

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A slightly shorter this week has seen some excellent outcomes and experiences. Thank you for all your support this half term, we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** We've had a fantastic time this week in Nursery exploring the Festival of Lights as part of our mini-topic on Diwali. The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed all the special activities. To support the children's learning and help them understand *why* Diwali is celebrated, we explored the important stories behind the festival. The children listened beautifully to the Hindu story of Rama and Sita, learning how people light lamps to guide them home. We also shared the Sikh story of Bandi Chhor Divas, which celebrates freedom and the story of Guru Hargobind Ji. It was a wonderful way to celebrate different cultures, creativity, and the triumph of light over darkness.

**Reception:** have been learning about the sense of "sound." This week the children undertook a learning walk around the school grounds to identify as many different sounds as they could. It highlighted to the children what an impressive amount of sounds they can experience in short amounts of time, every single part of the day.

**Year 1:** What a fantastic start to the year it's been for Year 1! The children have shown incredible resilience and perseverance as they've settled into new routines, embraced fresh challenges, and continued to grow in confidence across all areas of learning.

This half term we've been busy exploring our Science topic, Animals Including Humans. The children have enjoyed identifying and naming different animals, learning about their body parts, and understanding how humans and animals are similar and different.

A recent highlight was our learning and celebration of Diwali. The children listened to stories, created colourful rangoli patterns, and learnt about the importance of light and family in this special festival.

**Year 2:** Even though this week has been a short one, Year 2 have certainly packed a lot into it! They made some delicious and healthy fruit salads in DT and thoroughly enjoyed their *Fire of London* day where they took part in a range of exciting activities and learned more about what life was like for people living in London at that time.

**Year 3:** had an excellent experience using NowPressPlay on the final day of half term. This immersive experience brought some of the learning in their topic unit to life and allowed the children to connect experiences to long-term memory.

**Year 4:** In English, pupils have been busy writing their own character descriptions, creating their own heroes and creatures. It's been wonderful to see the incredible detail and creativity in their monster descriptions! Today, pupils also took part in a *Now Press Play* experience focused on sound, helping them to consolidate their learning in an interactive way. The highlight for many was the *Ancient Greece* experience — set in Athens, where they faced the challenge of reclaiming their city from the Spartans. Pupils loved every moment of it!!



**Year 5:** have had an absolutely incredible first half term! They have settled in brilliantly and demonstrated their growing maturity on so many occasions — our trip to Ufton Court was a perfect example of this. The children have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into all areas of the curriculum, showing great enthusiasm, creativity and determination. Their hard work has led to some truly outstanding pieces of work that they should be very proud of. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful break, ready to return refreshed and excited for another half term full of fantastic learning!

**Year 6:** have successfully completed their first Maths topic on fractions. The children have shown great resilience as they tackled some tricky concepts and challenged themselves to deepen their understanding. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow - well done, Year 6, for your hard work and determination. It's been a really successful start to the year and I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, restful half-term break!

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 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 Greece  
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 Work-  
shop
- 26th Nov—Parent coffee morn-  
ing
- 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](#).



**Edible Garden update (proudly sponsored by Cytiva):** Our Cytiva colleagues, children and team of parent volunteers spent a significant amount of time planting bulbs on Wednesday. They have planted bulbs to flower in each season to bring parts of the school grounds to life as well as give the children an opportunity to notice different changes in nature and seasons. It should also help our pollinating friends, which in turn will benefit our Edible Garden produce.

**Nursery Diwali experience:** Today, some of our Nursery parents visited the classroom for some hands-on Diwali opportunities. The children (and parents) had a brilliant time!



**Royal Society Christmas Family Science events:** Please [click here](#) to book tickets for the upcoming Royal Society family science lectures. All details can be found on that link and it's a brilliant opportunity for budding scientists whilst also an opportunity for families to connect with real-life experiences.

**Building works commence!** When you come back from your holiday you may notice some minor changes to the playground. A smaller section has been allocated to our contractors who will be with us for approximately the next 9 months—during this time they will be

- Rewiring the entire school
- Installing LED lighting throughout the school
- Replacing all internal doors

Thank you for your patience during these building works. Most of the works will take place outside of school hours so disruption will be minimal. We're looking forward to an enhanced facility for the children to learn in at the end of the scheduled works next summer.



Thank you for your support and have a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th November.**

**Grateful and undaunted,**

Mr Hacking