



*Mr Rooke's
Mad Science Skills*

Larwood School

Online Safety Update

Autumn Term 2

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Thinking about giving your child their first mobile phone? The BBC Own It app has been designed for children who are getting their first mobile device, to help them to make considered choices, feel more confident, and have positive online experiences. It gives children and young people advice in real-time as they type or go online. For example, it will tell them if they type a comment which might be unkind. With games, quizzes and more, there's lots to like about this app.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/own-it-app>

Learning through Experience

Hands on learning approaches allow us to place the students at the centre of our learning process offering a direct and practical activity to engage in. Every Monday, all of our lessons are delivered in this way, and across the week we see more opportunities for students to receive information in this way, from Cookery to Forest School, including Music, PE and Computing. By supporting the development of creativity and problem solving, we want to build our students' resilience alongside deeper subject knowledge. We want our students to confidently apply their knowledge to complex challenges.

Hands-on learning is core to all areas of our curriculum. In the last week we have seen students exploring Stone Age record keeping techniques in History lessons, Forest School activities building on teamwork and chemical reactions (safely) considered in our Science skills session. These activities are active in nature, but are also enjoyable and purposeful in their intent, giving students lasting reference points for their learning.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mrs Boon - Evelyn for a fantastic attitude to learning

Mrs Lewis - Freddie for his positive attitude to learning

Miss Gwynne - Logan C for working independently in Maths

Mr Rooke - Luca for showing awareness and putting in effort to improve behaviour and attitudes

Mrs MacGuinness - Loieue G for being resilient to change

Mr Sheldon - Oliver H for excellent attitude to learning and making improved behaviour choices

Mr Gotobed - [for last week] Rowan P for bringing good vibes to the classroom
- Louie S for making great progress in Maths

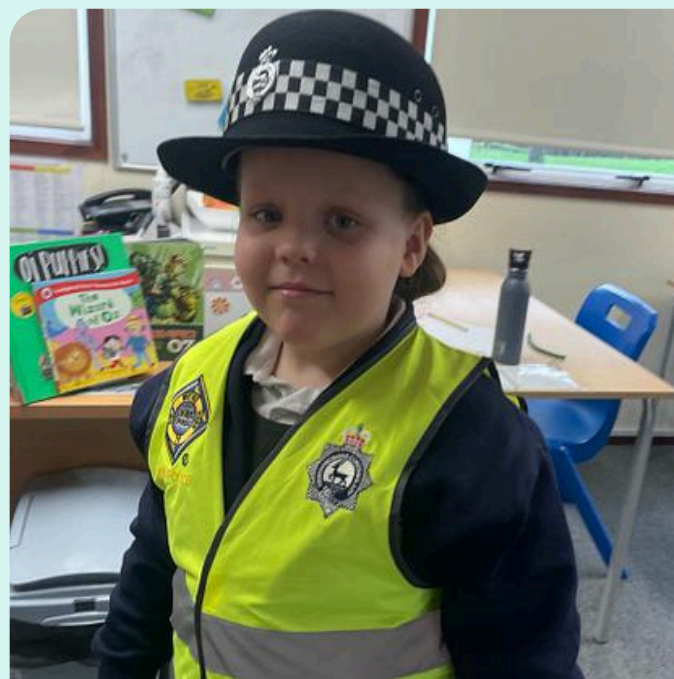
Mrs Boyo - Spencer for being a positive role model! Keep it up!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Mr Gotobed' class did the double this with, with standout attendance performances. However, leading the table is Miss Boon's class.

We were delighted to welcome local PCSOs into school this week to think about the role of police in our communities. Pathways students even got to try on some of the kit and equipment!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2025		
Monday 8th	All day	Occasional Day - School Closed
Thursday 11th	All day	End of Term Trips
Wednesday 17th	13:30	Christmas Show (see letter on next page)
Friday 19th	13:30	End of Term; early finish
January 2026		
Monday 5th	13:00	Return to school
week commencing 19th	To be confirmed by Class Team	Parents & Carer Progress Meetings
Friday 30th	13:30	Parents & Carers' Coffee Morning
February 2026		
Friday 28th	10:30	Parents & Carers' Coffee Morning
Friday 13th	14:20	Half Term

Christmas Show Letter 28.11.2025



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Friday November, 28th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performance – Wednesday 17th December at 1:30 pm

We are delighted to invite you to our wonderful Christmas performance, which will take place on **Wednesday 17th December at 1:30 pm**.

The children have been working exceptionally hard with Mrs Longcroft on their version of *Elf*, and it promises to be a truly magical performance! Meanwhile, Mrs Boon and Mrs Lewis' class have been preparing a lovely Nativity production.

We are pleased to welcome our entire Larwood community to attend, whether or not you have a child performing. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate the festive season.

To help us prepare, please complete the attached form below, indicating how many seats you would like to reserve and the name of the child you are coming to support if they are in the performance.

We will also be selling hot chocolate and mince pies for you to enjoy during the event – the perfect treat to add to the festive atmosphere! Please bring cash.

We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon filled with Christmas joy and celebration.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Osobu

