

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week of learning with myriad opportunities for the children to shine.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week, the Nursery children have been having a wonderful time exploring all things pumpkin! We've delved into the science of how they grow, learning all about the pumpkin life cycle. The children also got hands-on, identifying the different parts of a real pumpkin. To complement our learning, we've been enjoying the delightful story "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper. This book has sparked fantastic discussions about the importance of friendships, sharing, and talking about our feelings.

Reception: have continued to learn about the senses, and have focused on the sense of sight. In Maths, we have started a new White Rose topic, beginning to focus on accurate counting, subitising and representation of numbers 1 2 and 3. In our Jigsaw PSHE lesson we discussed the importance and reasons for having rules and the fact that all children have the right to be happy and feel safe.

Year 1: This week year 1 have been great at spotting different split digraphs within our Phase 5 phonics. Year one have also been working hard in math's this week exploring number lines and comparing numbers through matching. We have also been using our text *The Tiger who came to tea* to unscramble words and create sentences from the story. The children have been recognising what a good sentence looks like, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Another great week of super learning.

Year 2: have had a fantastic week of learning! They planted their tulip bulbs in the garden and explored how different materials can change shape through a series of fun experiments. The children also let their imaginations run wild as they invented their own versions of *Where the Wild Things Are*. In maths, they have been working hard to continue developing their addition and subtraction skills.

Year 3: It's been another fantastic week in Year 3! The children have been learning about the role of women in Ancient Egyptian society, making thoughtful comparisons to life today. In maths, they have shown great resilience while practising the column method for addition and subtraction.

During English, the class worked together to create an imaginative whole-class 'portal' story, with lots of brilliant ideas contributed by everyone. The students also enjoyed a fun and interactive French café experience with Madam Worthington, practising their language skills in a real-life setting.

Year 4: In English, we have been planning and writing our class character description based on Medusa and Perseus. As a class we have been brainstorming ways to make the writing more suspenseful and descriptive. Together, we explored how to build tension through our characters' reactions and our descriptions of the terrifying Medusa! The pupils are now looking forward to creating their own character descriptions, creating their own menacing creature! In PE, we had our final dance lesson, and it was fantastic to see everyone taking part and remembering all the moves. Mrs Bradshaw and I were amazed by the pupils' commitment, and teamwork as they performed the entire dance from start to finish. What a wonderful way to end our dance unit!

Year 5: have been exploring the life of Ruby Bridges and have written an autobiography about her life. Our English topic links to Black History Month, raising awareness of some of the hardships and inequalities faced in America and around the world. Year 5 have navigated these lessons with immense maturity and I am impressed with their engagement in the lessons. Year 5 have also been drawing their final pieces, using pencil tonal techniques to create a realistic drawing from an object in front of them. I have been blown away at the level of detail and precision the children have shown, especially after completing their final piece on A3 paper! A fantastic week for Year 5!

Year 6: took part in our *French Café* experience. Pupils enjoyed practising their French communication skills by serving food and drinks to KS2 pupils and being served by Year 5. A fantastic opportunity to use French in a real-life context.

To do this week ...

- **Book tickets** through the PTA for fireworks night on 5th November @ LCPS
- Remember we break up next **Wednesday** for half term.
- Yrs 2-6 use Century for academic practice over the holiday period and read daily with your child.

Looking Ahead...

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

- 20th Oct—Diwali Assembly
- 21st Oct—Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
- 22nd Oct—used book sale in the playground 3.15pm
- 22nd Oct—Diwali dance workshop (selected classes)
- 23rd Oct—3rd Nov—Half term—**Children return on 4th Nov**
- **7th Nov**—Cultural Awareness Day #1
- 7th Nov—Yr 6 parent open morning
- 10th Nov—Odd Socks Day
- 10th Oct—Yr 4 Ancient Egypt Day
- 14th Nov—Yr 5 parent open morning
- 14th Nov—prospective parent open morning
- 21st Nov—Yr 4 parent open morning
- 26th Nov—Yr 6 Chocolate Workshop
- 26th Nov—Parent coffee 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 **Lina (Yr 1), Rhea (Yr 2), Henry P (Yr 3), Adele (Yr 4), George (Yr 5) and Lilly (Yr 6)** who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Book sale: We are pleased to announce a non-fiction library book sale that will take place after school on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 on the playground from 3.15pm..

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books and support the school.

Payment: **We will be accepting both cash and card payments.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support of the school.



Year 5 Tag Rugby: This week, the Year 5 children had wonderful experience of a tag rugby event at DCHS. There was an abundance of teamwork, energy and respect on display and the children had a wonderful time. Well done to all those involved!



Safe crossing of Amersham Road: A number of parents and local residents have raised an issue that some of our older children are not crossing Amersham Road in a safe manner—not using the pedestrian crossing. Please ensure you are aware if your child is crossing safely and if not then reiterate the expectation of how to cross safely using the pedestrian crossing. **Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.**

Royal Legion Poppy Appeal: From Tuesday 4th November, the Year 6 children will be visiting classrooms to sell poppies for the Royal Legion. If you would like your child to have one, please bring in £1. Thank you for your support!

