



New for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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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By regularly asking your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites, you're showing curiosity rather than challenge. Ask them if anything ever worries them online.

It's important they know they won't be in trouble, and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad, uncomfortable or scared.

Remember that removing or confiscating a device when a child shares a problem with you may lead to them not sharing worries or problems in the future.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

# The best part of the day

Like most schools, playtime is the best part of the day for many Larwood students! We are very fortunate to have the facilities and resources to allow everyone to express themselves in a space they feel comfortable in. It's an opportunity to expend some energy on the court, race round the astro with a football, swing from the monkey bars or sit with friends and catch up.

It is really important for us to support this time in a way that allows the students the chance to play, but also gives us, the adults, a moment to observe natural social interactions from a distance. The playground is often the place where we see students build on the early foundations of new friendships, introducing themselves to peers that may not be in their teaching classroom and trying games and activities that spark interest.

Playtime is also a time where we see young leaders come into their own, as the teams on the astro celebrate the successes and consider the learning points of the game. Everyone, regardless of ability or skill, is included. Even the most talented footballers know that they too had to start somewhere, and the kindness we've seen on the astro is an honest reflection of the social skills our students are working on.

We are very, very excited about the football competition Mr V. has planned!



# PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mrs Boon - Cleo - For being kind and helpful friend to her classmates.

Mrs Lewis - Joshua for his excellent effort in Literacy this week.

Miss Gwynne - Naz for always trying in lessons.

Miss Heritage - Archie Lee for making better choices with his work and behaviour.

Mr Rooke - Freddie W for producing some amazing work this week.

Mrs MacGuinness - Max S for his amazing work in Maths.

Mr Sheldon - Preston for good listening and trying hard in lessons.

Mr Gotobed - Lacie for always wanting to help with keeping the class tidy.

Miss Saunders - Leo S for persevering in difficult times.

Mrs Boyo - Tobi for being a positive role model and trying hard in class.

Space Hub - Archie C for having a positive attitude towards his learning.

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Mr Gotobed and Mrs Lewis' Classes continue to lead the way, both achieving a perfect 100% this week!



A special mention for our most improved class this week - Ms Kimpon's Space Hub!

Headteacher Award!  
Rowan, Year 5  
Mr Gotobed's Class



26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup>	Hello Yellow theme, fancy dress/ dress down day /pyjamas	£1	Money raised for Mental Health charities
Halloween	Friday 17th October	Costume – <b>no violent props please.</b>	<b>No cost</b>	
Children in Need	Friday Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjamas/non uniform and slippers for indoors <b>Bake Sale</b>	£1 for pyjamas/non uniform <b>Cakes/Sweets 25p-£1. (£3 max)</b>	Money raised for Children in need and to support school community projects and sweet treats for children.
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec 18th</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper and dress down</b>	<b>No Charge</b>	<b>This will take place alongside our Christmas Dinner celebrations</b>
Valentine's Day	Friday Feb 13th	Red, white or pink clothes <b>Bake sale</b>	<b>£1 dress down</b> <b>£3 max for Bake sale</b>	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*