

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another incredible week in school. I was delighted that the Years 5 and 6 audition video for VIAM was successful—more on page 2! Look forward to seeing you all tonight at the PTA Xmas Fayre!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week the Nursery children have continued to immerse themselves in the topic and celebration of Christmas, our key text was "The Gruffalo's Child" by Julia Donaldson. The children listened beautifully to the story of the adventurous Gruffalo's Child who ignores her father's warning and ventures into the deep, dark wood to find the "Big Bad Mouse."

Reception: Reception have demonstrated huge resilience this week rehearsing every morning and maintaining a curriculum focus with phonics, PSHE focusing on gratitude, consolidating number and shape work and experimenting with different ways of movement in PE. Keep up the great work Reception!

Year 1: have been super busy getting ready to perform their Nativity production, I wanted to highlight how immensely proud the Year 1 team is, the children have shown great resilience and enthusiasm over the past few weeks to create a magical performance full of laughs and celebration. The children are very much looking forward to performing this next week!

The children have also been working very hard in maths where we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, creating patterns and spotting their various features. We've had fun creating our own patterns and discussing how shapes can be grouped in many different ways. During science the children have been learning about the weather and how these changes from Autumn to Winter. The children have been identifying and observing the weather this week thinking about how we can adapt to the change in temperature.

Finally, Year 1 has also been using the chrome books to explore different tools and create pictures, using different lines and marks. It's been a tricky to coordinate our hands and eyes but the children have worked really to create some great pieces of work.

Year 2: have worked extremely hard this week rehearsing for their Nativity performance. In English, they have been planning their own invented traditional tales developing characters and plot ideas. In Maths, the children have been identifying the vertices and edges of 3D shapes and sorting different shapes based on their properties. What a busy and productive week!

Year 3: finished their first multiplication and division unit in maths and took part in thoughtful discussions about religious joining ceremonies. In PE, the children worked hard on fitness circuits, and with Mrs Cook they continued developing their football dribbling skills. The standout moment of the week was our incredible History Off the Page day! The children were fully immersed in the life of an Ancient Egyptian - they created dances of the Nile, performed the story of the Wax Crocodile, learned about the Apis Bull, and explored the story of Osiris. They even turned detectives to solve a royal mystery, investigating who poisoned the Pharaoh... and after careful evidence gathering, they found Miss Hawkins guilty! A huge thank you to the parents who helped make the day such a success.

Year 4: This week in Science, pupils explored the water cycle, focusing on each of its stages. They especially enjoyed going outside to observe the clouds — and were very excited when they anticipated the precipitation stage and it actually happened! In English, pupils have been working on their class write, creating persuasive pieces explaining why readers should choose the Goddess Demeter as their gardener. In Guided Reading, pupils have been exploring poetry, analysing and annotating our class poem to better understand the descriptions, language choices, and structure.

Year 5: Have finished the maths topic of 'Fractions', which (again) has demonstrated their high levels of focus and resilience. We have also been learning about the rotation of the Earth in Science, exploring how we get our days and nights. Year 5 had the amazing opportunity to go to the Oxford Science Museum this week, solidifying their prior knowledge of Forces, Earth and Space, and represented the school really well! Well done Year 5!

Year 6: This week in English, Year 6 have begun their new unit on persuasive writing, starting by identifying key features of an effective persuasive letter. They then explored counterarguments and rebuttals using modal verbs, followed by studying expressions of conviction through carefully chosen adverbs. Pupils finished the week by internalising the structure of persuasive writing through text mapping and actions to help embed their learning.

Looking Ahead...

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

- 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th Dec—Nursery Parent Open Morning
- 12th Dec—Yr 5 Oxford Science Museum trip
- 12th Dec Xmas Fayre—4.30-7pm
- 15th Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal (children only NOT parents)
- 16th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 9.15am
- 17th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance 9.15am
- 17th Dec—Christmas Carol Concert in the playground 3pm
- 19th Dec Methodist Church Visit—all pupils Rec-Yr6
- 19th Dec—Break up for Xmas holidays 2pm finish (**Back on 7th Jan 2026**)
- 12th Jan Prospective parent open morning 9.15am
- 22nd Jan Reception height and weight check (in school)

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](#).

To do this week ...

