



# Larwood School

## Spring Term 1

## Online Safety Update

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What does age appropriate look like? This is likely to be different in different families, but there are some broad generalisations that can help you decide what is age appropriate for your child. The Taming Gaming Family Gaming Database is a great place to discover games for the whole family to enjoy.

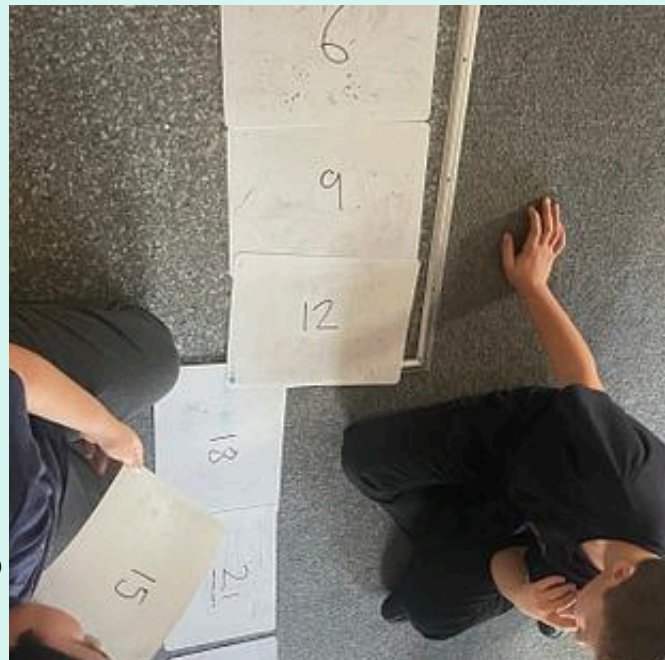
<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/en-gb/home>

# Speaking the Lingo

This week staff at Larwood were left speechless when we heard that the phrase “six seven” has been voted the slang word of the year for students, following a survey from the Oxford University Press.

The research revealed that 72% of the children who took part said it was important to have words they could only use with friends, and a quarter said they associated 'six-seven' with "fun" and having a "laugh". When we spoke to the students about it, they said they also liked “using it to wind the grown ups up!”

At Larwood we take a keen interest in the students’ interests, to make sure that any new trends are safe, but also to show them how important it is for us as staff to connect to the world around us. Whilst we don’t think anyone will be encouraged to say “six seven” any time soon, we are always curious and look forward to hearing about the next big thing....



# PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mrs Boon - Fox- For trying hard in phonics and recognising lots of the new phonemes we have been learning.

Mrs Lewis - Morgan- for showing resilience and allowing adults to help him

Miss Heritage - Elliott - for always try hard and staying focused in class

Mr Rooke - Jake J - for improving and fulfilling classroom expectations and an improved attitude to learning.

Mrs MacGuinness - Summer - for her attitude towards her learning.

Mr Sheldon -Theo B - for always trying hard and staying focused in lessons.

Mr Gotobed - Lewis - for always having a great attitude and for helping his peers in Maths.

Miss Saunders - Finn - for giving an excellent speech to the class despite being nervous!

Mrs Boyo Kai- for excellent work in all subjects! Keep it up!

Space Hub Ron - for having positive attitude and completing his work

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Mr Gotobed's class remain term in pole position in the attendance league. Rumour is that the snack cupboard has been restocked...

Miss Heritage (and her class...) show most improved attendance - well done!



# RSE Consultation

Relationships and Sex Education is a statutory requirement for all schools, and we recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in supporting their children's understanding of healthy relationships, personal development, and wellbeing. Our aim is to ensure that our policy reflects the values and needs of our school community whilst meeting all statutory requirements.

As per the letter sent home on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January, we will be holding a workshop to provide further information about our RSE curriculum and to give you the opportunity to discuss the policy in more detail. These sessions will be led by Mrs Osobu, our Acting Headteacher, who will be happy to answer your questions.

**The workshop for Stevenage will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am.**

Please confirm your attendance at these workshops on Class Dojo.

# Update to diary

To align upcoming school Pupil Progress Meetings with the Parent Meetings, we have asked staff to book in meetings with parents after half term to ensure your meetings are as productive as possible.

Please expect class teams to begin booking in those meetings across the next two weeks.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>January 2026</b>		
week commencing 19th	To be confirmed by Class Team	Parents & Carer Progress Meetings
Friday 30th	10:00	Parents & Carers' RSE Workshop - replacing coffee morning
<b>February 2026</b>		
Friday 13th	All day (2.20pm finish)	Trip Fundraiser Red, white or pink clothing - £1 Bake sale - up to £3 for cakes Half Term
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20th	Inclusive	Half Term [school closed]
week commencing 23rd	To be confirmed by Class Teams	Parents and Carer Progress Meetings
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	All day	School Photographs (individual)
Friday 28th	10:30	Parents & Carers' Coffee Morning