

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another enriched, immersive week of learning. Please ensure your child brings hat and gloves to account for the cooler weather.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** This week in Nursery, the children have been focusing on identifying and understanding their feelings! We read the wonderful book, 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which helped us discuss how different emotions like happiness, sadness, and anger can make our bodies feel. To reinforce this learning in a fun way, we also used [Makaton](#) signs to sing a song all about our feelings.

**Reception:** have continued taking part in the Christmas Nativity preparations this week by practising the [Makaton](#) actions accompanying the songs. In Literacy the children have furthered their understanding of 'Celebrations' through the story Kipper's Birthday. In Maths they have been learning that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers and that these are referred to as parts.

**Year 1:** have had another great week learning. We have explored news sound rules with phase 5 where the "ch" sound can make a "c" sound. The children have also been working hard in Literacy exploring personal pronouns and using capital letters for names and places. The weather has also shown a real change this week which has allowed the children to explore the seasonal changes of autumn and how this affects the plants and trees. In addition to this year 1 have also been working on fitness skills and dance in PE this week working as a team to add new movements to their routines. Another super week!

**Year 2:** have shown great effort in their maths this week, particularly with missing-number problems in both addition and subtraction. They also completed their independent newspaper articles about a fire, making a strong effort to include all the key vocabulary. In addition, they have all been working extremely hard during their nativity rehearsals. Well done, Year 2!

**Year 3:** completed a short-burst write using inverted commas to show speech. In maths, the children worked confidently on multiplying by 3. In history, they continued their Ancient Egypt topic by exploring the journey to the afterlife, learning about beliefs and rituals. The class also began exploring the background of Sikhism, gaining an understanding of its origins and key principles.

**Year 4:** This week we've been busy with our science enquiries! On Monday, we explored the characteristics of the three states of matter—solids, liquids and gases. Pupils acted out how particles behave in each state and then worked together to sort a range of objects into the correct category. On Wednesday, we investigated how temperature affects changes of state. Once again we used role-play to show how particles move when they are heated or cooled. In groups, pupils predicted how long an ice cube would take to melt and at what temperature, and then carried out the test. At the same time, I melted a piece of chocolate for comparison.

Afterwards, we discussed why the ice and chocolate melted at different rates and what happens to a material's state as it is heated.

**Year 5:** have been continuing with fractions this week, exploring how to compare and order fractions with the same numerator or denominator. Year 5 are showing some excellent resilience and determination to complete the more challenging fraction questions, which is fantastic to see. We have also been exploring the model non-chronological report, inspired by Dragonology. The children are really engaged and immersed in this English topic. I look forward to seeing their final reports in a few weeks.

**Year 6:** This week in topic, Year 6 have been exploring the layers of the rainforest. They identified the key features of each layer and discovered the different animals and plants that live there. The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity - it's been wonderful to see how engaged they are in learning about this incredible habitat.

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 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
- 17th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance 9.15am
- 17th Dec—Christmas Carol Concert in the playground 3pm
- 19th Dec—Break up for Xmas holidays 2pm finish (**Back on 7th Jan 2026**)



### To do this week ...

- Warm, **appropriate clothing** next week to account for the cold 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](#)

**Hot Chocolate with the Head:** Well done to **Henry** (Rec), **Evie** (Yr 1), **Vincent** (Yr 2), **Amayrah** (Yr 3), **Reyansh** (Yr 4), **Tulsi** (Yr 5) and **Anvita** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week. Thank you to Mr Crabb for supplying the Zombie bar snacks to help celebrate—further information [can be found here](#).



**Amersham Schools Together website:** The schools of Amersham are pleased to announce that they have collaborated to

create a website - [Amersham Schools Together](#) - that we hope will be a useful resource for parents navigating the local education system. By providing useful information about a range of topics we hope that parents will be able to better understand aspects of local schools. We will be updating the website with blog posts about relevant local educational issues from time to time. Please share this with friends and family so that as many people as possible are aware of it. The Heads from each local school will be frequently adding relevant information so please check regularly. Thank you.