- Come along to the PTA Xmas Fayre tonight with your children.
- Carol concert 3pm next Wed 3pm (in the playground)
- Continue to read with your child daily—KS2 children use [Sparx Reader](#)

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Eveleen** (Rec), **Harriet** (Yr 1), **Vittal** (Yr 2), **Henry W** (Yr 3), **Dylan** (Yr 4), **Keerthika** (Yr 5) and **Krish** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Message from Miss Higgs and Mr Attwell: I am absolutely thrilled to share some incredibly exciting news with you all. LCPS have been selected to perform our original song "**Brand New Day**" at The OVO Wembley Arena next year as part of Voice In A Million 2026. This is an extraordinary achievement and one that truly reflects the spirit, talent and determination of our wonderful pupils.

When the Creative Director reviewed our submission, they described the song as *an amazing, creative piece of work* and expressed how deeply impressed they were by the children's energy, confidence and musicality in the video. Hearing such high praise from a national platform is something we should all feel immensely proud of.

Many of you will remember that two years ago, our Year 5 and 6 pupils auditioned for the same event - and were successful. To be chosen a second time is unheard of and speaks volumes about the exceptional standard of performance our children continue to deliver. This is a very rare honour and I could not be prouder of every single child in our current Year 5 and 6 cohort.

Despite having very limited time to prepare for the audition, the children came together with remarkable professionalism. They learned, rehearsed and performed with such enthusiasm and focus. Their dedication has been truly inspiring and their success is incredibly well-deserved.

I am beyond excited to see the children take to the Wembley Arena stage and watch them shine.

Thank you for your continued support. More information will follow as we approach the event. A big thankyou to Duncan Wilson for filming the audition video free of charge to enable us to capture our excellent children's performance.

Bebras Challenge: Bebras Challenge: This week we received the scores and certificates for children in Year 2 to Year 6 who completed the Bebras Challenge in school. Further information [can be found here](#). The certificates are awarded according to the following:

The competition levels are Kits (Year 2 & 3), Castors (Year 4 & 5) and Juniors (Year 6). [Congratulations](#) for the following children who received 'Best in School' certificates:

- Ojas – Year 3
- Inesh – Year 3
- Kai – Year 5
- Daksh – Year 6
- Rikhil – Year 6

The other certificates (if achieved) will be handed out in class by the teacher.

Certificates are awarded for the following criteria being met:

Gold	Awarded to students whose score is in the top 10% at each level of the competition nationally .
Best in school	Awarded to the best student within the school at each level of competition.
Distinction	Awarded to students whose score is in the top 25% for each level of competition within the school .
Merit	Awarded to students whose score in the top 26 - 50% for each level of competition within the school .
Participation	Awarded to all other students who participate in the school.

Dojo Points

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

3253	2662	3299	3215
1st= Burton 6 pts	1st= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 6 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Attendance: This week has been another solid week for attendance. **Year 1** topped the leader board with an impressive **98.5%**. Good attendance is essential for strong social and academic progress.

Year 1	98.5%
Year 6	97.2%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 5	95.2%
Year R	94.2%
Year 4	93.5%

Whole School: 95.6%

New website: Further to my email last week, the new website platform is now live! Please spend some time familiarising yourself with this to ensure you are up to date with everything LCPS-related. [Please click here for website.](#)

Branching out book recommendations: Dear parents, please [follow this link](#) to find book recommendations based on books that your child has enjoyed reading before. This would be ideal as stocking fillers for any families that celebrate Christmas. Included on these lists are free, printable posters that will help to inspire your children to read over the holidays and further develop a love of reading. Remember 70% of the Primary Curriculum is linked to reading skills so its true to say **"Read to succeed!"** Children working at Greater Depth at reading in KS2 is a strong indicator of 11+ pass potential.



Christmas jumper day: Well done to all families, this week we have currently raised £222 for the charity Save the Children. A great effort which will make a positive difference to children locally and nationally.

Travel Tracker: Well done to year 1 for topping the leader board (for the 6th week in a row) for the most active journeys to school this week. An active journey is walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride and is an extremely positive way to enable a great day of learning for your child. Thanks for your assistance in this important initiative.



Weekly Winners

Year 1	87%
Year 6	85%
Year 2	81%
Year 3	77%
Year 4	76%
Year R	76%
Year 5	64%

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): A big thank you to some of our weekly volunteer pupils from Stony Dean School. This week they came and planted over 200 bulbs (purchased by Cytiva) to create a carpet of colour from Spring onwards for the children to observe as they walk through the playground.

The pupils have been coming a day a week for over a year, volunteering free of charge to hone the skills they could use when they leave school and start working. We've been super impressed by their hard work and efforts helping in myriad projects involving building, painting, sanding, planting and grounds maintenance.

Thank you pupils, we appreciate your help!



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

Grateful and undaunted,

Mr Hacking