

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

Autumn : Issue #1
5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new year! I'm highly appreciative of all your support and generous words/kindness and donations during my time of absence. I'm delighted to be back and have some amazing, exciting ideas already to enrich the children's experience of this academic year.

Nursery: This week we have been very busy settling the children into Nursery, helping them to learn our routines and beginning some of our Baseline assessments. I am very pleased to report that they all seem very happy and settled in their new setting and are very much enjoying exploring all the different resources available and making new friends.

Reception: Well done to all the children for transitioning so smoothly into the Reception class. They have all settled in well and are adapting excellently to the new routines and expectations of Reception. Well done!

Year 1: have made a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have been busy showing off our school values through their learning, play and transitions. They have been working together with enthusiasm and kindness building valuable relationships with their peers and teachers. During PSHE discussions the children have also designed their own set of thoughtful class rules, ensuring that everyone feels safe, respected, and ready to learn. We are so proud of the positive, confident start they have made to their Year 1 journey.

Year 2: have had a wonderful start to the term, settling confidently into their new classroom and learning the routines of the day. They have begun their mathematics unit on place value and have been developing their understanding of punctuation. The children are also showing increasing independence in their use of rulers.

Year 3: The students have settled in well to year 3, demonstrating their readiness for key stage 2. We have begun exploring place value and representing two digit numbers in maths. The students have been excited to start our Ancient Egypt unit in Topic with some great discussions taking place already. In English we have started looking at our first model text. Our first drumming lesson with Rock and Pop was a great success! A lovely start to year 3!

Year 4: This week, Year 4 has been settling into their classroom and routines really well. They've worked hard to present their work to a high standard and to maintain great handwriting. It's been wonderful to see them taking pride in both their work and their learning! In English, we have been generating vocabulary for a setting description, focusing on creative adjectives. It has been fantastic to come together as a class to create a great description. Well done on a great start, Year 4!

Year 5: have had a fantastic first week settling into their new class! They have already shown that they are Ready, Respectful and Resilient, consistently demonstrating our school values in lessons and around the school. It has been wonderful to see how they are already beginning to adjusting to the expectations of Year 5, building positive routines and supporting each other along the way.

Year 6: have made an excellent start to the term, settling in well and already showing great enthusiasm for their learning. In English, we began exploring Shakespeare's *Song of the Witches*. The children imagined the eerie scene of three witches around a bubbling cauldron, then created and annotated their own imaginative drawings. Their creativity and attention to detail were fantastic!

Looking Ahead...

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

- 8th Sep Census Day—please ensure school meals are ordered
- 18th Sep—NHS Flu Immunisations (all classes all day)
- 25th Sep—Individual school photos
- 26th Sep—Development Day—school closed to children
- 14th Oct—Prospective parent open morning
- 15th Oct—Phonics meeting (Reception parents) 9-10am
- 23rd Oct—3rd Nov—Half term—Children return on 4th Nov
- 14th Nov—prospective parent open morning
- 12th Dec—Yr 5 Oxford Science Museum trip
- 19th Dec—Break up for Xmas holidays (Back on 7th Jan 2026)

To do this week ...

- Make a note of PE days and bring correct PE kit
- Help lessons to run effectively by stocking up your child's pencil case.
- Make sure your child attends school with a named, refillable water bottle

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](#).

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Shaan** (Yr 1), **George R** (Yr 2), **Nico** (Yr 3), **Nirvaan** (Yr 4), **Mylo** (Yr 5) and **Rikhil** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Dojo Points

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

45	48	43	52
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts

Attendance This Week:

5th September

Attendance: Some excellent attendance scores this week with **Year 2** reaching the top of the leader board again with a fantastic **100%**. It's great to see some classes above our school target of 97%. Please remember good attendance is essential for academic and social progress and is also a legal requirement. We also encourage parents to book any appointments outside of school time where possible to limit children leaving school for appointments.

Year 2	100%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.3%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 4	90.6%

Whole School: 96.3%

Unofficial one-way system: For any new parents or a reminder to existing parents: We operate an unofficial one-way system at pick up and drop off times (mornings and afternoons). Please enter Oakington Avenue at the train station end and leave via the end that includes Church Grove. Even better, walk or cycle to school and give your child a healthy start to the day.

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 383962

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



2025 is looking like being an unusually bumper harvest year for tree fruit, trees are laden with apples all over the place, and we would LOVE to make the most of that with our annual LCPS apple juicing project! So it's time to get scrumping! If you have apples growing in your garden, or you have spotted a tree going to waste in the park, out on your walks, or in a neighbours garden, please see if you can pick them with your children, keep them cool and bring them into school. Of course do ask the owner's permission before picking and be safe in reaching for the high ones!

Any apples (or pears) are great, all colours or shapes, whether big or small, cookers or eaters, from the tree or windblown to the floor, just please don't bring any that are bruised, brown or mushy. Our aim is to make something wonderful from the free produce out there that would otherwise be wasted, and share the joy of locally sourced food with our children and community!

We will have crates out in the playground by the front gate for the next two week, labelled for each class, and the more apples you bring in the merrier! All children who bring their apples in will get house points - just email gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk with your child's name and class to make sure we know who you are. See if you can be the class that collects the most to win the grand prize of first taste of the 2025 juice and a class apple tree to plant in the school grounds, to grow as your children grow!

If you are a willing picker but have no trees, or you have trees and not enough pickers, please also do email the gardening email and we will see if we can put you in touch with each other,



All of the children will get a chance to taste the juice in class when we get the bottles back, and we will be selling juice to raise funds for investing in school resources - our best year so far in 2018 we collected enough to make 300 bottles, raising over £500 for school funds, so let's see what we can manage in 2025! Thank you for your support - and happy scrumping!

Thank you for your support and have a safe and restful weekend

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 plus ★ the class which collects the most ★ will win an apple tree to plant! ★

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!