

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another excellent week of learning. I've enjoyed seeing the older children participate in the Bebras National computational skills challenge. Further information [can be found here](#). Please check the newsletter later for information about the recently held last Friday!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** The week in Nursery we have had a very thoughtful time introducing the children to the celebration of Remembrance. We focused on the poppy as a special symbol of remembrance and thanks. To help us explore this theme together, we gathered for a special story time to read 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. This beautifully written and illustrated book provides a gentle, age-appropriate way to talk about remembering. The children then used their art skills to make their very own poppy crafts! They were all very focused using soft pastels, paper, and glue to create wonderful red poppies.

**Reception:** have started to learn some of the songs for our Nativity this week and learnt about people who help us in our community. They took part in Odd Socks Day and discussed how we can be kind in our friendship groups and how our words and actions can affect others. They have also started to use mathematical language to describe the properties of circles and triangles.

**Year 1:** This week year 1 have got stuck into their learning of long vowel sounds and tricky words. We have been exploring these daily and the children have been making fantastic progress. We have also been busy exploring number sentences and creating fact families using part whole models. The children have enjoyed using resources to show their mathematical understanding. In PE the children loved adding the next steps to their dance, showing off their counts of 8 to a popular song from the lion king. The children have been learning to move their bodies in different ways to create actions that represent a variety of jungle themed animals. Another great week Year 1, keep up all your hard work.

**Year 2:** have had a busy week! They've been working hard to learn their songs for the upcoming Nativity and have shown great effort with their exchanges in maths. In science, they successfully completed their end-of-unit assessments on materials.

**Year 3:** This week, Year 3 were excited to finish *The Iron Man* in guided reading, celebrating the end of the story and discussing their favourite moments. In English, they were introduced to their new model text - a newspaper article, which they will be exploring over the coming weeks.

In maths, the class have made a strong start to their new unit on multiplication and division. During PE, pupils continued developing their skills in football, focusing on control, movement, and teamwork.

In history, the children explored the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and used their learning to write a diary entry from the perspective of an archaeologist, imagining what it might have felt like to uncover such an incredible find

**Year 4:** This week we had our Ancient Greece "History Off the Page" event. The pupils dressed up as Ancient Greeks, and were immersed in the city of Athens during the time of the Battle of Marathon. The pupils participated in hands-on activities, creating wax tablets, pendants, and other crafts. They also visited the oracle to ask about the outcome of the war, all while keeping a watchful eye out for spies gathering information about Athens' defences! In the afternoon, the pupils experienced the popular Ancient Greek pastime of theatre either performing a movement piece to music about the sea and Poseidon, or stories like Agamemnon and the Cyclops. It was a fantastic day that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed!

**Year 5:** Had a brilliant week this week, disseminating the art of understanding fractions in maths. In addition to this they have had an energetic week of PE demonstrating the school values in abundance. Thank you for all your efforts this week Year 5, you are maturing and flourishing. We loved seeing the Year 5 parents at the open morning today.

**Year 6:** This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in the *Primary Maths Challenge* - a nationally recognised competition renowned for its tricky and thought-provoking problems. Our students rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination, demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills and perseverance. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and success in tackling such a challenging contest!

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 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
- 27th November—Yr 4 trip to Buddhist Monastery
- 28th November—Yr 3 Parent Open Morning
- 1st Dec—Assessment Week (Yrs 1-6)
- 3rd Dec—Yr 2 Parent Open Morning
- 3rd Dec—Xmas lunch
- 5th Dec—Yr 1 Parent Open Morning
- 9th Dec—Yr 3 Ancient Egypt Day
- 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th Dec—Nursery Parent Open Morning
- 12th Dec—Yr 5 Oxford Science Museum trip
- 19th Dec—Break up for Xmas holidays 2pm finish (**Back on 7th Jan 2026**)

### To do this week ...

- Warm, appropriate clothing next week for a change in temperature
- Please bring a change of footwear for PE in case of wet ground/mud
- Continue to read with your child daily—KS2 children use Sparx Reader



## Attendance Last Week:

14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Year 6	99.4%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 4	96.3%
Year R	96.0%

Whole School: 96.9%

**Attendance:** This week has been another solid week for attendance. **Year 6** topped the leader board with an impressive **99.4%**. Good attendance is essential for strong social and academic progress.