**Amersham Schools Together**

**Primary Maths Challenge:** Well done to years 5 and 6 for completing the PMC this year. The questions were very challenging. The top certificates were given to the following children today during Celebration Assembly:

Gold – **Ayush** (Yr 6)

Silver- **Daksh** and **Ayaansh** (Yr 6)

Bronze- **Rishi** (Yr 6)



## Dojo Points

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

1375	1266	1299	1335
2nd= Burton 0 pts	2nd= Loudham 0 pts	1st= Bendrose 3 pts	2nd = Coleman 0 pts

## Attendance Last Week:

21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Year 6	99.4%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.9%
Year R	96.7%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 1	95.4%

Whole School: 96.2%

**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.

**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.

**Drive safely on Oakington Avenue:** There have been a number of complaints from residents this week about drivers stopping on Oakington Avenue and letting children out of the car from the middle of the road. Please ensure that you are parked next to a verge to enable safe exits for your children from your car. Thank you for your assistance.

### Christmas Story Competition:

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the entries to the Christmas story competition and can now announce that the winning house was **Burton!** The top 3 entries from each year group are:



**Reception:** Ansh, Evaansh and Pranavi.

**Year 1:** Kiansh, Kian and Ray.

**Year 2:** Gauhar, Om and Anoushka.

**Year 3:** Amelie, Irdhi and Hollie.

**Year 4:** Leina, Adele, Aryana-Zainab

**Year 5:** Arjun, Kai and Shanvika.

**Year 6:** Ayaansh, Myra and Ayan.

Well done!



### Weekly Winners

Year 1	82%
Year 6	80%
Year 4	79%
Year 3	79%
Year 2	76%
Year R	64%
Year 5	59%

## 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



**Edible Garden update (proudly sponsored by Cytiva):** Green tomato chutney headlining this week, with Year 6 children coming to label up the astonishing number of 255 jars that they and Year 5 have produced, with Year 6's brilliant and creative custom homemade labels. The designs are really beautiful and it was tricky to pick just one or two designs to sell their wares, so we have instead gone for as many as we could for the different jar sizes, so hopefully a bit of something for everyone.

The children showed great care and attention in getting the labels on straight, to produce something that would not look out of place on a supermarket shelf or farmers market! Their graphic design skills really shine when the labels are stuck on the jars and we hope, when we come to sell it at the Christmas Fair and nativity performances, that you will enjoy their colourful designs and support their enterprise and fundraising for the PTA by buying a jar or two for your Christmas dinner table or festive gifting.

We also started to recycle some of the pre-loved but unsold or slightly damaged/worn summer uniforms from the uniform sales into gingham chutney jar toppers, to give the jars that true country kitchen look, and in keeping with our school sustainability agenda, to repurpose unwanted clothing into something that keeps it from landfill! We looked at how the clothes were constructed and how they could be deconstructed and remade into new things - for fans of the Bake-Off format, it's maybe time to tune in to the Great British Sewing Bee and be inspired by textile creativity...and if you happen to have a pair of pinking shears at home and a hour or so free in front of the telly one evening, do let us know if you could help us cut out some more circles to hit our 255-jar target!

As we look towards selling the chutney, why not plan to combine your gifting or dinner table plans with a lovely bottle or two of LCPS rosy apple juice (which the PTA are now taking orders for - please see separate flyer for info on how to order in advance of the Fair and also how to get a bulk discount), it really is delicious (and will keep for up to 12 months should you want to ensure recipients enjoy it at their leisure...unless you quaff it all yourself first!)

Please place your juice order via the Google link here:-

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqB1Kgm6cGNz9crWhV2LCFOBAuxl7PhqYaTFhDI74e0LrZQ/viewform>



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

**Grateful and undaunted,**

Mr Hacking

