

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another enriched of learning opportunities, with more strong outcomes, for the children.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** have been exploring kindness, sharing, and friendship. Our focus story was 'Don't Hog the Hedge' by Amy Sparks. This book sparked a lovely circle time discussion where the children shared their own brilliant ideas about what it means to have 'kind and friendly' hands and why sharing with our friends is so important.

**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 with the correct letter formation. In Maths we have been comparing size, mass and capacity. The children have also enjoyed our focus on Senses, looking at the sense of taste by trying sweet, sour, bitter and salty food!

**Year 1:** have been fully immersed in our new literacy text 'The Tiger who came to tea'. We have been learning about adjectives and using these in our writing to describe the big, furry, stripy tiger. Phonics this week has also been a highlight, the children are able to recall the new sound 'ea' and embed this within word reading and writing too! The children have also been learning about the 5 oceans of the world and have been learning a new song to help them remember the order the oceans rank in size. Another brilliant week of learning Year 1 Well Done!

**Year 2:** have had a fantastic week! In Maths, they began their new unit on addition and subtraction, working hard to develop their number skills. In History, the children continued learning about the key events of the Great Fire of London, building on their understanding of this important event. In Science, they carried on investigating different materials and thinking about their suitability for different objects, showing great curiosity and reasoning.

**Year 3:** have enjoyed an exciting range of learning and activities. In lessons, the children explored pharaohs in Ancient Egypt, and in PSHE they had thoughtful discussions about actions, consequences, and making good choices. In English, they proudly shared their completed 'wishing tale' story writing, while in guided reading they followed the adventures of *The Iron Man* and were left on a cliff-hanger, eager to find out what will happen next. In maths, pupils are becoming more confident with addition and subtraction using exchanges. The highlight of the week would have to be taking part in a netball tournament at Dr Challoners High School on Thursday, where pupils showed great teamwork and enthusiasm.

**Year 4:** This week has been an incredible test of resilience for Year 4, and they have shown just how well they can adapt to sudden changes and let downs. As you may be aware, our RE trip was unfortunately cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Despite this setback, I was really impressed with the pupils' patience and resilience. Once back at school, the pupils were fantastic at jumping straight back into learning, in the afternoon, they completed their final pieces of Fauvism artwork. I was blown away by their creativity and effort. Each pupil took time to carefully sketch their ideas before bringing them to life with bold, vibrant colours, perfectly capturing the Fauvist style.

**Year 5:** have started exploring autobiographies in English, with a focus on the life of Olaudah Equiano. The children have been very mature and respectful when understanding his story. We have been developing our understanding of Hindu commitment to God, exploring the significance of the Ganges river and stilling. I have been really impressed with the level of focus in all lessons this week. Well done Year 5!

**Year 6:** This week in Science, Year 6 have been investigating the effect of changing the number and voltage of cells in an electrical circuit. The children worked carefully to test their predictions and observed how the brightness of a bulb could be altered by adjusting the power supply. They really enjoyed the hands-on aspect of the lesson and demonstrated some excellent scientific thinking as they drew conclusions from their results.

## To do this week ...

- PTA AGM—all parents welcome—7pm @ LCPS on Monday 6th October.
- Book tickets through the PTA for fireworks night on 5th November @ LCPS
- Remember warm, waterproof jackets to account for the change in weather over the next 7 days

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 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 **Freddie** (Yr 1), **Kershav** (Yr 2), **Alex** (Yr 3), **Leina** (Yr 4), **Shanvika** (Yr 5) and **Marni** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



**Drop off procedure:** Please note, if your child arrives at school after the line has left the playground to go to class, **it is essential** that you sign your child into school on the computer screen by the main office. We must always know which children are on site in case of emergency and there has been a number of instances recently where children have walked around to the classroom without signing in. This has led to a significant amount of time from the office staff checking in the classrooms to determine whether the child is here or not—as they have arrived after the register has been taken. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Fundraising for the PTA with no additional costs:** There are additional ways to raise money for our PTA **without any extra costs to you**—all money raised will be spent **directly on enriching your child's experience** and opportunities in school. Please see the below flyers with further information

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**£3,097** The amount generated for our school in 23/24!

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**Simply..**

- Set up a standing order just once:**
  - Account name: LCPS Vouchers
  - Account number: 44634781
  - Sort code: 60-01-15
  - Ref: your name
  - Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
- Send an email just once to:** [lcpsvouchers@gmail.com](mailto:lcpsvouchers@gmail.com)  
**Please tell us:**
  - Which shop(s) you would like and how much per shop
  - How much the standing order is for
  - Please email if anything changes/you cancel the standing order
- Collect your Giftcard:**  
Meet scheme coordinator at drop off/pick up just once to collect your reloadable gift card. From then on, your gift card will be topped up each month and you will earn commission for LCPS each time you shop! Additionally, disposable gift cards can be purchased as gifts or for one-off high value purchases.
- SPEND!**
  - TESCO - in store
  - SAINSBURYS - in store
  - WAITROSE/JOHN LEWIS - in store & online

## 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

**Overall winner**

Isabelle Spaven- Year 4 answered 9701 questions!

