

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting another excellent week of learning. The level of focus from the vast majority of children has been really impressive so far and it's already given me very high expectations for another really successful year of learning. Please continue to check the weekly newsletter for up to date information.

Nursery: This week in Nursery, the children spent time getting to know their new friends during circle time. Through fun games, they learned each other's names, discovered shared likes and dislikes, and talked about their favourite activities.

Reception: This week in Reception the children have started their new Literacy story 'Where the wild Things are' by Maurice Sendak. They have been focusing on identifying simple phonemes in the story to name and describe characters, alongside using these to develop their writing skills. We have also started our first White Rose maths unit and revisited matching, sorting and comparing objects and numbers. It's been a busy week!

Year 1: had another fantastic week of learning, exploring the 'oy' sound and working hard to remember to add finger spaces into our sentences. The children also met Jigsaw Jack and we had a lovely discussion about what makes us feel safe and special. The children confidently shared their ideas and we also read Jigsaw Jack a story to help him feel less nervous about joining Year 1 this year. Well done Year 1!

Year 2: have had a fantastic week exploring the Great Fire of London in their topic and art lessons, bringing history to life through their creative work. In maths, they have been busy building their confidence with number lines and counting up to 10. They have also turned into brilliant young scientists, investigating different materials and discussing why their properties make them suitable or completely unsuitable for making everyday objects.

Year 3: Have had another busy week of learning and have shown fantastic resilience and effort during our Place Value unit in Maths. In English, we explored *The Wilderness*, writing poems about what the wilderness means to us using noun phrases and adverbials, before writing an urgent SOS note to send help to a character stranded in the wilderness. In Art, the children enjoyed imitating the style of Vincent van Gogh, carefully recreating his techniques. We also spent Thursday afternoon with Madam Worthington learning French greetings and explored the Five Pillars of Islam in RE. Well done, Year 3, for your continued hard work and enthusiasm!

Year 4: have had a productive week! They started the week with some practical science, exploring how sounds are made from vibrations. Pupils observed visible vibrations through a range of objects, such as tapping a drum with rice on top and plucking elastic bands. They really enjoyed these hands-on activities and are looking forward to more practical science. In PSHE, the children focused on working as a team and explored how the school community supports each other. In English, Year 4 improved their descriptive writing by writing similes, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials about their book, 'The Village by the Sea'.

Year 5: This week has been a busy one! In English, we reached a great twist in our book, discovering that our main character has been a robot the whole time and that the monster her dad invented is actually human and secretly her pen pal! The pupils were shocked and completely mind-blown! They really enjoyed the English lessons this week, writing a letter of advice to the main character about what they should do and writing an action scene exploring how the lab burned down. Then in Art, pupils carefully imitated different artworks by Leonardo da Vinci. They really enjoyed this activity and found it a relaxing way to finish the day!

Year 6: Have continued exploring the story 'The Arrival' in English. Year 6 have used a range of language features such as expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and verbs in short burst writing to develop independence in creative writing. In Maths, we have started addition and subtraction, using formal methods to work out multistep problems. Year 6 have shown great sportsmanship in Hockey this week, impressing both Mrs Davies and I with their level of respect and high skill level. Well done Year 6!

To do this week ...

- Years 2-6 complete Century Tech homework
- For hot lunches please refer to the communication sent out this week and use parentpay to order until the new system is fully integrated
- [Blackbelt reader](#) (formerly Sparx) continued to be used to record reading progress.

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
- 14th and 15th Oct—Parents Evening (in school) 3.30pm-6.30pm
- 16th Oct—Yr 2 Great Fire of London workshop
- 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

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 **Matilda (Yr 1)**, **Freddie (Yr 2)**, **Kavi (Yr 3)**, **Ash (Yr 4)**, **Max (Yr 5)** and **Neha (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	86%
Year 2	84%
Year 6 and 3	81%
Year 5	80%
Year 4	71%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done for **Year 1** topping the leader board this week (for the second week in a row) with an impressive **86%** 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 Last Week:

Attendance: Well done to **Year 5** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent 99.0%. 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.

Year 5	99.0%
Year Rec	98.3%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 1	95.1%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 6	92.0%

Dojo Points

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

799	646	745	737
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts

Save the dates: Please see the attached flyer for important upcoming events run by our dedicated and hardworking PTA. We would welcome as many parents as possible to attend all the events. The AGM is particularly relevant to new parents who want to get involved in supporting the fundraising effort to directly impact the enrichment your child experiences within school. Please note the AGM may be taking place in the Dining Hall or a classroom (depending on numbers) due to the hall building works may not be fully completed.



Leadership roles: Over the coming week, the Year 6 children that would like a responsibility will be allocated roles for the coming year. After a very impressive process this week, Mr Attwell and I decided on the following roles

Head Boy—George

Head Girl—Tulsi

Deputy Head Boy—Kai

Deputy Head Girl—Evie

I wanted to place on record how impressive all the children that applied for these roles were. Mr Attwell and I were blown away by the confidence, preparation and meaningful content of all the children’s speeches. We had 15 applicants for the role which in previous years we’ve had a maximum of 7. I think this demonstrates the potential and drive of this outstanding cohort of children. Well done to all involved and as I said to the children you don’t need a badge to demonstrate your leadership capabilities and integrity.

History off the Page immersive experiences: As in previous years, we have booked each class with a [History off the Page](#) immersive workshop day. Please see the table attached for the date of your child’s experience. The class teacher will write to you nearer the time with further details. These days always prove to be a huge hit with the children and enable them to bring the classroom learning to life, as well as retain key information into their long-term memory. Details of the voluntary contribution we ask for this experience will be shared nearer the time.

Parents Evening: Parents Evening will be taking place on the 14th and 15th October. These meetings will be taking place in school, dependent on whether the hall repairs have been completed by then will either be in the main hall or the classrooms. Further details and booking information will be sent out nearer to the time. The slots will be available between 3.30pm-6.30pm. Mrs Abadee will be contacting Nursery parents separately for information about their meetings with her.

Have a safe and restful weekend,
Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

PTA EVENTS 2026

UPCOMING

OCT 05

PTA ANNUAL AGM

SCHOOL HALL 7PM

ANNUAL MEETING

NOV 05

FIREWORKS NIGHT

SCHOOL 4.30PM

NOV 27

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SCHOOL 4.30PM

DEC 5

PTA DINNER AND DANCE

VENUE TBC

LCPS PTA

LITTLE CHALKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SAVE THE DATE

Topic	Year Group	No. Children	Date
Great Fire of London	2	31	Friday 16th October
Greeks	4	32	Monday 16th November
Egypt	3	32	Tuesday 23rd February
Victorians 1897	6	32	Friday 5th February
Toys	1	30	Tuesday 4th May
Seaside	Reception	32	Wednesday 5th May
Homefront '40	5	32	Friday 21st May