non-chronological reports. As a class, we created one about brown trout, exploring their habitat, what makes them so interesting, and their place in the food chain. Drawing on our science learning, pupils were able to use subject-specific vocabulary to explain that trout are predators, consumers, and carnivores, while also being prey themselves. Pupils then went on to create their own non-chronological reports about an animal choosing to write about capybaras, octopuses, chameleons, or leopards. Some pupils even carried out their own research at home to write about a different animal. I was really impressed with their passion and dedication—well done, Year 4!

Over the Spring Term, Year 4 pupils have been responsible for raising trout. Each child had the opportunity to monitor the trout, look after the tank, and—once they had hatched—feed them and help clean the tank. Throughout the term, Laura from the Chalk stream Project visited to lead sessions on the wildlife found in chalk streams and how rivers can become polluted. This week, pupils walked to the River Chess to release all of our trout—over the term, we successfully raised 60! Both Laura and Paul were impressed with how many healthy trout we had. At the river, each pupil took a turn to name and release a trout. Towards the end of the trip, pupils were caught in a hailstorm; however, they showed great resilience and made their way safely back to school. Overall, it has been a fantastic project for Year 4, a great memory they will always have!



Year 5: Have completed their bikeability course this week, showing immense levels of respect and resilience, particularly with the unpredictable weather. Year 5 also wrote their own acrostic poem, inspired by a poem from the book 'Lost Words'. They used a lot of sophisticated similes and metaphors to create a captivating poem around an animal or plant of their choice. Year 5 have had an excellent Spring term and I hope they have time to rest ready for summer!

Year 6: This week, Year 6 brought incredible energy and enthusiasm to their auditions for *Mary Poppins Jr.* Their confidence and commitment made it a real challenge to cast. In maths, we have begun an exciting new topic on shape. The children have been learning to measure and classify angles, calculate missing angles and explore vertically opposite angles. Finally, I would like to congratulate Years 5 and 6 on their wonderful performance last week at Wembley Arena for Voice in a Million. The children should be extremely proud of themselves, as I am of them!

It has been a great term and I wish everyone a restful break.

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.
- Have a happy, healthy holiday building many positive family memories!

Looking Ahead...

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

- 27th March Writer of the Month
- 27th March Easter Holidays—2pm finish for all children
- 20th April Illustrator visit—Yr 3-6
- 24th April Yr 3 trip to Amersham Field Centre
- 4th May Bank Holiday—school closed
- 5th May Year 2 Games @DCHS
- 6th May Year 1 Toy Workshop
- 11th May Year 4 Trip to Roman Museum (St Albans)
- 15th May PTA Quiz Night @LCPS
- 18th May Rec Seaside Workshop Day
- 19th May Year 5 Homefront Workshop Day
- 22nd May Half term (usual finish time)

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 38962
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 **Kavya** (Rec), **Monvi** and **Hiranmaji** (Yr 1), **Felicity** (Yr 2), **Ash** (Yr 3), **Rafi** (Yr 4), **Arlo** (Yr 5) and **Riaan** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week. Year 1 were on a trip today so they will have two children attending next week.

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done to **Reception** for topping the leader board this week with an impressive **91%** 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.

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



Weekly Winners

Year R	91%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	83%
Year 4	83%
Year 6	83%
Year 3	82%
Year 5	82%

Attendance Last Week:

27th Mar

Year 2	98.5%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	94.9%
Year 3	92.5%
Year R	92.4%

Whole School: 95.4%

Attendance: Well done to **Year 2** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent **98.5%**. 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)

1696	1363	1605	1587
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Century update: As you are aware, children in years 2-6 use Century tech as a homework platform app. The uptake has been brilliant so far year-to-date with most children actively participating. As you can see below some impressive figures. Continue to utilise this app over the holidays to maximise academic potential next term.

Little Chalfont Primary School

This Academic Year to Date¹

150
Active Students²

11,209
Total Nuggets Completed

114,312
Self-Marked Questions Answered

412
Diagnostics Completed

74.7
Avg. Nuggets Completed per Active Student

English
Most Popular Subject³

Staffing news: Today, we said a sad farewell to Mrs Elderfield who is retiring. **A huge thank you** to Mrs Elderfield who has contributed significantly across the school over the last 16 years. She was always relied upon to go above and beyond in her efforts even volunteering for various residentials. We wish you well Mrs Elderfield and thank you!

