

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another incredible week of learning—hats off to the Year 6 children for their efforts during the SATs assessment week this week—look forward to seeing their performance results!

Nursery: This week in Nursery, our learning has been centered on the classic story of The Three Little Pigs. The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the storytelling, using a deep, "mean" voice for the Big Bad Wolf and a high-pitched, frightened voice for the Little Pigs as they joined in with the repeated refrains. Our mathematics activities were also linked to the story, focusing on the concept of "more than" through various counting tasks. Additionally, in our PSED (Personal, Social, and Emotional Development) sessions, we explored the emotion of anger and discussed helpful strategies for managing this feeling. To reinforce this learning, we shared the story *Ravi's Roar*, which helped the children understand how to handle moments of frustration.

Reception: What a vibrant week for Reception! They proudly completed their Very Hungry Caterpillar diaries, demonstrating their understanding and creativity. Their exploration of other minibeast life cycles sparked curiosity about the natural world. It's been a week of rich learning and growth across different areas.

Year 1: have used the story of Pinocchio and innovated the text to make their own stories. The children have enjoyed creating new characters and key events within the story using their brilliant imagination's. Year 1 has also been exploring materials that are transparent and opaque; we will be testing this next week using an experiment to see which materials will be good for making windows! In PE, the children had the chance to develop their coordination skills by practicing rallies with a partner over a net of cones, they really persevered to get the ball under control and deliver it to their partner accurately. In math's we have continued our learning of fractions, recognising a half and a quarter of different objects and shapes. The children also enjoyed an afternoon with Mrs Abadee exploring the Jewish creation story and why this is an important part of Shabbat and the Jewish faith. Well done Year keep up the hard work!

Year 2: It's been a stellar week for Year 2, from showing great resilience in their living things science assessments to mastering the basics of time in maths. They capped it off beautifully in music, developing their coordination and rhythm by practicing notes and beats on the recorder!

Year 3: Have worked incredibly well on our time unit in Maths, showing great confidence and determination throughout. We have been exploring the folktale of Anansi the Spider and enjoyed discussing the themes and characters in the story. The children also completed their fantastic cave art pieces, telling stories through images using charcoal in the style of traditional cave paintings. All of the teachers they have worked with this week have been incredibly impressed with the class's behaviour, resilience and maturity. I have also been so pleased with the kindness shown across the year group, as well as the enthusiasm during tennis in PE!

Year 4: This week, we had our trip to Verulamium to learn about the Romans. The pupils set off excitedly and dived straight into activities exploring the museum and learning about popular activities enjoyed by the Romans, such as fishing, hunting, going to the theatre and playing games. Pupils even learned how to build an arch! They were also in awe of the life-sized Roman mosaics, amazed at how such small, intricate pieces could create such large works of art. Pupils then took part in a workshop where they learned about the archaeologists Tessa and Mortimer Wheeler and their discoveries of the Roman artefacts found there. Overall, it was a wonderful experience filled with memorable learning opportunities about the Romans.



Year 5: Have been exploring translation and reflection in maths. Year 5 have done really well in this topic, with the use of coordinates being a real strength. In English, Year 5 have been performing the model space narrative, inspired by Star Wars. Year 5 worked very well together, collaborating on ideas and being respectful to those who were performing. Another great week for Year 5!

Year 6: have shown incredible resilience, determination and maturity during SATs week. We are so proud of the calm and positive attitude they have brought to each day, supporting one another and giving their very best effort throughout. Alongside this, the children have also been busy rehearsing for *Mary Poppins Jr.*, balancing their performances and preparation brilliantly. They have managed the demands of both academic challenges and rehearsals exceptionally well, showing great commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm.

To do this week ...

- Reception and Yr 5 History of the Page immersive days
- 22nd May break up for half term—usual finish time!
- KS2 [Sparx reader](#) / Yrs 2-6 [Century practice](#)

Looking Ahead...

