

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

Autumn : Issue #4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another great week of learning with myriad opportunities for enrichment. I've been delighted this week with the amount of children in KS2 logging their reading on [Blackbelt Reader](#)—please continue to do that with your children and I'm willing to promise you it will guarantee progress if you log the reading a minimum three times per week!

Nursery: This week in nursery, the children continued learning about Autumn. They listened to the story *Don't Hog the Hedge* and discussed the importance of sharing and using kind words. Linking this to Expressive Arts and Design, they used their creativity to make hedgehog crafts.

Reception: This week in Reception we have started our Phonics programme. We have been learning to say the sounds s,a,t,p and to write the graphemes in the correct letter formation. In Maths this week we have begun a new Maths topic, 'Measures', with a focus on comparing size and mass.

Year 1: has worked extremely hard spotting the ea sound in phonics and spelling tricky words such as were and there. The children have also sorted animals into groups according to the climate zones they live, enjoyed a great handball lesson with Mrs Cook and used part whole models to create their own number sentences by adding two parts together. Another super week! Well, done Year 1.

Year 2: have had a wonderful week, kicking off their new Mathematics unit on addition and subtraction with great focus. In Science, they became young researchers to investigate the absorbency of different materials through hands-on testing. The absolute highlight of the week, however, was publishing their very first piece of school writing, showcasing fantastic effort and creativity across the classroom.

Year 3: have been busy creating their own *Guide to the Wilderness*. After carefully drafting their ideas, pupils published their final brochures, including advice on how to prepare, what to do in the wilderness and plants to be cautious of. In Maths, we started our new unit on addition and subtraction, where pupils have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting, using different strategies to solve calculations. In Science, pupils investigated the permeability of different rocks, while in RE we explored Muslim prayer. We also had lots of fun practising our French through songs!

Year 4: have had an outstanding week! In Maths, the children started their addition and subtraction unit by adding 1, 10 and 100, showing great resilience in their learning. In PE, Year 4 worked on their dribbling and shooting skills, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship during a mini-match at the end of the lesson. The children are also very proud of the brochures they published this week, advertising their village by the sea to complete our English writing unit.

Year 5: have been publishing their own science-fiction stories. Over the course of a few lessons, pupils carefully wrote and edited their stories before rewriting them neatly onto special Robot paper. I have been so impressed with the pupils' dedication to writing neatly and carefully, and it has been wonderful to see how much pride they have taken in their finished stories! We then started our new topic in English, where pupils were each given their own NASA or NACA badge. Pupils wrote and signed their names and have now officially been recruited into these programmes! We then looked at photographs from both organisations and worked together to identify which photographs belonged to NASA and which belonged to NACA. In Science, pupils carried out an investigation into air resistance, exploring how the area of a parachute affects how long it takes to fall. Pupils really enjoyed designing and creating their own parachutes before carrying out the investigation and recording their results.

Year 6: Have been extremely resilient this week when learning long multiplication in maths. The children supported each other and were very methodical in their workings out. The children published their narratives in English, which were incredibly detailed and enriched with a range of cohesive language devices! I thoroughly enjoyed reading them!! In History, we explored how Baghdad become one of the most influential cities in the world and the caliphates grew the Islamic Empire. Year 6 have shown consistent readiness and respectfulness this week, demonstrating their growing maturity and independence.

Looking Ahead...

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

- 5th Oct PTA AGM in school 7pm
- 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 finish

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 ...

- PTA AGM 7pm Monday 5th October 7pm
- Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court 7-9th Oct—please ensure all medication needed is shared with school in advance
- Year 6 trip to Chesham Mosque 5th Oct

Parents Evening: The online booking system for our in-person Autumn parents' evening consultations **will go live on Monday 5th October**. If you need to change your appointment after booking, you can amend it online right up until Wednesday 14th October. Should you experience any difficulties securing a slot, please let your child's class teacher know so we can assist you. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to Mollie (Yr 1), Amaaya (Yr 2), Vittal (Yr 3), Ollie (Yr 4), Coco (Yr 5) and Leila (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 6 & 1	90%
Year 2	88%
Year 3	82%
Year 5	78%
Year 4	74%
Year Rec	54%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done for **Year 6 and Year 1** topping the leader board this week (for the second week in a row) with an impressive **90%** 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:

Year 2	99.6%
Year 5 & 3	99.3%
Year 6	99.0%
Year Rec	98.3%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 4	95.5%
Year Nur	93.8%

Attendance: Well done to **Year 2** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent **99.6%**. 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. The attendance this week has been excellent with 6 classes above our school target of 97%—please try and continue these excellent figures in the coming weeks!

Most in-demand schools in Buckinghamshire: It was pleasing to see that we were 2nd on the list of most in-demand schools in Buckinghamshire. Whilst I was disappointed not to be top (like last year) it still reinforces the good things we are doing for your children to make the school so popular. We actually had more first choice applications than the school that came top but due to them having less places, this skewed the percentage data. Further details from the article can be [found by clicking here](#).

