



NEXT WEEK: Friday 10th October

hello yellow!

Supporting young people on World Mental Health Day in our brightest clothes - dress up, dress down or wear pyjamas!

Larwood School

Online Safety Update

Autumn Term 1

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Sharing pictures: Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first. more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

We recommend reading 'Younger children sharing pictures or videos online' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/Has-your-child-shared-a-picture-or-video-online/>

Community Spirit

During the first half-term of the year, students have the opportunity to try many of the skills we offer as part of our curriculum. These include cookery, sports, gardening, science, forest school, indoor games, art and community activities.

Community activities aim to encourage our students to consider how to develop as respectful citizens who understand their role in the wider community and demonstrate British Values. It's an opportunity to nurture their independence, to work as a team and build resilience when responding to challenges. This week, Mr Sheldon's Year 5 Class were allocated to the Community skills session. Whilst they might have approached it with a little reluctance, the class quickly engaged and it soon became a student led competition to collect the most litter.

At the end of the session, the students were asking to stay out in the sunshine a little longer.

There is a lot of evidence describing the positive impact of volunteering on mental and physical health, skills development and social wellbeing. Please see the following websites for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire to find more information on community based volunteering opportunities.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mrs Boon - Lexi - For making much more positive behaviour choices.

Mrs Lewis - Justice for settling in well and having a positive attitude towards his learning.

Miss Gwynne - Raife for showing great progress in working with new adults even when it's hard

Miss Heritage - Louie G for consistent good behaviour in class and always trying his best

Mr Rooke - Villiam, for consistently demonstrating diligence in his endeavours and exemplifying the qualities of an admirable role model within the classroom.

Mrs MacGuinness - Leo for his independent work in Science.

Mr Sheldon - Logan S for having a great week and being super helpful with taxis.

Mr Gotobed - Edward, for demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitude to

Ms Saunders - Archie for being an excellent role model.

Mrs Boyo - Tommy for great Literacy work.

Miss Kimpton's Space Hub - Maisie for great effort in reading.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Mr Rooke's class demonstrated the most improved attendance this week, whilst Mr Gotobed's class have shown amazing attendance, too.

Miss Lewis' class remain at the top of this term's attendance league table!



Headteacher Award!
Logan, Year 5
Mr Sheldon's Class



26th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Trustee and Member Opportunities for the Brighter Futures Education Trust

We are entering an exciting new chapter as our trust expands to meet the needs of even more young people. To help guide us on this journey, we are looking for committed and passionate individuals to join our Board of Trustees and/or become Members.

As a trustee, you will play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the trust, ensuring strong governance, and supporting our mission to provide high-quality education for children with social, emotional, behavioural, and mental health needs.

As a member, you will hold the Board to account and help safeguard the vision and values of the organisation.

We welcome applications from people with a wide range of backgrounds and skills, especially those with experience in finance, audit and risk, and health and safety. Most importantly, we are looking for people who share our commitment to improving opportunities and outcomes for young people. If you are interested or know anyone that would be interested in making a real difference and supporting us through this exciting period of growth, we would love to hear from you.

For any other information or if you would like to see the job adverts, please contact our Governance Professional on francesca.lewis@larwood.herts.sch.uk

Please note this is a voluntary role.

Thanks,

Francesca Lewis
Governance & Operations Assistant

12th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer with your child/ren. It feels like we have so much more to look forward to this year at Larwood School. This letter is to inform you of our exciting events as outlined below. As always, these events will still be preceded via class Dojo closer to the time. We have always believed in reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves and considering that we are a small school, all of you should feel proud in relation to the impact that your donations have for the charities below. You will notice that we also have some events such as Halloween and Valentine's Day that are solely to provide happy memories for your child while they are here.

EVENT	DATE	DRESS CODE	COST	EXTRAS
Young Minds Mental Health	Friday Oct 10 th	Hello Yellow theme, fancy dress/ dress down day /pyjamas	£1	Money raised for Mental Health charities
Halloween	Friday 17th October	Costume – no violent props please.	No cost	
Children in Need	Friday Nov 14 th	Pyjamas/non uniform and slippers for indoors Bake Sale	£1 for pyjamas/non uniform Cakes/Sweets 25p-£1. (£3 max)	Money raised for Children in need and to support school community projects and sweet treats for children.
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, Dec 18th	Christmas Jumper and dress down	No Charge	This will take place alongside our Christmas Dinner celebrations
Valentine's Day	Friday Feb 13th	Red, white or pink clothes Bake sale	£1 dress down £3 max for Bake sale	Funds raised to support End of term trips
World Book Day	Thursday March 5th	Book character costume	No charge	Children will receive £1 book token
Comic Relief Day	Friday March 20th	Non-uniform	£1 non-uniform	Money raised for Comic relief and School projects

If you would like to send in the money for these events can make any donations or payments using the school online system. If you would prefer to make any donations by cash, **please ensure you place your donation in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class teacher.** (Please note payments online provide the safest way to make payments) If other events not listed become available, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you as always for your continued support to make these events successful.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Jacobs



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Brandles School



OPEN EVENING

9th October 2025 4pm-6pm

Brandles School invites all Y5 and Y6 pupils to a tour of the school.

Please come along, see the facilities and talk to the headteacher and staff.

Please contact Brandles School directly to reserve your place.

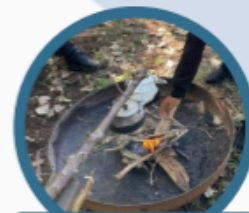
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Ready to Learn



Respectful



Safe



"The school places a high importance on pupils' preparation for life beyond Brandles".

GOOD in all areas

"Staff at Brandles understand how to cater for the needs of pupils".



Executive Headteacher: Pierre van der Merwe
Acting Headteacher: Bianca Osobu