LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

Summer : Issue #1
17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've loved seeing the children back this week, refreshed, respectful and eager to learn. We have an incredibly busy term over the next 13 weeks so please ensure children follow a sensible bedtime, exercise and hydration routine to maximise their learning potential!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week in Nursery we introduced the traditional story of *The Enormous Turnip*. The children explored themes of collaboration and kindness, learning how working together helps us achieve big goals

Reception: have returned from the Easter break refreshed and ready to start the new term's learning. In Maths this week we have been recognising and naming 3D shapes and consolidating all previously learnt Phase 3 sounds in phonics. In art the children have painted some beautiful apple blossom trees using a variety of tools and techniques.

Year 1: have transitioned back brilliantly and hit the ground running starting a new text in Literacy, counting is 2's, 5's and 10's and recognising and reading words that contain the unspoken or silent e sound. The children also took part in a class discussion to voice their opinions on a big question "should animals be included on banknotes?" The children enjoyed sharing their idea and redesigning a £5 note. Well Done Year 1!

Year 2: have had a fantastic first few days back! It's been a total whirlwind of fun, from hunting for bugs on the minibeast trail to turning those finds into pictograms. They've really levelled up their science and math skills by bringing the outdoors into the classroom. Plus, starting the recorder has added a great musical energy to the week—it's been brilliant watching them dive into everything with so much enthusiasm!

Year 3: have continued their learning in science, exploring our plants topic, monitoring the progress of our class plants. In maths, we started a new fractions unit and are already showing great focus and determination. In English, we began learning about instructional writing, using a tasty recipe as our model text. We also enjoyed drumming with Johnny and have started our new tennis unit in PE. Well done for a fantastic start of the term!

Year 4: This week, Year 4 kicked off the summer term by completing their final Roman mosaic pieces. Pupils spent the afternoon carefully cutting and gluing card to create their mosaics. I was really impressed by their dedication and the level of detail in their work—it made choosing my Innovative Artist extremely difficult! In English, we began our new topic on suspense stories. Pupils started by engaging with the text through defining key vocabulary, text mapping the story, and acting it out. These activities help deepen their understanding and support them in learning how to write their own suspense stories. What a great start to the term!

Year 5: Have been reading and interpreting tables in maths, using information to find missing values. In History, we explored the impact of Operation Pied Piper and how the lives of evacuees were both positive and negative. Year 5 have a very settled and focused start to the term.

Year 6: This week in maths, Year 6 have been learning to solve angles in triangles (including special cases and missing angles), angles in quadrilaterals and polygons, as well as exploring circles and drawing shapes accurately. Although it has been a maths-heavy week, pupils have shown great resilience and determination as they continue preparing for their SATs in the coming weeks.

To do this week ...

- Full water bottle, sunhat and sun cream if necessary for warmer weather
- PTA Clothes recycle collection Tuesday
- Yr 3 trip Friday

Looking Ahead...

Click here for the full calendar.

- 20th April Illustrator visit—Yr 3-6
- 21st April PTA recycling clothes collection
- 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)
- 11-14th May—Yr 6 SATs
- 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)
- 2nd—5th June—Yr 6 Residential
- 8-11th June Yr 1 Phonics screening
- 8th June Yr 3/4 Maths challenge
- 11th June Yr 4 athletics @DCHS
- 12th June Class photos
- 16-17th June—Yr 6 production
- 26th June Sports Day

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 **Tanak** (Rec), **Adam** (Yr 1), **Rajveer** (Yr 2), **Inesh** (Yr 3), **Arushan** (Yr 4), **Mika** (Yr 5) and **Ayush** (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.

Weekly Winners

Year R	96%
Year 1	86%
Year 3	84%
Year 6	84%
Year 4	82%
Year 2	78%
Year 5	76%

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 **96%** 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

Attendance: Well done to **Year 1, 5 and 6** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent **100%. Let's try and keep up these impressive figures all term if we can!** 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: 17th Apr

Year 1	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 2	97.8%
Year R	94.4%
Year 3	93.8%

Whole School: 97.4%

Dojo Points

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

279	219	243	297
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Innovative artist: During Celebration Assembly today, the following children were recognised for exceptional Art during their last unit. The children's work will be on display in the hall for the next half term for everyone to look at. Well done to **Govindh** (Rec), **Harriet** (Yr 1), **George R** (Yr 2), **Eris** (Yr 3), **Jenny** (Yr 4), **Arjun** (Yr 5) and **Isabel** (Yr 6)

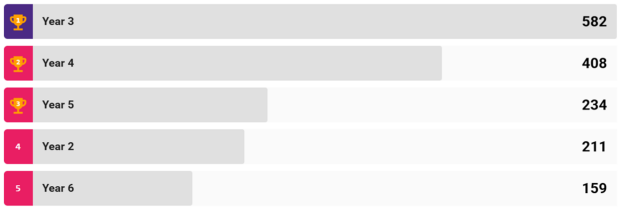
Times table rockstars (TTRS): During Celebration Assembly today, we announced the winners of the March Times table Rockstars competition. The highest class of users was Year 3 (for the first time!) - Well done and the highest individual user was Ash (Yr 3) who answered an incredible 8249 questions. Well done to all the children that took part and keep using as much as possible during April for the next competition instalment!

Overall winner

Ash- Year 3 he answered 8249 questions!

Amazing work, well done Ash!!

Class of the competition- Year 3



Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above):

*****Last minute invite!*****

Due to the relatively good forecast this weekend (and the success of the last one) we have scheduled a last–minute family gardening day on Saturday. Please see below from Mrs Tate and we hope to see as many of you there as possible (even if only for part ofthe day)

Family Gardening Day: 10am-3pm, this Saturday 18th April, bring lunch, drinks and snacks, drop in for as long as you are able, wear old clothes you don't mind getting grubby! Lots to do including blossom tree planting, seed sowing, channel dig for watering system, painting, green willow weaving for a living polytunnel screen, greenhouse clean and a bit of path laying - no experience necessary, come and have fun in the lovely Spring garden! Please email gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk if you'd like to come so we know who to expect and share access info

Protest planting Garden: This week I instructed Mrs Tate and some of our Eco-Council members (Kai, Evie and Krish) to plant some trees, flowers, herbs and bushes at the front of school in protest at the Parish Council for blocking my proposal of planting trees with the children all the way along Oakington Avenue. Unfortunately this request was refused on numerous separate occasions.
Some of the benefits of trees on Oakington Avenue would include:

- Cleaner air for our community to breathe
- Increase in biodiversity
- Shading during the summer months
- Reduced risk of flooding
- "Avenue" actually means tree-lined
- Trees are a natural solution for reducing driving speed and would lead to slower car speed along the road
- Enhanced mental wellbeing as a direct consequence of greener space
- A natural barrier to dangerous parking

Please could I ask any families passing the "Protest Garden" at the end of the day with water remaining in the children's water bottles to empty them onto the plants. Also, if any families pass this area during the summer holidays, please do the same.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in supporting this aesthetically-pleasing and wellbeing-improving area.

Grateful and undaunted,
Mr Hacking