

# LCPS Weekly Newsletter

*Ready. Respectful. Resilient.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to 2026 and a Happy New year from all the staff at LCPS. It's been great seeing the children back enthusiastic and willing to embrace multiple new topics!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

**Nursery:** have had a wonderful start to the new year! The children have settled back into their routines beautifully, focusing their learning on the season of winter. After enjoying the story *One Snowy Night* by Nick Butterworth, the class went on an observational walk around the school to identify and discuss the seasonal changes happening in our environment.

**Reception:** It has been a delight to see the children return refreshed and ready to learn! This week, we explored resilience and challenge in PSED while mastering subitising to 5 in Maths. We also revisited Phase 2 phonics and sentence skills, ensuring everyone is perfectly prepared to begin Phase 3 next week.

**Year 1:** have settled back into routines brilliantly this week. We are already bursting with new knowledge about understanding the numbers 10 and 20 and how these can be represented in different ways. Year 1 has also been exploring Christopher Columbus and his voyages as well as role playing and designing a recipe for being a great friend. The children had fun coming up with ideas on how they would explain to others what good friendship looks like. The children have been super resilient after a long break! Well done Year 1!

**Year 2:** have had a fantastic first week back after the holidays and have settled quickly into their learning. In maths, they have impressed us with their strong knowledge of money. In science, the children have begun exploring animals and their offspring, focusing on which young animals look like their adult forms.

**Year 3:** had a great first week back ; dissecting a diary entry in English; introducing Scandinavia in topic; fully immersing themselves in a new drumming piece and learning about what constitutes a miracle in RE. Solid start Year 3—well done!

**Year 4:** have started their new topics across a range of subjects. In Guided Reading, pupils made predictions about our new book, *Twitch*, based on the cover. Pupils also enjoyed their first music lesson, where they began learning to play the ukuleles—an experience they very much enjoyed. In RE, pupils explored what they think makes the world wonderful. They listened thoughtfully to one another's views and reflected while listening to the classic song *What a Wonderful World*. Overall, pupils have had a great start to the year, working hard and feeling excited about all the new learning ahead.

**Year 5:** Have had a great week settling back into the routines of Year 5. We continued exploring long multiplication, using column multiplication to work out challenging multiplication questions. We will be moving onto division next week. In English, we have started exploring creation stories, and identifying how we can write for a certain audience and purpose. The focus and work produced has been great this week, keep it up!

**Year 6:** This week in Art, Year 6 have begun an exciting new topic exploring the life and work of L.S. Lowry. Pupils will be learning about his distinctive style and how his artwork reflects life in industrial Britain.

## Looking Ahead...

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

- 12th Jan Prospective parent open morning 9.15am
- 22nd Jan Reception height and weight check (in school)
- 2nd Feb Yr 5 visiting Hare Krishna Temple
- 9th Feb Yr 5/6 VIAM workshop (in school)
- 12th Feb Author Rashmi Sirdeshpande visit Yrs 3-6
- 13th Feb half term
- 23rd Feb children back from half term holiday
- 24th Feb Yr 6 HoTP Victorian Day (in school)
- 25th and 26th Feb Yrs 2-6 Chinese New Year dance workshop
- 4th March Yr 2 Roald Dahl museum trip
- 5th March World Book Day workshops (all children—in school)
- 9th March Rec-Yr 1 Science week workshops (in school)
- 10th March Yrs 2-6 Science workshops (in school)

### To do this week ...

- Continue to read with your child daily—KS2 children use [Spax Reader](#)
- Ensure your children are wrapped up warm for a particularly cold spell.
- Please **DO NOT** park on the yellow zigzag lines (for emergency vehicles only) or stop in the middle of Oakington Avenue when dropping off as this is both dangerous and illegal.

### 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 **Nyla (Rec)**, **Casper (Yr 1)**, **Ellie (Yr 2)**, **Amelie (Yr 3)**, **Kuresh (Yr 4)**, **Leila (Yr 5)** and **Ishaan (Yr 6)** who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



**Times Table Rockstars:** We had another really high usage for Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) during the month of December.

Year 4 topped the leader board as a class and Aryana-Zainab (Yr 4) was the highest individual user with over 800 thousand questions answered.

Class of the competition- Year 4

1	Year 4	781
2	Year 3	481
3	Year 2	457
4	Year 6	174
5	Year 5	130

**Innovative Artist:** We had another incredible unit of artwork completed during the end of last term. Well done to **Aayansh (Yr 6)**, **Pia (Yr 5)**, **Jenny (Yr 4)**, **Kinza (Yr 3)**, **Keshav (Yr 2)**, **Asli (Yr 1)** and **Nyla (Rec)**. As you can see from the final pieces below another extraordinary effort with strong outcomes.



## Dojo Points

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

292	282	242	243
1st= Burton 6 pts	1st= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 6 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Class % of active journeys

1st. Year 1, Year 6 and Year 2 79%

2nd. Reception and Year 4 77%

3rd. Year 3 70%

4th. Year 5 65%

**Travel Tracker:** Well done to year 1, Year 6 and Year 2 for topping the leader board

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.

A much shorter week this due to the INSET and Development Days. Thank you for all your support to the start of term. Mrs Tate has been away on jury service this week and next so the gardening update will appear from 2 weeks time.

Grateful and undaunted

Mr Hacking

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