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

- 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
- 21st May 11+ parent presentation
- 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 383964
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 **Mollie (Rec)**, **Ashvika (Yr 1)**, **Raza (Yr 2)**, **Noah (Yr 3)**, **Geethu (Yr 4)**, **Sophie W (Yr 5)** and **Ruhi (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	92%
Year 5	85%
Year 2	83%
Year 6	81%
Year 4	80%
Year 3	77%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done **Reception** for topping the leader board this week with an impressive **93%** 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 **99.2%**. **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:

15th May

Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	98.9%
Year 6	98.9%
Year 2	97.9%
Year R	97.6%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 1	97.3%

Whole School: 97.5%

Dojo Points

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

2991	4103	3020	3387
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Thank you: A big thank you to Nash Alpine (local artist that runs sessions with many of our children). She has recently donated a piece of art produced by our children for display in school. Mr Cox has installed this piece in the main hall, so next time you're in be sure to have a look!. As you can see from the piece a vibrant, creative masterpiece that aligns closely with our approach to creative arts within the school. Well done to all children involved. For anyone wanting to contact Nash about the art provision please see Instagram: [@studio8artsandcraft](#)



PTA Quiz Night: I look forward to seeing parents this evening at the Annual PTA Quiz Night. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Hehir for organising, alongside our dedicated PTA members. It always proves to be a highly-competitive affair, question is, do the staff team stand a chance?!

Safe parking/driving: We've noticed a **significant improvement** in safe driving on Oakington Avenue so thank you parents for your assistance. We still have a handful of parents doing unsafe three-point turns and fast driving—please help to keep everyone safe by adhering to our unofficial one-way system and driving slowly.

Celebration of life (continued): I hope the children enjoyed the ice pops last week and you took one of the sapling trees to plant. If anyone would **like to share any photos** of the children planting the trees please share them with the school office and I will try and include a montage of planting in next week's newsletter. By taking part in the planting you are helping to facilitate the following in Little Chalfont:

- Cleaner [air](#)
- Increased [biodiversity](#)
- Reduced [flooding risk](#)
- Natural [deterrent](#) to fast driving

Green spaces are proven to [enhance children's academic achievement and wellbeing](#)

(Please click on the red hyperlinks above for evidence to prove these points)

Nursery open morning: This morning we welcomed parents from Nursery to the [Edible Garden](#) to showcase what the children are growing and how this excellent resources significantly enriches the topics they are learning about. It was great to see so many parents gaining a flavour of their children's experience and we look forward to **welcoming Reception parents next Friday at gam!**



LAWFORDS



Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above): Gardening in the edible garden has been a bit of a challenge this week with the flip flopping weather between hail and shine, wind and calm, but the month of May can be a bit like that: "N'er cast a clout til May be out", is old folklore, meaning one shouldn't be too quick to shed layers of clothing until the end of the month...or it might actually be saying until the May blossom (or Hawthorn) is out. Hawthorn is full impact in bloom now the hedgerows of our school boundaries and country lanes - once that falls we are apparently clear of the blustery changeable weather! (If you were lucky enough to pick up a Hawthorn or May blossom tree sapling last week take good care of it for its garden barometer and forecasting properties!)



So for the moment we are nurturing our tender plants in the greenhouse - year 4's tomatoes and year 5's courgettes and sweetcorn are all coming along nicely in the shelter under glass, and we'll wait until after half term before they get planted out.

In the meantime, year 1's cold hardy peas are scrambling up and away, and the purple heads of the chives Year 2 grew last year are looking splendid in the sunshine, awaiting the companion planting of the tomatoes. The carrot seeds sown by Year 5 as complementary planting to Year 1's onions are showing little seedling tips and the figs and peaches are almost doubling in size before our eyes on the warm south facing walls.



We welcomed a wonderful cohort of parents and children from Nursery to all of our growing areas this morning, looking around first of all their outdoor area potatoes and beans, then on to our LCPS mini orchard and quiet garden, and on round to the edible garden and wild garden. It was absolutely lovely to be able to share all of our children's growing efforts with new families, and hopefully pass on some of the love for the opportunities our diverse grounds bring to a new intake. If you would like to get involved more in our merry band of helpers or offer any materials at all for our outdoor areas, please do get in touch on gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk Reception class next Friday - do please come along!

And a real treat to be able to help Reception release their painted lady butterflies into the wild garden this afternoon amongst all our long grass wild patches and flowering plants for pollinators. A bonus to spot some real caterpillars in the wild too chomping away on plants...and nesting blue tits in the 2024 Year 6's bird boxes catching them for their young, sadly no Springwatch style bird cam but see if you can spot them in the pics - what a fabulous web of life we are helping to support, and that your children are getting to absorb. Attenborough may yet have some enthusiastic and worthy successors!

Grateful and undaunted,
Mr Hacking

