

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

Autumn : Issue #2
12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a brilliant week back at school—I hope you all enjoyed reading the Ofsted report this morning. Still outstanding.

Nursery: have continued to settle in and become more confident in their new environment. We've seen so many positive steps as they've familiarised themselves with our daily routines and built upon their friendships. We've been supporting this transition with some lovely stories, including **Lulu's First Day**, **Alfie Goes to Nursery**, and **Dinosaur Starts School**, which have helped the children to talk about their own experiences and feel a sense of belonging.

Reception: The children have had an excellent first full week in school. We are so impressed with how they have been coming into the classroom independently! This week the children have listened to the story called *The Colour Monster*, considered how they feel and created their own colour monster for our feelings display. In maths they have revisited some well-known nursery rhymes and used these as a basis for counting objects and matching quantities to numerals.

Year 1: It's been a busy week in Year 1, the children have completed their first full week integrating steadily into the KS1 curriculum, establishing routines and working in small groups to complete Literacy and Math's tasks around our text *The Zoo Vet* and sorting objects into groups by object type, size, shape and colour. During Tuesday's PE lesson the children learnt how to move their bodies in different ways to travel across the room. We then developed these movements to become animals; we had lots of fun trying to guess the animals being performed. The children were very keen to share their ideas and participate in the learning. Well done Year 1 keep up the good work.

Year 2: have been busy exploring partitioning in Maths developing their understanding of how numbers can be split in different ways. In Science they have been investigating a range of materials and their properties, while in English the children have started working on their new model text all about *Elkie*.

Year 3: have had a busy and exciting week! In English, we brought characters to life through hot-seating, while in PE we began our gymnastics unit by exploring different ways of travelling. Our first art lesson introduced us to Vincent van Gogh, which the children really enjoyed discussing. We also had our first French lesson with Madame Worthington—*c'est fantastique!*

Year 4: We 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 English, we used hot-seating to explore our setting description text. Pupils took turns stepping into the role of "Jasper" at the front of the class, while their classmates asked a range of thoughtful questions



Year 5: have shown fantastic focus and determination this week! In English, we have begun exploring myth narratives, experimenting with expanded noun phrases and interesting verb choices to make our writing more engaging for the reader. In Maths, we have been working hard on place value, developing our understanding of numbers up to 100,000. In History, we have investigated where the Anglo-Saxons migrated from and discussed the reasons behind their journey. A great week for Year 5!

Year 6: This week in PSHE, Year 6 have been reflecting on their goals for the year ahead, as well as exploring any fears or worries they may have about the future. They have also been developing positive ways to share their feelings, helping them grow in confidence and feel ready for their final year at primary school.

To do this week ...

- Make a note of PE days and bring correct PE kit
- Adhere to the unofficial one-way system at pick up and drop off
- Be punctual to school—lessons start pretty much immediately when the children enter the building.

Looking Ahead...

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

- 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)

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 **Kian** (Yr 1), **Yumna** (Yr 2), **Charlotte** (Yr 3), **Jan** (Yr 4), **Kiana** (Yr 5) and **Daksh** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Travel Tracker: Well done to **Year 6** for the most active journeys this week. Active journeys can include: walking, cycling, scooting or park and stride. A healthy, active journey is an excellent way to start the day and set



Weekly Winners

Year 6	85%
Year 4	80%
Year 1	77%
Year 3	75%
Year 2	66%
Year 5	64%

Dojo Points

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

783	711	735	725
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts

Attendance This Week:

12th September

Attendance: Some excellent attendance scores this week with Year 1 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 1	100%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 6	96.3%

Whole School: 96.2%

Family science opportunity: Recently, I applied successfully to the Royal Society for a grant towards science lessons—more news on food composting and zero waste via wormeries at a later date. The Royal Society is running family science workshops/webinars that we would recommend (particularly KS2 children to get involved in). For further details of how to register and access the shows, [please click here](#). Future events can be [found here](#).

Ofsted: I'm sure many of you have read the email from me earlier today regarding our recent Ofsted inspection. If you haven't had the opportunity please check your emails!

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





Edible garden (proudly sponsored by Cytiva) update: Sunshine and shower dodging this week in the edible garden. Nonetheless we have managed, with the help of our wonderful regular volunteers David Alexander and Vanessa Atkins, to get a fantastic addition to the garden put up in just one day at the end of last week - a cabin in the wild area donated from his garden by Ollie Hobden, our friend in Chorleywood, who came up to school to help us put it all back together. This will be a brilliant addition to the garden as it allows us to free up the greenhouse growing benches from all the stored items we use throughout the year, and those tools such as rakes that are oversized for our existing storage shed, as well as providing us with an outdoor undercover teaching area to pot things up with the children on wetter days, and a cool space to store seeds and leave produce to dry. Thank you very much to the Hobden family for their generosity!

We will need to give it a coat of paint and decorate it up - which we will ask for families to come and help us with on a family weekend gardening day to be held later in the autumn - watch this space!

We also had a visit from Sarah Wright who donated us last year so many pieces of fantastic gardening equipment as well as some great tools for DT, which came from her late parent's family home. Her Mum, Linda Hills Harrop, had been a keen gardener all her life and Sarah and her sister Wendy wanted as much of her gardening equipment as possible to find a new home where it would be well loved and used. She was delighted to see the difference it has made to the success of the garden this year, and was even able to take some lovely produce home with her.



It has also been a complete delight to watch all the apples coming into school for juicing this last week. Such gorgeous variety and they smell amazing. Thank you so much to all the families who have got out there and sent in pictures of their children with their haul. We are collecting until the 22nd September, at which point we'll take them for juicing. So you have two weekends to get out there and get scrumping! Years 5 and 6 seem to be leading the pack at the moment, so let's see if we can get the other years to catch up. It's a joy going picking with the children, they really enjoy it, so do see if your neighbours need any help with their overladen trees too.

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

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

