

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fantastic week of learning with the children performing brilliantly.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** This week we read the story '*Peace at Last*' by Jill Murphy and used it to explore the theme of sound and listening. We put our listening skills to the test with a fun game, focusing on how we use our ears to follow instructions carefully. Building on this, the children discussed the importance of our classroom rules. Together, we agreed on some "Golden Rules" that we must all follow to ensure everyone stays safe and can enjoy their time at school.

**Reception:** This has been an exciting week in Reception - we were very excited to attend our very first Harvest assembly today and perform our Harvest poem for parents! Now that the weather is turning more autumnal and the leaves are changing, we have been on a walk around the school grounds exploring and identifying the signs and beautiful colours of autumn. We also planted tulip bulbs with Mrs Tate in our Edible Garden.

**Year 1:** have had another amazing week of learning showing off our school values through everything they do. I am so proud of everyone of them for showing readiness and being respectful in their lessons and around the school. The children have embarked on a new phonics journey looking at split digraphs! They have shown great resilience in learning yet another ai, ay and a-e sound. The children have also enjoyed using their skills in PE with Mrs Cook focused on Handball and during Topic this week we explored the world's three global climates, spotting similarities and differences between them. A super week Year 1, Well Done!

**Year 2:** have been busy creating their own class innovation of *Where the Wild Things Are*. In Maths, they continued exploring addition and subtraction and in Science, they experimented with different materials to discover how waterproof they are.

**Year 3:** It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 3! The children have been learning about the structure of Ancient Egyptian society and imagining who they would want to be if they lived in those times. In English, they began exploring a new short story, while in Science they continued their Rocks unit with Mrs Cook.

In PE, the class enjoyed continuing developing their skills in netball, and they've been practising songs for the Harvest Festival assembly. During Computing, pupils learned about networks and connections by creating webs showing how they're linked to family and friends.

**Year 4:** This week in Science, pupils explored how distance can impact sound. They predicted how many metres away they would be before they could no longer hear me. We went outside to test their predictions, going as far as 60 metres! Pupils learned that the further away you are, the weaker the sound waves become, making it harder to hear. In English, we have been exploring character descriptions through the Greek mythology text *Theseus and the Minotaur*. Pupils enjoyed acting out the story, with some fantastic performances!

This week, Year 4 and Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity to welcome author Patrick Gallagher for a special visit. Pupils enjoyed an engaging session learning about his first and second books. They were put to the test to see if they could pass the same trials faced by the characters in the stories, testing their knowledge and teamwork. A favourite part of the session was when the classes worked together to design a creature while two pupils faced away and drew based on their classmates' descriptions. Everyone was fascinated to see how their ideas were captured in another pupil's drawing. Overall, it was a fantastic session that continues to inspire our future writers!

**Year 5:** have had an absolutely incredible week at Ufton Court! I was truly blown away by the maturity, enthusiasm and respectfulness shown by every single child throughout the trip. From jewellery making and exploring genuine Anglo-Saxon artefacts to creating fires using flint and steel, the children fully immersed themselves in each experience. They also had the chance to step back in time to discover what daily life was like for the Anglo-Saxons before finishing the week with an exciting re-enactment of the Battle of Wessex.

Year 5 should be *immensely proud* of themselves for their independence, teamwork and fantastic attitude. They represented our school brilliantly and made this residential a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

**Year 6:** visited Chesham Mosque as part of our RE topic on Islam. The children asked thoughtful questions, shared their prior learning with confidence and demonstrated a deep respect and curiosity about the Muslim faith and its practices.

## To do this week ...

- **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.

- 14th Oct—Prospective parent open morning
- 14th Oct Year 5 Tag Rugby @ DHCS
- 15th Oct Governors meeting 6.30pm
- 15th/16th Oct—Parents Evening @ school
- 15th Oct—Phonics meeting (Reception parents) 9-10am
- 14th and 16th Oct—French café in school—selected year groups only
- 20th Oct—Diwali Assembly
- 22nd Oct—Diwali dance workshop (selected classes)
- 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 **Ciaran** (Yr 1), **Mia** (Yr 2), **Danny** (Yr 3), **Luky** (Yr 4), **Emilia** (Yr 5) and **Ayan** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



**Harvest Assembly:** Today, our Reception parents observed our Harvest assembly. This was the first assembly that the Reception children have attended with all year groups contributing. The celebration included recognising the food collection that families have contributed which will significantly help families via our charity link at Chiltern Food Bank in Chesham. **Thank you to all families for your contributions.**

In addition, we announced the apple juice winners for the recent competition—the certificates and winning apple juice prizes were given out. Well done to **Year 6** for winning the competition!



**LCPS Apple Collection for Juicing 2025**  
**Winners of the Class Collection Competition**  
 Year 6  
 Signed: Mr Hacking ..... Signed: Mrs Tate .....

## 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

**Attendance:** This week has been another solid week for attendance **Reception** topped the leader board with an impressive **100%**. Good attendance is essential for strong social and academic progress.

<b>Year R</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>99.4%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.9%</b>

**Whole School: 96.8%**



**Weekly Winners**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>64%</b>

**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.

**Sponsored read:** I'm delighted to follow up Ms Lomas' email today to broadcast the upcoming sponsored read competition. Please see the original email and attached flyer for details. All sponsorship revenue will be used directly to purchase new reading books and your children will have access to that. We are aiming to replenish all the 50 recommended reads to further enhance our reading offer. **Read to succeed!**

Please see the communication about enrichment fund that went out today for any families that would like to further support this great initiative!



## SPONSORED READ!

A reading adventure!

- When:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- What:** Get sponsored to read books!
- Goal:** Foster a love of reading!



**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




**Year 5 residential:** This week, Year 5 went on an exciting trip to Ufton Court. The purpose of this trip was to enrich the children's learning in English and History about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon era that they are currently studying. As you can see from the photos the children had a great time!



**Chesham Mosque visit:** To bring their RE unit on Islam and their topic unit on "the Golden Age of Islam", year 6 this week visited the mosque in Chesham. The children showed respect and curiosity at all times whilst enhancing their in-school learning.





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