

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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22nd May 2026

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—I look forward to seeing their performance results!

Nursery: This week, the Nursery children explored the story *Pirates Love Underpants*, discussing the characters' humorous adventures. They enhanced their communication skills by learning the Makaton signs for pirate, sea, and ship.

Reception: have extended their knowledge and understanding of the world by identifying similarities and differences between the past and today through settings and characters from the Victorian Seaside. They thoroughly enjoyed and engaged with History Off the Page and made lots of artefacts to take home as souvenirs of their day.

Year 1: have been super busy recapping and reading words containing digraphs, trigraphs and split digraphs. We have been creating our own alien words and working as a team to segment and blend them. The children also wrote the next part of their innovated story of a traditional tale using the very important capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as their own imaginative ideas! In science, we have been experimenting with more materials, this time focusing on materials that are waterproof. The children made predictions and planned their own experiments to help Teddy stay dry in the rainy weather! The children also baked their own Challah bread which we have been learning about in RE and the significance of Shabbat. Another great week of learning, Year 1. Have a lovely half term!

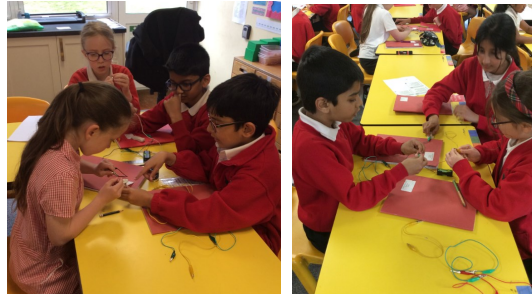


Year 2: have had a highly productive week, demonstrating excellent focus and dedication as they completed their Year 2 SATs assessments. The children worked extremely hard throughout the testing period. Alongside their academic assessments, they engaged in practical learning by making rhubarb and pear crumbles, followed by a horticultural session planting herbs in the edible garden. It has been a successful week that successfully balanced formal assessments with hands-on life skills.

Year 3: wrote and shared their own imaginative folktales with the class, focusing on using direct speech and possessive apostrophes. In maths, Year 3 finished their unit on time, showing great progress and understanding. During PSHE, the class discussed how childhoods can look different around the world, encouraging thoughtful conversations and empathy. In PE, pupils enjoyed some exciting games of tennis and rounders, using the skills they have been developing this half term.

We finished up our Stone Age unit and the students demonstrated excellent knowledge and enthusiasm for everything they have learned.

Year 4: This week in science, Year 4 pupils worked in groups to create their own simple series electrical circuits. The children thoroughly enjoyed the problem-solving challenge, working in teams to ensure their circuits formed a successful closed loop. Afterward, they were given a set of circuit diagrams to predict whether they would work, before recreating them and troubleshooting any that didn't. It was a fantastic, hands-on lesson that really brought the learning to life!



Year 5: Have had an excellent week, demonstrating their maturity and respect. In Science, Year 5 learned about puberty and the changes that occur in the body. Year 5 were extremely mature, asking questions to further their understanding and being very respectful to everyone in the class. We also had our WW2 day, which again demonstrated their respect and wealth of knowledge around the war. The member of staff who ran the day was very impressed with the behaviour and respect from the children. Well done Year 5 for an incredible week!

Year 6: Have had a wealth of enriched maths challenges this week—working in teams to find solutions. They are getting very excited about the residential trip the week after half term!

Looking Ahead...

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- 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](#).

To do this week ...

