

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another excellent week of learning—thank you for the support! Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** This week in Nursery, the children have been focusing on the story *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson. This story has provided a wonderful opportunity for the class to discuss the concept of sharing and why it is so important. The children explored what it means to be a good friend, focusing on the importance of taking turns with the toys and ensuring that everyone feels included during play.

**Reception:** have been looking at bean seeds and enjoying the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. There has been some incredible independent diary writing tracking the life cycle and sequence of the story. In maths, they began exploring simple addition, and they had some thoughtful discussions in PSED which will empower them to navigate friendships and resolve conflicts effectively.

**Year 1:** have been really focused on their learning, we have been quizzing our brains to recap some phase 5 sounds and the children have worked incredibly hard to recognise and read split digraphs. In RE we have started exploring the faith Judaism and the important parts of a Synagogue. In art, the children developed their printing skills using natural resources which we have taken inspiration from Gustav Klimt's Tree of Life. The Children also got a day fully immersed in the history of Toys this week where they learnt about what toys were like many years ago and had a go at creating their own types of toys too! A wonderful engaging day for all of Year 1!



**Year 2:** It has been a fantastic, high-energy week for Year 2! The children successfully wrapped up their Maths unit on fractions, showing great confidence with halves and quarters. They have dived into the creative imagination of our new poetry unit. Beyond the classroom, the highlights continued with a brilliant Games session at DCHS where the students showcased wonderful sportsmanship and teamwork. We are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm across all their subjects this week!

**Year 3:** have finished their money unit in maths and have now started learning about time, including Roman numerals. In science, we began our new topic on light and are excited to explore it further. We have been enjoying practising our serving skills in tennis and started our new guided reading book, *24 Hours in the Stone Age*. In history, we explored the big changes that took place during the Iron Age. This week, we have also focused on radiating kindness and it has been wonderful to see so many thoughtful acts of kindness across the class. Well done on another brilliant week, Year 3!



**Year 4:** This week, pupils identified and named the basic components found in a simple electrical circuit. They particularly enjoyed working in pairs, selecting components when they were called out and explaining their functions. They also enjoyed creating cards that had the name, illustration and description of each component. In Topic, pupils explored what childhood was like in Roman Britain. They showed great enthusiasm when answering questions about Latin and even had the opportunity to practise writing in Latin, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In PE during our Cricket lesson, pupils worked together as a class. It was wonderful to see their drive, determination, and teamwork on display. Well done, Year 4!

**Year 5:** Have concluded the topic of WW2, producing some fantastic newspaper reports, focusing on The Blitz. The children have shown great progress in their writing ability and should be proud of the cohesion and detail in these reports. We have explored some soft pastel techniques that will be applied to our Henry Moore final pieces in a couple of weeks. I was very impressed in cricket in the development in throwing and hitting the ball, lots of wickets were made in the game! Well done Year 5!

**Year 6:** This week in tennis, Year 6 focused on developing their ability to direct the ball accurately towards an opponent's court or target area. They also explored how to identify open spaces and apply the tactic of hitting into gaps, showing growing awareness of strategy and control in their gameplay.

## To do this week ...

- Please bring full water bottle and sunhat to school. It would be advisable to take hay fever medication (if applicable) before school and apply sun cream.
- Year 6 SATs next week—please keep the noise volume low if you are in school during the mornings

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 11th May Year 4 Trip to Roman Museum (St Albans)
- 11-14th May—Yr 6 SATs
- 15th May Nursery Edible Garden open morning
- 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
- 11th June Music Evening 4pm—selected children only
- 12th June Class photos
- 16-17th June—Yr 6 production
- 26th June Sports Day
- 3rd July Yr 2 London Eye Trip
- 7th July Yr 6 Transition Day
- 15th July 3.30-5.30pm "Walkabout Evening" - meet the teacher!

## 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 Remi (Rec), Lucy (Yr 1), Athu (Yr 2),

Savannah (Yr 3), Dylan (Yr 4), Sophie K (Yr 5) and Taanvi (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 R	93%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	87%
Year 5	85%
Year 6	81%
Year 4	80%
Year 3	71%

**Travel tracker:** It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done for topping the leader board this week with an impressive 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 (still) topping the Buckinghamshire leader board—a great achievement from our families

**Attendance:** Well done to Year 4 for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent 98.6%. 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:

8th May

Year 4	98.6%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 6	98.1%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 1	97.1%
Year R	95.5%

Whole School: 96.4%

## Dojo Points

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

1464	1388	1362	1694
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

**Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) :** During Celebration Assembly today we announced the winners of the TTRS competition for April. **Inesh** (Yr 3) was the highest individual user answering over 18,000 questions in 30 days. **Year 3** won the highest class battle. Well done to all involved!

### Class of the competition- Year 3

1	Year 3	743
2	Year 4	378
3	Year 2	249
4	Year 6	64
5	Year 5	56

### Overall winner

Inesh- Year 3 he answered 18285 questions!