Dojo Points

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

2032	1815	1710	1929
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts



Bike to school week: Take a step (or pedal) in the right direction

Cycle to School Week is back for 2026!

From **Monday 5 to Friday 9 October 2026**, schools and families across the nation will be taking a new route to the school gate — one that's quicker, healthier, cheaper and a whole lot more fun.

Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling. Whether you're already rolling or just getting started, it's your chance to build confidence, try something new, and discover how good the school run can feel on wheels.

Make your pledge, get involved, and join thousands of children choosing a better way to travel.

For more information and to make your pledge visit: [Cycle to School Week 2026 – Bikeability](#)

This ties in very well with our Walk to School initiative that promotes active journeys to school. We have cycle storage on site.

PTA AGM: I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible next Monday (5th Oct) at the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The event will take place from 7pm in school—come along to see how you can get involved with the fundraising effort as well as see how the fundraising has been spent this year enriching your children's experience of school.

Little Chalfont Village Green Snowman competition: This week, I was contacted by the local Women's Institute for a snowman-making competition. Please see the "Christmas Display" flyer (opposite) for details if you would like to take part and register.

Request from LCPS: If you have moved house or changed telephone number since July, please could you email the school Office (office@littlechalfont.bucks.sch.uk) with new contact details—we've had a couple of attempted phone calls home this week that haven't worked due to change in telephone number. Moving forward, if any contact details change, please notify the school office immediately. Many thanks for your assistance.



CHRISTMAS DISPLAY **ON THE TRIANGLE GARDEN** **LITTLE CHALFONT VILLAGE GREEN**



Once again **Little Chalfont (Evening) WI** hope to put on a display in the village to celebrate Christmas. This year our theme is **SNOWMEN** and we are contacting local schools, youth organisations and local businesses to ask for their help by making a **Snowman** to join our display on the garden over the Christmas period.

The **Snowman** can be made from any material durable enough to last for a few weeks outside and should be no more than 1 metre tall. The more imaginative the **Snowman** the better!



The display will be assembled on the Triangle at 10:30am on Saturday 5th December and will be dismantled & ready for collection at 11am on Friday 8th January 2027. If the **Snowmen** do not need to be returned they will be disposed of by the organisers.



All entries will be judged by members of the WI and a certificate awarded to the Snowman with the most votes.

We very much hope this year's display will be a community effort and look forward to hearing from everyone who can offer a **Snowman**.

Enquiries and Registration for entries should be emailed to:

lcevevi@gmail.com

by 16th October 2026



Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Hacking

DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee

Deputy DSL & SENDCo



Mrs Platt

Deputy DSL & KS1 Leader



Mr Attwell

Deputy DSL & KS2 Leader

If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 383962

If your concern involves a DSL, contact Chair of Governors, Sunny Dosanjh or the Local Authority

Designated Officer (LADO) on 01296 382070

In danger is imminent, contact the police on 101 (999 for an emergency)

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Safeguarding update: We have recently updated the Designated Safeguarding Lead team within school. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, in the first instance Mrs Abadee is Deputy Safeguarding Lead. In both our absence, Mrs Platt and Mr Attwell are also Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

For any instance of a safeguarding concern or a child protection issue, please speak to myself or Mrs Abadee immediately. If you see or hear something that doesn't feel right, report it to us and we will take the necessary safeguarding steps.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

One of the easiest ways you can help with this is to keep your mobile phone out of sight when on school property, in line with our mobile-phone free policy.



No mobile phones

No photography

Please keep phones out of sight whilst on school property



Annual apple juicing competition: It's that time of the year again where we run the competition to see which class can collect the most apples (and pears). The crates are at the front entrance at school with a class label on. We collect the fruit over a period of a few weeks to be made into bottles of juice. This is an excellent fundraiser for the PTA with bottles usually available either through the PTA or in-person at the Xmas Fair.

The class that collects the most fruit will be rewarded with their own juice to share as well as other in-school rewards (eg. House points, own clothes day etc). All children that bring in fruit will get a Dojo point.

If you have any apple (or pear) trees in your garden, or know anyone that does, please bring in any ripe fruit to be added to the collection.

Thank you in advance for your competitive spirit and engaging in another brilliant PTA fundraiser (last year raised £800) that will be utilised to further enrich your child's learning in school.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

COLLECT AND SQUEEZE ME!

Calling all apples! Do you or your neighbours have fruit trees? Now is the time to make it into LCPS's LOCAL APPLE JUICE!

Please collect apples in a cardboard box, keep cool and bring to school!



Do YOU have a tree in your garden with apples? Are they going to waste?

Could you and your children offer to pick ANY extras your NEIGHBOUR or relative have?

Ask your family & friends to help collect!

★ ★ **House points for all apples collected** ★ ★

Both eating and cooking apples are fine, as are windfalls (fallen from tree), they will all be sorted before pressing



Pop any apples you pick into your class box in the playground



All homegrown apples collected by LCPS children and families will be taken to be local juicers to be washed, squeezed, filtered, pasteurised & bottled for sale at our PTA events - reduce waste & raise school funds!