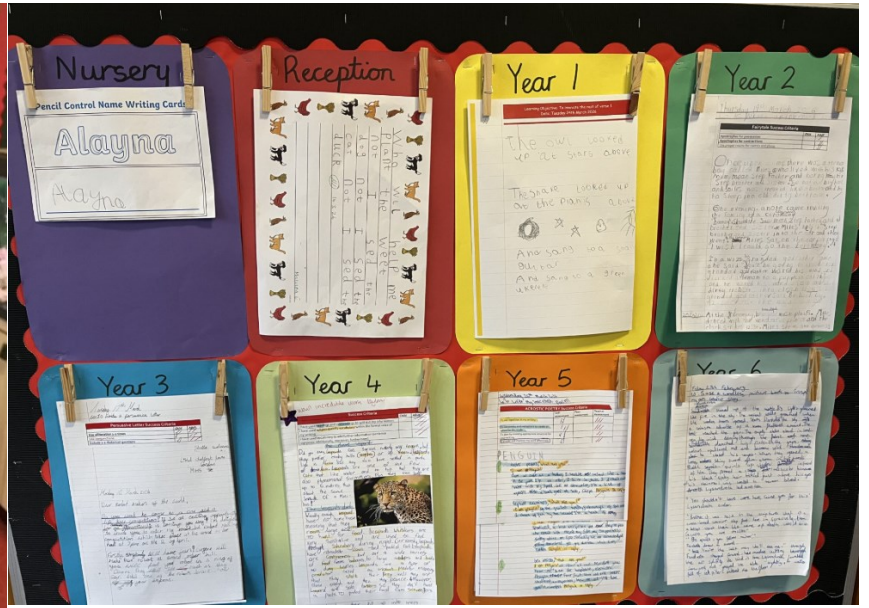
Taskmaster (Maths): This week, the creative mathematicians at Little Chalfont took on Alex Horne's Taskmaster challenge in partnership with White Rose Maths! By building, drawing, and even "acting out" numbers, students transformed abstract concepts into tangible masterpieces. Whether they were turning digits into secret codes or constructing them from physical materials, the children explored multiple representations to build a deeper, more imaginative "number sense." It was a fantastic display of curiosity and collaboration, proving that at Little Chalfont, maths is much more than just symbols on a page—it's an adventure!



Staff sip and paint evening: A big thank you to our social secretaries Miss Higgs and Mr Attwell for organising a staff "Sip and Paint Night" last Friday. See if you can recognise any of the adults in the staff paintings!



Writer of the Month: During Celebration Assembly today, the following children were recognised for exceptional writing during the last unit. Today we welcomed Nursery writing to the display board for the first time. The children's work will be on display in the hall for the next half term for everyone to look at. Well done to **Alayna** (Nursery), **Matilda** (Rec), **Elliot** (Yr 1), **Darshan** (Yr 2), **Ella** (Yr 3), **Dylan** (Yr 4), **Arlo** (Yr 5) and **Ayan** (Yr 6)





LAWFORDS



Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above): Four seasons in one day this week, or as the folk saying for March goes, "in like a lion and out like a lamb"...on Monday Year 4, and Reception were in short sleeves outdoors under warm cloudless skies, sowing summer fruiting tomatoes and early Casablanca potatoes.



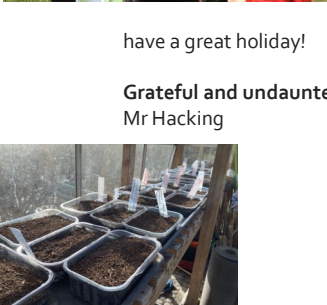
Reception also got to see their handiwork in bloom, admiring their gorgeous emerging tulip show, springing up from their autumn planted bulbs - what a long time ago those early days of autumn term were!



Year 4 were very precise with sowing the tiny tomato seeds in our recycled supermarket fruit trays, to build up as free mini propagators - an easy thing to try at home at this time of year if you want a freebie holiday activity! They showed some reliable tomato favourites like Gardeners Delight, as well as some less tried and tested and more exotic cultivars like "Tigerella" and "Shimmer". They'll be taking their germination chances in the greenhouse over the holidays so hoping the warmth of sunshine under glass will be enough to get them going and keep the frosts off.



Classroom windowsill growing has been going well, with French beans up in Nursery and Year 1, edible flower seedlings greening the soil surface in Year 3 and sunflowers 20cm tall in Reception! Most have gone into the greenhouse now for the holidays so they can be watered. Hopefully beans and sunflowers will have made it home in little hands for some home growing too, please plant somewhere sheltered and sunny, with a stake to support and do let us know how you get on!



And best of all this week, on Wednesday Year 1 got to experience the unexpected excitement of being outside yet inside a thundering hailstorm in our poly tunnel! Safely ensconced in our plastic bubble sowing marigold seeds to produce flowers for summer science dissection, the blue sky turned dark grey and we felt the approaching chill and watched the dial thermometer plummet 15 degrees in less than 2 minutes, from 25 Celsius down to 10 Celsius as first drumming and then a hammering of ice crystals showered down all around them on the polythene roof. A very memorable and immersive way to recap their recent classroom learnings about temperature!



have a great holiday!

Grateful and undaunted,
Mr Hacking