- KS2 [Sparx reader](#) / Yrs 2-6 [Century practice](#)
- Have a safe and restful break building lots of happy family memories

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 **Nectarie** (Rec), **Charlie H** (Yr 1), **George** (Yr 2), **Irdhi** (Yr 3), **Ayaan** (Yr 4), **Luke** (Yr 5) and **Myra** (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 2	85%
Year 6	84%
Year 4	84%
Year 5	83%
Year 3	80%

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, scooter, 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 5** 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: May

22nd

Year 5	99.2%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 6	97.7%
Year 1	95.1%
Year R	95.1%
Year 2	94.2%

Whole School: 96.7%

Writer of the Month:

Today, during Celebration Assembly, we announced the Writer of the Month for the last Unit of writing. Well done to the following children for their efforts: **Matilda** (Rec), **Sebastian** (Yr 1), **Keshav** (Yr 2), **Charlotte** (Yr 3), **Harvey** (Yr 4), **Leila** (Yr 5) and **Sanjana** (Yr 6)



Dojo Points

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

2409	2220	2717	2688
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

PTA Quiz Night: We had a brilliant time at the PTA Quiz Night last Friday—so great to see so many parents there supporting the school fundraising initiative with over £1000 raised which will be spent directly on enriching your child’s experience at school. As you can see from the photos a lovely time was had by all!



Home Front Day: This week, as part of our commitment to an enriched history immersive approach in school, the Year 5 children took part in the Home Front Day. Lots of the opportunities this year in the Edible garden reinforce some of the things the children experienced during the immersive experience. As you can see from the photos some really memorable learning opportunities took place.





LAWFORDS

Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above): Wonderful to see so many Reception class parents and carers this morning in the second of our class walkabouts of our special outdoor areas. It was great to show everyone round and enjoy a gorgeous sunny day with everything bursting into life!

This week has been all about that life and doing all we can to make it thrive, and that includes a ramping up in our watering regime with the spring heatwave, starting to feed some of our overwintered potted plants to give them their vitality back, and learning what is friend and foe in the garden when it comes to pests and diseases.

The greenhouse is now packed with class sets of mini-plants and pots of seeds starting up, growing big enough to go out into the garden. This week all our embryonic sweetcorn, courgettes and tomatoes were joined by Year 1's sowings of 8 different types of herbs - dill, chives and 6 different varieties of basil - Greek, Thai, Lemon, tiny leaved Minette, red leaved Crimson King, and large leaved Sally - which will do best?! But the 30-degree heat under glass does mean the establishing plants are drinking a lot and we are constantly topping up the water trays so they can soak up what they need at their own pace. Thank you to all our new Edible Garden LCPS WhatsApp group joiners who have stepped in this half term holiday to water while Mrs Tate and our regular volunteers are away and our drip system timer is on the blink - you are literally lifesavers!



Joining our banana and fig, we excitingly acquired a pineapple plant this week (!) from Tesco in Amersham, and our more tender exotic plants came back outside from the Year 6 classroom where they have been overwintering - two small lemon trees, an avocado plant, and ginger. At this rate we'll have a tropical garden too! We've had to clean the lemon trees of scale insect with a soapy wash by year 5 and 6 garden helpers, and gave them and the hungry banana tree a special liquid feed to boost them up and get their leaves growing again - the lemons particularly have not been too happy with the low UK winter light levels indoors.

And on the pest and diseases front - two alerts to deal with - without using chemicals that might harm our friendly insect predators or any of wildlife that depends on these for food - especially not now we have TWO bird boxes occupied with baby bluetits and their parents collecting bugs for them all day!

We've had to treat our original strawberry bed for vine weevil, using a nematode (tiny parasitic worm that eats them up), after finding all our plants in that bed browning and coming up without roots when touched - these pesky beetles aren't so problematic as adults but their larvae live in the soil overwinter and have a penchant for eating strawberry and gooseberry roots, so we needed to dig as many as we could out, treat the soil, and stop them affecting anything else, as strawberries are a particular favourite with the children!

Our peach tree was suffering from blast of peach leaf curl, so our garden helpers have diligently removed all the affected leaves from the tree and floor so it doesn't stay in the soil overwinter and bagged and binned them. It's looking healthier already and is covered with mini peaches after the lovely blossom we had, so we're hoping for some juicy summer treats!

**Grateful and undaunted,
Mr Hacking**

