

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an excellent week in school. We've had lots of volunteers from Cytiva helping complete the construction of the polytunnel as well as volunteers from Sparx Reader coming to label lots of our books to be used for a whole school reading initiative that will be launching soon—more on that over the next couple of weeks!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week in Nursery our focus story has been 'Fletcher and the Falling Leaves' by Julia Rawlinson. The children have been on a walk around the school grounds identifying signs of Autumn. They had a lot of fun chasing, playing with and collecting the Autumn leaves.

Reception: Well done to all the children who have now completed their second full week in school. This week in Reception we have continued our topic of 'All about Me' and experienced our first PE lesson in the hall – we were learning how to follow instructions, find a space, warm up and cool down. In Literacy we started to learn our focus story Brown Bear and in Maths we have been comparing quantities using the terms 'more' and 'fewer'

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been learning to read and write words containing the sound "ie". We have also been focusing on our common exception words "could", "want", "oh" and "like". We have also been embracing our science topic of animals by identifying and naming animals we know and exploring those that are not so familiar to us. Finally, we have been embracing the Autumnal weather and exploring the seasonal changes in and around the school grounds, zooming in closely on the autumn leaves and conkers!

Year 2: have had another fantastic week. They have been developing their collage techniques in art and continuing their excellent start in topic learning about The Great Fire of London. In maths they have put in a superhuman effort to complete their first unit in maths this year on place value. Well done Year 3— an excellent effort!

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been busy continuing their work in gymnastics and building confidence in French. In English, the children have been planning their own wishing tales, while in maths they completed an end of unit assessment on place value and have now started a new unit on addition and subtraction. A special congratulations goes to our newly elected Eco Council and School Council representatives, chosen by their classmates to take on these important roles!

Year 4: This week, we've been making great progress in our *Kensuke's Kingdom* book, finally discovering how Michael disappeared. The children have been highly engaged with the story and are very excited to continue next week after being left on such a cliffhanger! In Science, pupils took part in another hands-on practical activity, predicting and investigating which instruments make a high or low pitch. The pupils were set the challenge of finding the link between the features of the object and its pitch. It was great to see many groups rising to the occasion and sharing their thoughts with the class.

Year 5: have had a fantastic week of learning! In English, the children have been writing their own myth narratives. They have impressed me with their ambitious verb choices and expanded noun phrases which have helped bring their stories to life for the reader. In Maths, we have begun our addition and subtraction topic, which has demonstrated strong problem-solving skills when tackling longer and more challenging questions. This week Year 5 also demonstrated immense respect and maturity during their school and eco council speeches. The children took turns to present their ideas clearly and confidently and I was so impressed with the thought and preparation they put into their speeches. Well done Year 5!

Year 6: This week, Year 6 have been busy crafting their own imaginative poems in English, inspired by *Song of the Witches*. The children showed great creativity, experimenting with vivid language and spooky imagery to bring their stanzas to life.

To do this week ...

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

Looking Ahead...

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

- 1st Oct—Parent coffee morning 9am.
- 2nd Oct—Year 3 Netball @ DCHS.
- 2nd Oct—Buddhist Monastery visit Year 4
- 3rd Oct—SEND provision maps sent home
- 6th Oct—Year 5 residential to Ufton Court
- 6th Oct—PTA AGM 7pm @school
- 8th Oct—Author visit (Patrick Gallagher)
- 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 **Faith** (Yr 1), **Anoushka** (Yr 2), **Emma** (Yr 3), **Autumn** (Yr 4), **Arjan** (Yr 5) and **Aarav** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Head Boy and Girl and Deputies: Well done to the children who were selected for these roles today. I wanted to add that all the children that applied were phenomenal and the choice this year was probably the hardest yet.

Head Boy / Girl: **Aarav and Ori**

Deputy Head Boy and Girl: **Daksh and Sophia**

Eco / School Council: Well done to the following children who have been selected as the representatives of their year groups for the role of School Council and Eco Council.

School Council:

Year 3— **Raaghav and Anika**

Year 4- **Jessica and Max**

Year 5- **Arjun and Willa**

Year 6— **Anvita and Frederick**



Eco Council:

Year 3— **Advitha and Lucas**

Year 4— **Nirvaan and Antra**

Year 5— **Evie and Kai**

Year 6— **Ruhi and Ayan**

Coffee morning: As a continuation of last year's successful coffee mornings, we will be holding our first coffee morning of the year next Wednesday at 9am. All parents welcome—this is a great opportunity for our new parents to meet myself and Mrs West in a slightly more informal setting. Please share with other families as would be great to see as many parents there as possible.



Dojo Points

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

1383	1211	1135	1125
1st= Burton 0 pts	1st= Loudham 0 pts	1st= Bendrose 0 pts	1st= Coleman 0 pts

Specs for Uganda: Last term, we undertook a charity fundraiser for the Specs for Uganda charity. Our families and children raised an incredible £4,000 which is incredible. Thank you to all our families for their support for this worthwhile charity—as you can see below, a great cause has benefited significantly in your kind fundraising efforts. The thank you message from the children and Headteacher [can be found here](#).



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

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

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

