

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back. It's been lovely catching up with parents since the break, feel free to stop at the gate for a chat if I haven't seen you yet. Welcome to any new parents to the school, I look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. Well done Year 6 in overcoming a busy week of 11+ testing. Here are some of the highlights of this week's learning.

Nursery: This week, our nursery children have made wonderful progress settling into their new class and growing in confidence. They are becoming increasingly comfortable with daily routines and are actively building new friendships. To support this transition, we have shared encouraging stories—including *Lulu's First Day*, *Alfie Goes to Nursery*, and *Dinosaur Starts School*—which helped the children discuss their own experiences.

Reception: We are pleased to report that all the children have had an excellent first full week in school. They have settled well and are enjoying exploring their new learning environment. We are so impressed at how they have managed to come into the classroom independently – a big well done to them all!

Year 1: settled in brilliantly to their new classroom and are gradually transitioning to new routines. The first week or so have been full of great learning opportunities in maths where we have been sorting, counting and representing numbers in various ways. Our writing book 'The Naughty bus' has got the children thinking and developing their understanding through role play and sentence writing. The children have really impressed me this week by using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! In RE the children shared lovely ideas of greetings they could write or say to someone who has had a new baby arrive at home. Our topic of exploring New Life has got our kind words flowing and we were able to share experiences of any recent births of brothers or sisters with the class. A fantastic start to year, keep up the hard work Year 1!

Year 2: have had a fantastic first full week back, settling in brilliantly and diving into their new learning with real enthusiasm. In English, they have loved starting their new writing unit based on *The Proudest Blue*, exploring its inspiring themes and vivid imagery, whilst in Science, they have been investigating the properties of different everyday materials. Alongside beginning their new RE topic on the Bible, the children have made a wonderful start to the term and should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 3: have had a fantastic week settling into Key Stage 2! The children kicked off their new English unit by discovering a mysterious letter and backpack in the classroom, launching their exploration of *The Wilderness* by Steve McCarthy. In Art, they created impressive fact files about Vincent van Gogh, and they enjoyed their very first French lesson with Madame Worthington. They also had a brilliant time in Science starting their new Rocks and Soils topic, as well as getting active in PE, impressing Mrs. Cook with how ready and focused they were!

Year 4: have enjoyed an outstanding first week back at school, settling into their new routines with maturity. In PE, the children showcased fantastic sportsmanship whilst playing football and rugby, consistently encouraging their team mates and respecting the rules. They have shown particular resilience in Maths when tackling place value questions and have used conjunctions to write persuasive letters in English applying for a job as a baker.

Year 5: This week, pupils have enjoyed themselves across a range of subjects. In Guided Reading, we started our new book, *Beowulf*, and pupils have already been captivated by the opening story of the terrifying beast, Grendel. In English, we continued exploring our science-fiction text, making inferences and comparing characters using conjunctions to develop our ideas. Finally, in Science, pupils had their first lesson exploring why unsupported objects fall back down to Earth, beginning to understand the force of gravity. Overall, it has been a busy but productive week. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6: have had an excellent start to the year! Their resilience and maturity shone when completing the 11+ this week and they should each be very proud of themselves! Alongside this test, we have explored how Islam came to be in History, inferred feelings and emotions from our model text 'The Arrival' in English and built simple circuits in science! Well done for coming back settled and focused!

Looking Ahead...

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

- 21st Sep KS2 Author visit—Jenny Pearson
- 24th Sep Individual school photos (from 9am)
- 29th Sep NHS Flu vaccination
- 5th Oct Yr 6 trip—Chesham Mosque
- 7-9th Oct—Yr 5 residential Ufton Court
- 19th Oct—Yr 1 trip Natural History Museum (Tring)
- 21st Oct—Cultural Awareness Day #1
- 22nd-23rd Oct Staff Development Day—School closed to children
- 26-30th Oct—Half term, school closed to children
- 9th November Primary Maths Challenge (Yr 5 and 6 children) all week
- 10th November Yr 3 trip COAM
- 19th December End of term 2pm finish

To do this week ...

- Years 2-6 complete Century Tech homework
- All year groups read everyday—older children can log their completed reading on [Sparx Reader](#) now called **Blackbelt reader**

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](#).

No mobile phones

No photography

Please keep phones out of sight
whilst on school property



Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Dylan** (Yr 1), **Harriet** (Yr 2), **Lottie** (Yr 3), **Arjan L** (Yr 4), **Hasvika** (Yr 5) and **Sophie K** (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 1	97%
Year 5	84%
Year 4	78%
Year 2	75%
Year 6	75%
Year 3	58%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done for **Year 1** topping the leader board this week with an impressive **97%** 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

Attendance Last Week:

Year 3	98.8%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 6	96.6%
Year 2	96.2%
Year R	93.0%

achievement from our families

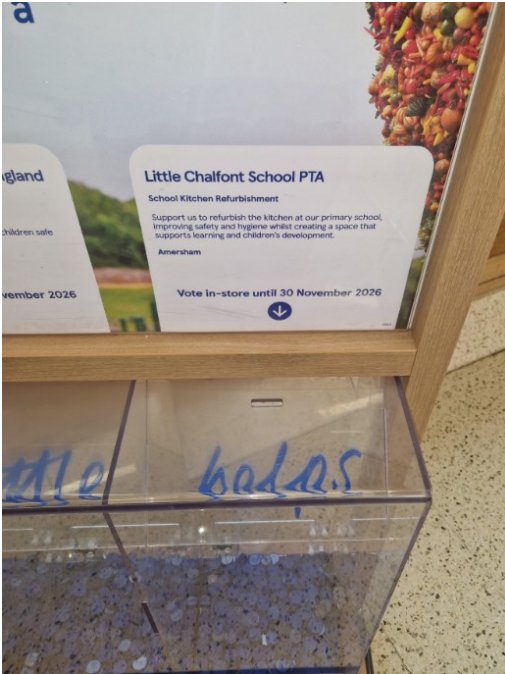
Attendance: Well done to **Year 5** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent 93.5%. Strong attendance is a legal requirement as well as crucial to obtain strong academic and social progress. Thank you to all our families for their assistance in this important matter this week.

Dojo Points

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

378	351	443	331
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts

Request: At this point of the year, I always speak to parents who's children have finished reading lots of books over the holiday period. If you have a lot of books that are still in good condition, that you would like to donate to school, we will always welcome donations. As well as giving other children the pleasure of reading other books, it's also good for the environment. For any books you would like to donate, please drop into the main office for the attention of the school library.



PTA Blue Token scheme: Little Chalfont Primary School has been selected to receive a grant through the Tesco Blue Token Scheme. The grant will provide between £500 and £1,500, depending on the number of votes received. The funding will be used to refurbish our school kitchen equipment, which supports the children's learning and development. We are live now in several local Tesco stores, including Gerrards Cross Superstore and both Chalfont St Peter Express stores (SL9 oNP and SL9 gHE). The voting will continue up until the end of November.

Artwork: I hope you all have noticed our amazing children's artwork on display by Hill Developers at the end of Oakington Avenue. If you haven't yet had chance, please stop by and look for your child's picture.



Have a safe and restful weekend,

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