Amazing work, well done!



**Times Table Rockstars:** The monthly TTRS competition has resumed. **Year 4** is the highest using class at the moment. **Isabelle** is (yet again) the highest individual user answering nearly ten thousand questions throughout September.

**Class of the competition- Year 4**

	Class Average Correct	Class Total Correct
1	Year 4	1,167
2	Year 5	434
3	Year 2	372
4	Year 3	216
5	Year 6	105



**Football fixtures:** Recently, the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls teams have had fixtures against other local schools. Both teams performed exceptionally, displaying excellent teamwork and great competitiveness. Well done to all children involved!



**Attendance Last Week:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.6%
Year R	98.5%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 2	94.1%

**Whole School: 98.2%**

**Attendance:** This week has been another solid week for attendance (even with Covid reappearing). **Year 5** topped the leader board with an impressive **100%**. Good attendance is essential for strong social and academic progress.

**Travel tracker:** It has been another excellent week for active journeys to school this week. An active journey could be walking, scooting, cycling or park and stride and it a brilliant way to set your child up for a fantastic day of learning. Well done to **Year 1** who topped the leader board this week and were recognised in Celebration Assembly today.

**Science opportunity:** There is another online, excellent family learning opportunity from The Royal Society coming up. These Christmas lectures are coming up next few months to explore voyage and space. Further details and how to book can be [found by clicking here](#).



**Weekly Winners**

Year 1	86%
Year 6	85%
Year 3 and 4	82%
Year 2	74%
Year 5	60%

**Do you have concerns about a child?**

**LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM**



Mr Hacking  
DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee  
Deputy DSL & SENCo



Mrs West  
Deputy DSL & AHT

**No mobile phones**  
**No photography**

Please keep phones out of sight whilst on school property

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)



**Edible Garden update (proudly sponsored by Cytiva):** Apples apples apples - it was ALL about the apple juicing at the end of last week, thank you to everyone who gathered fruit and brought it in, it was an astonishing harvest this year and the children loved seeing and smelling all the different varieties of apples (and some pears!) piling up. We filled 4 car loads to the brim transporting the apples for juicing (thank you Vanessa, Emma and Mrs J for the assistance!) and filled 2 enormous cubic metre crates which were forklifted into the queue for pressing and bottling over the week-end!



As a result of all this lovely fruit, Mrs Tate and her garden volunteers were able to go back this week and collect an amazing 400 bottles of juice, the best result we've ever had! In clear bottles this year, you can see they are a beautiful rosy blush colour, just perfect for your autumn tasty tipples.

It was a massively close run thing on the class competition but winners were announced in celebration assembly and there will be new apple trees planted at school as a result! Well done to ALL the pickers and their supporters, first taste of the gorgeous juice will be coming round the classrooms very soon.



Sales of bottles of juice will also start shortly and order forms will be coming round next week so please do get your orders in early for Christmas presents for all your friends and relations and support your PTA fundraising! We sold a dozen bottles alone at the parents coffee morning this week, so it won't hang around. The juice is flash pasteurised so will keep for up to 12 months, although we're sure you'll want to enjoy it long before then! Low food miles, locally sourced, just natural fruit goodness with no added sugars or preservatives, a taste of the 2025 summer sunshine in a bottle. Chilled and enjoyed just as it is, or mix it up and mull it with spices for an alternative winter warmer - delicious and versatile! All monies raised will be reinvested in school resources to benefit all our children so it's a win win all round.

We also had a return visit from Cytiva volunteers last week to finish off the poly tunnel build, many thanks indeed to new faces Sylwia, Zoe, and Richard and returnees Delphine and Steve, who all pitched in along with regular LCPS volunteers David and Vanessa on Tuesday to measure, cut, screw and fix all the final bits of battening, trim the excess nets and polythene, hang the doors and secure them with rollers, and clear out the temporary cardboard base, ready for leveling inside and laying out of beds and benching areas to start. There's still a little way to go before we're up and running with growing but it was a big move to get the structure all complete before the winter wind and rain kick in, and good camaraderie and a real sense of satisfaction was had by all involved...and everyone went home with some garden produce and treats!



If you have any time during the week to spare and fancy getting stuck in with any of our garden projects, whether it be the DIY bits & bobs, helping with classes or any of the green fingered upkeep behind the scenes - ANY level of experience, from curious tinkering to experienced know-how, is absolutely warmly welcomed, for as much or as little time as you can spare, please just drop Mrs Tate a line on [gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:gardening@littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk) to arrange a time to pop in and see where you might like to get involved and join our merry crew - the children love to see their parents supporting what they do and we love meeting you all, making new friends and getting to know our school community and each other that little bit better!

Have a safe and restful weekend and thanks for the support,  
**Grateful and undaunted,**

Mr Hacking