## Weekly Winners

Year 1	89%
Year 6	88%
Year 3	86%
Year 2	80%
Year 4	79%
Year 5	65%

**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 (again) and were recognised in Celebration Assembly today.

**Odd socks Day:** On Monday this week, we raised awareness for Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to school. This is an important initiative that was followed up by an assembly from Mrs West on Tuesday to help the children understand what bullying is and how it



can be addressed. Thank you for all your support in this important matter.

**Times Table Rockstars competition:** See below from Mrs Platt (our Maths Co-ordinator)

Years 2- Years 6 will be able to take part in a School TTRS competition across schools in England called England Rocks.

Starts: **18th Nov 25, 07:30 GMT**

Ends: **20th Nov 25, 19:30 GMT**

Daily open times: **07:30 - 19:30**

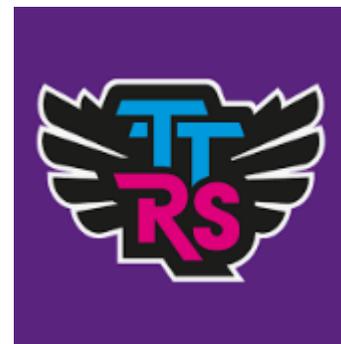
Daily minutes limit: **60 minutes**

*How does it work?*

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.  
Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10



## 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):** All about the power of volunteering this week!

Fantastic to have so many people come and help out last Saturday on our family gardening day. A lovely fun time in the late autumn sunshine was had by all and really uplifting leaps forward achieved in getting things done - teamwork makes the dream work!

We got our new cabin painted, all our marvellous soil enriching "gardeners gold" composted leaves collected by the children in the last two years in our wire leaf mould frames cleared out, and transported to top up our Year 5 "Dig for Victory" beds to feed our next years potato crop with earthy goodness. Our helpers also managed to get the bean beds cleared and topped up with mulch, and beans saved for next years seed planting, dried chilis separated from finished plants and catalogued for seed saving, the last of the onion sets planted out in the beds, finished dahlias cut back and stored in the cold frames to overwinter, the last of the sweetcorn and courgett plants cleared from our big beds into the compost bins so we can plant our garlic and spring bulbs, two holes dug for Year 5 and 6 to plant into their "apple collection winners" baby apple trees from last year and this year, and all the bird boxes made by Year 6 in 2024 up on a beautifully painted tree done by Nash Alpine on the side wall of Year 6 - a real legacy project from the children to the school to brighten up a plain corner and support the biodiversity in the wildlife garden opposite - hopefully some breeding birds in the spring!

Many thanks indeed to current parents and children Robin, Vanessa, Alex, Rachel, Ollie, Lou, Ali, Daisy, Farah, Noah, Tanmay, Keshav, Julia, Marni and Arlo and old hands Ben, Samuel and William, it was lovely to spend the day with you all!

On Monday we had 6 super helpful lads from Stony Dean school help us out with barrowing nearly the whole of two cubic metre bags of sand into the base of our polytunnel, ready to be levelled and weed mat laid. We have been so lucky to have their help every Monday morning this last year and again since September, with them helping to clear the overgrowth in the wild pond area, cut back hedges, paint sheds and fences, learning life skills and gaining work experience but benefitting us hugely...

...especially as they did all the ground work this week to enable our 4 Cytiva volunteers that afternoon to finish off transporting the remainder and then level it all for us! Big thanks to Susan, Erum, Lauren and Seival, who had come variously from Clapham Common and Boston USA to help us out that afternoon! Unbeknownst to us and very fortuitously Lauren coaches beach volleyball and her daughters are champion players, so she knew all about how to level a sandpit!

Rounding off the week Year 6 managed to get a break in the weather to come out and plant their garlic cloves, to get them going and hopefully onto another bumper harvest in July. This year we've planted lots of "Wight" varieties which are adapted well to the UK climate (do visit the fabulous garlic farm on the Ise of Wight if you ever get a chance) – Extra Early, Rhapsody, Kingsland, Carcasonne and Provence, so we'll try and keep a track on which does the best.

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

**Grateful and undaunted,**

Mr Hacking