Amazing work, well done Inesh!!



### Smartphone Free Childhood Update

Many of you will know that our parent community engaged with the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign last year. On the back of that, 60% of parents signed the pact to delay giving their children smartphones until 14 and social media until 16 - and we as a school updated our policy so that no children are allowed to bring smartphones on site.

You may have seen that in the last few weeks the government has announced it will make its guidance for schools to be "phone free by default" a legal requirement, which is a big moment for the campaign nationally.

But here in South Bucks, we're already well ahead. Back in March, 48 local schools joined Little Chalfont Primary in committing to go smartphone free, one of the largest collective actions of its kind anywhere in the UK. For primary schools, that means children simply don't bring smartphones into school at all. For secondary schools, the approach is being introduced gradually: next year's incoming Year 7s won't be permitted to bring smartphones, with the policy rolling up year by year until no pupils across any year group are bringing them in.

Several of our local secondaries have already stepped up. In March, **Amersham School**, **Dr Challoner's Grammar School** and **Chesham Grammar School** all adopted the policy; and this week **Dr Challoner's High School** and **Beaconsfield High** have joined them too. It's wonderful to see our community leading the way. If you'd like to find out more or sign the Parent Pact, please head to [smartphonefreechildhood.org](http://smartphonefreechildhood.org).

**Celebration of life:** You probably saw my letter this week of gratitude to parents to celebrate my recovery from injury. Today, I celebrated with the children by planting trees and eating ice pops. Thank you parents for your kind words and to the children for helping bring me joy—you're all appreciated! Please help yourself to a tree at the end of the day by the main gate—thank you to **Kai**, **Daniel** and **Josh** (Yr 5) and **Krish** (Yr 6) for helping me to pot them up for you!



**Kerby:** For any parents of the same generation as me, you may remember the eighties game "Kerby." This week we had a generous donation for **EH Smith Builders Merchants** local builders merchants, of two kerbs. Mr Ditta and Mr Cox have created a Kerby pitch on the edge of the school playground which the children will be able to start using from next week.

#### Basics of a Match of KERBY

Players try to throw the ball with the aim to hit the opponent's kerby. You score points if you hit the kerby and the ball rolls or bounces back to your half of the street. The first one to score 5 points, wins the game. There is an 8-minute time limit. If neither of the players have scored 5 points after 8 minutes, the player with the most points wins.

In order to organise a match, you need:

- 1 Ball
- 2 Kerby's
- 2 Participants
- A safe place to play
- The distance between the kerby's is about 4 metres.





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**Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above):** Great excitement this week in the edible garden as we have new residents! The beautiful tree of bird boxes that the Year 6 children made with Mrs Nowlan in 2024 as their DT "legacy project" to the school have been spotted with feathered friends popping in and out of them, investigating the cosy spaces...and maybe nesting?! We haven't dared get too close yet to pinpoint which one, but we're hoping more than one box will give rise to new life this Spring!



The next round of beautiful bulb planting that Stoney Dean school helped us plant in the autumn on the grassy area by the front staff car park is now beginning to pop up too - the Narcissus poeticus "Pheasants Eye" is the last of the daffodil family to bloom and gives us a little pop of white and orange before the Spring is out. We are letting this area of grass grow long for No Mow May to provide an area for pollinators and to increase the resilience and biodiversity of our chalk grasslands around the grounds. Eco Council have helped us sow wild flower seed here the last couple of years too so we're looking out for those in the mix too.

Our circle of life continues with the Year 5 and 6 Garden Guardians helping to collect school lunch food waste this week for our wormeries - everything we fed them before Easter has vanished and been turned into lovely crumbly compost, so another round of uneaten peas, carrots, fruit cores, jacket potato and banana skins, bread and bits of leftover salad have been sorted, collected and added to the wormery towers. The process should speed up in the warmer months as the worms are more active, with "worm tea" fertiliser to help out plants grow strong!

Year 4 came out on Wednesday to the garden to pot on their tomato plants which have out-grown their starter seed trays - these will grow on in the greenhouse probably until after half term when we will pot on again to take home and plant out in the edible garden - they're doing brilliantly!

They also managed to squeeze in potting up some baby tree saplings for Mr Hacking's Celebration of Life this Friday - a mix of Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) trees. As Year 4 were looking at some Latin as part of their Romans topic we thought we'd throw the Latin names for the trees out there too!

In folklore, Birch is a tree of light, youth, fresh starts and new beginnings and Rowan is a protector tree traditionally planted at the gateway or entrance to a home, so please do find a suitable spot these can flourish if they come home with you! They need watering well and regularly in their first year and through hot summers to get their roots established, thereafter they ought to pretty much be able to look after themselves - good luck and enjoy!

Grateful and undaunted,  
Mr Hacking

