

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a brilliant week at school—it's been so lovely catching up with parents I haven't seen for a while and interacting with the children everyday has been a joy.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: the children have been identifying different colours and found things around our classroom related to that colour. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and found a variety of items that were red, blue and yellow. They also listened to a selection of stories linked to these colours including; 'Red is Best' by Kathy Stinson, 'Little Blue Truck' by Alice Schertle and 'Big Yellow Digger' by Julia Jarman and Adrian Reynolds.

Reception: the children have continued pre-phonics lessons examining rhyming words and body percussion. In Literacy the children have listened to the story 'Funny Bones', talked about the human skeleton and made straw skeletons for a class display. 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: In Year 1 this week the children have been working really hard. recognising and counting objects up to 10. The children have persevered greatly with their number formation, working hard to form their numbers from 0-10 accurately. We have also been learning about the 7 continents of the world, singing songs and putting actions to important facts to help us remember our learning. Another fantastic week Year 1, well done!

Year 2: In English, the children have been busy writing their own *class innovate* based on their monsters. They have really enjoyed using their imagination to develop exciting characters and share their creative ideas. In Maths, Year 2 have been working hard on estimating numbers on a number line. They have been using the start and end points to help them place numbers accurately showing great resilience and problem-solving skills.

Year 3: have been finishing up our first maths unit on place value and have shown great confidence with their learning. In English, we wrote a class wishing tale, with lots of imaginative contributions from the children. PE has been full of energy, as the students demonstrated their athleticism in both gymnastics and hockey, and they are excited to keep building their skills. In history, we explored the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt, sparking some fantastic discussion and curiosity.

Year 4: This week in Maths, we have been looking at numbers up to 10,000, estimating on a number line, and comparing numbers. I've been really impressed with everyone's dedication to keeping their Maths work and presentation to a high standard—keep up the great work! In History, we explored the impact of the Ancient Greeks on modern-day society, looking at architecture, theatre, and the Olympics. The pupils found it really interesting to see the links. Lastly, in RE, pupils looked at the story of Buddha, organising the storyline and discussing which part they thought was the most important.

Year 5: have been writing their innovative myth narrative, using a range of expanded noun phrases and verb choices to make the myth narrative engaging for the reader. In Art, we developed our pencil drawing techniques to refine our drawings imitated from Da Vinci's work.

Year 6: This week, Year 6 pupils prepared and presented their manifestos to their peers as part of applying for their leadership roles and responsibilities. I was so impressed with how well-prepared they were, speaking with confidence and composure in front of their classmates. Their speeches reflected a great deal of thought, care and effort and it was wonderful to see the pride they took in sharing their ideas. In addition, the children have been busy in the kitchen with Mrs Tate, making delicious green tomato chutney. This hands-on project was met with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated jars - your support made this possible!

To do this week ...

- 25th September—children photos
- 26th September Development Day—school closed to children
- Be punctual to school—lessons start pretty much immediately when the children enter the building.

Looking Ahead...

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- 24th Sep—Head Boys and Girl selection interviews
- 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 **Imogen** (Yr 1), **Syon** (Yr 2), **Lucas** (Yr 3), **Jessica** (Yr 4), **Sonia** (Yr 5) and **Rishi** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Staffing news: I'm delighted that this week we have appointed two new members of staff this week. **Mrs Amir (pictured)** —a qualified lawyer, brings a wealth of expertise to the year 5 and 6 classes in a support role. The children met her this week and loved her enthusiasm and positivity and she is a welcome child-centred addition to our team.



Miss Bryan is joining our lunchtime supervisor team and has already volunteered a couple of days and loved meeting and spending time with the children.

If you meet either of our new staff over the next few weeks please help to make them feel part of the LCPS family!

Travel Tracker: Well done to **Year 1** 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 1	87%
Year 6	83%
Year 4	81%
Year 3	79%
Year 2	72%
Year 5	65%

Dojo Points

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

1183	1011	1035	1025
1st= Burton 0 pts	1st= Loudham 0 pts	1st= Bendrose 0 pts	1st= Coleman 0 pts

Attendance This Week:

19th September

Attendance: Some excellent attendance scores this week with **Year 2** reaching the top of the leader board again with a fantastic **99.1%**. 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	99.1%
Year 1	98.4%
Year 4	98.0%
Year R	97.9%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.3%
Year 3	96.0%

Whole School: 97.7%

CIF (Condition improvement funding) successful bid: I'm delighted to share that the Trust has been successful in a very large building regeneration funding bid for our school. The improvement works will be commencing during October half term and will last for 8-9 months.

The majority of the works will be carried out, out of school hours or during the holidays and weekends, but there may be some slight disruption to small elements of the school day. I will write to parents when this is applicable so you are aware of any changes to usual routines.

A significant sum of funding has been agreed to carry out the following improvements:

- Complete rewiring of the schools electricals and instalments of some suspended ceilings.
- Complete replacement of all internal fire doors.
- Replacement of all lighting within the school for LED, energy-efficient lighting.

Further details and updated photographs will be shared by me over the coming academic year. We appreciate your patience and understanding while these works are carried out. Minimal disruption has been promised by the contractors and we look forward to improved and updated facilities for the children. Mr Barrett, Mr Ditta and Myself have been really impressed with the proposed work meetings with Academy Estates so far and are excited to share the plans and progress with parents over the coming months.

Website: We are in the process of getting a new website platform—over the coming weeks you will see some changes to the school website. This is nothing to be alarmed about and will still contain the same information, just in a more succinct and user-friendly manner. Further updates will be sent out nearer to the time.

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: With 22.5kg of green tomatoes grown by and harvested from the Edible Garden by Year 4-5, this week has been all about making the most of our efforts and learning how to cook and preserve our wonderful fruit - its chutney making time again!



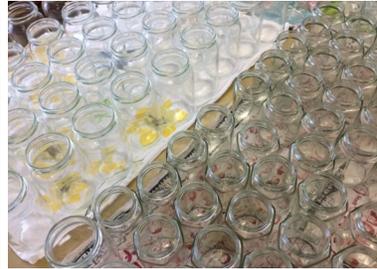
Year 5 came to the children's kitchen on Wednesday to chop up half the batch and match it with the same weight of our lovely home-grown Little Chalfont apples - no need to buy cooking apples this year with the yield the trees have managed this year. And then repeat today with Year 5! With nearly 61kg of dry ingredients alone (and some evening preparatory chopping of onions and garlic to expedite the cook and limit the late finish bottling!), it's no small undertaking, but we hope the results will be just as tasty and tantalising as last year's batch.

Mrs Tate and her fab band of helpers (thank you to parents Mrs Lister and Mrs Salim, our borrowed Librarian Nicky and LSA Mrs Davies!) your amazing children chopped their way through tomatoes and apples, carefully weighed raisins and learnt about all the other secret ingredients that went into our spellbinding autumn cauldrons to make up our magical mix of tasty goodness.



Thank you for all the clean glass jars sent in, pans lent and children enthused. The children were so careful with the knives, listening carefully to instructions and extremely competently handling their implements safely and respectfully. Well done to both classes!

Once all the bottling, washing up and cleaning up is complete, years 5 and 6 will come back to label up their creations and we will have it available again for sale to raise funds for school - so make a note for Christmas, along with the LCPS apple juice they make a lovely personal and festive gift!



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

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