Dojo Points

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

3684	3182	3324	3554
1st= Burton 0 pts	1st= Loudham 0 pts	1st= Bendrose 0 pts	1st= Coleman 0 pts

Attendance Last Week:

17th Oct

Year 6	98.9%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 4	97.2%
Year R	97.0%
Year 2	96.7%

Whole School: 96.7%

Attendance: This week has been another solid week for attendance. **Year 6** topped the leader board with an impressive **98.9%**. Good attendance is essential for strong social and academic progress.



Weekly Winners

Year 1	85%
Year 6	85%
Year 4	84%
Year 2	83%
Year 3	82%
Year 5	62%

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.



French Café: The children had an excellent immersive experience this week at our very own "French Café." The children were able to order and consume items from the café, subject to the request being in spoken French. The children loved it—thank you to our Year 5 and 6 helpers and Madame Worthington for their organisation.



Sponsored read: We've had loads of interest in the sponsored read competition that Ms Lomas launched last week—keep going, the children are doing amazing so far! Our 50 recommended reads arrived yesterday and once stickered, they will be available for children to access in the library over the next week! So far the children have raised (and we have received) £424 towards the new books!

PTA—important upcoming dates for your diary:

- Weds 5th November 5-7pm - fireworks event
- Saturday 6th December - parents dinner and dance
- Friday 12th December 4.30-7.30pm - Christmas Fayre

Writer of the Month: Today, during Celebration Assembly, the teachers recognised the following children for excellent effort and outcomes in writing this month: **Monvi** (Yr 1), **Felicity** (Yr 2), **Amayrah** (Yr 3), **Ida** (Yr 4), **Evie** (Yr 5), **Aarav** (Yr 6) - well done to all the children for their efforts!



Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Hacking
DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee
Deputy DSL & SENCo



Mrs West
Deputy DSL & AHT

LITTLE CHALFONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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): A week of cooling weather in the Edible Garden while we make the most of the remaining light in the days to clear down the fading summer crops and prepare for the autumn sowings. The Year 6 Garden Guardians have been incredibly helpful this week, weeding in their lunchtimes and helping Mr Alexander, Mrs Atkin and Mrs Tate to take out the finished tomato plants for composting and repot some of the herbs from the beds into pots to overwinter. Still loads of green tomatoes coming out of the garden but that is the last of them now.

Also time to plant bulbs! So easy to do at this time of year for a fabulous display of colour in the Spring, to make even the least green-fingered of us look like pro-horticulturalists! If you're a beginner gardener and want some gorgeous colour going into next year this is a great way to start.

First up - the "proper" edible bulb plantings (yes, onions are bulbs too!). Year 1 came out to plant white "Snowball" onion and red "Electric" onion sets (mini onion bulbs), lining them up and spacing them along canes to mark the right distances. Following their curiosity, we also had a little tour and taste of the remaining herbs growing in the garden - we now have some big fans of parsley, chives and purple basil (the yummy pesto smelling one!)

Year 2 came out to examine all the angles of tulip bulbs and pot up 4 big pots with 3 layers of 10 multi-coloured tulips each, 120 bulbs wrapped up snug in crumbly compost in less than an hour. We've stashed them under the benches in the edible garden to stop the squirrels having a winter raid of their edible energy store, and to keep them cool (no need to them to be inside, they need a certain number of "cold hours" over the winter to initiate flowering). They'll get enough moisture from the soil and rain over the winter to keep them quietly dormant, no need to water either at this time of year. And in the spring when they begin to sprout, we'll bring them round to outside the classroom for watering and hopefully a super display!

Tulips are actually edible too, which is partly why we include them in the edible garden (as well as their colour and pollinator appeal). During Holland's 17th century Golden Age, the craze of "tulipomania" (when tulips were new to Europe and prices went sky high for the most exotic and unusual), there is an apocryphal tale of a servant unwittingly cooking a single tulip bulb worth more the grandest canal side house in a fashionable district of Amsterdam, much to the distress of their master! The Dutch were also known to have resorted to eating them during the hunger of World War II, although now tulips are primarily bred for their flowering rather than edible qualities, so we wouldn't recommend it!

Next week we have Cytiva volunteers coming in on Wednesday 22nd to plant flowering bulbs in the Quiet Garden round the back of school. The plan is to enhance this over time with more defined Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter planting for the four quadrants, to make it more of an immersive seasonal resource for learning (as well as a beautiful and relaxing place for the children to be at playtimes!). The first step is to add snowdrops, crocus, tulips and allium bulbs for Winter, Spring and Summer. If there are any parents or carers who would like to come along and help with this day of planting, and learn how you can enhance your own garden in a similar way, please do email gardening@littlchalfontprimaryschool.co.uk to sign up! You will all be very welcome, no experience necessary.



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

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking

