Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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We have had a busy week in school, with lots of learning taking place. On Wednesday, the children learnt about Remembrance Day and why it is important to take time to remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives during times of conflict. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, the children explored the importance of remembrance, peace and gratitude. As part of this, the children and adults across the school respectfully observed a silence to remember and reflect on those who have lost their lives or been affected by war and conflict. Each class made a poppy wreath to place on local War Memorials.





On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome members of the Trust Leadership Team into school for our annual evaluation day. It was a very positive visit, with the Trust recognising the strong position we are in as a school and the high-quality education and opportunities we provide for all our children. We are incredibly proud of this feedback, which reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our whole school team. A huge thank you to all our staff, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure that every child receives the very best education and care each day.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic in their spots, and it was lovely to see everyone coming together to support such a worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

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Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Mia	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Millie

Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Isla N

Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Ruben	Snowy Owls (KS1):	James

Five reads

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Finlay, Corrin, Ruben	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Benjamin, Ella, Isla D, Isaac, Charlie, James, Lara, Lucas, Millie, Leo, Autumn

Dojo award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Freya	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Isla D

Home Achievements

This week the achievements include PGL family adventures, gymnastics, Rugby football, horse riding, swimming and football



Spotlight on .....

Leamington Hastings C of E Academy Christian vision

As part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust, we have a shared vision of 'Together, living life in all its fullness' (John 10.10). Linked to this, we have an individual school vision of:

Plant, Grow, Flourish

Our theologically rooted vision is based on the Parable of the Sower, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, reflecting our local farming community.

Jesus told his followers the Parable of the Sower:

• A farmer sows some seed in a field

• Some seed falls onto the path, and the birds quickly eat it.

• Some seed falls where there are rocks, and not much soil. Plants grow quickly but soon the sun dries them. There is not enough soil, and the plants die.

• Some seeds begin to grow in a place where there are too many weeds. The weeds stop the growth of the plants, and the plants die.

• But other seed falls on rich soil and receives everything they need, so the plants grow and flourish.

The meaning of the parable can be interpreted as below:

• The seeds are the teachings of academic learning, values, learning behaviours, extra-curricular trip and visitors, character and personal development and, for Christians and those of faith, the word of God.

• If we are not open to new learning and experiences, the seeds may be picked up by the birds and carried away.

• We may be inspired to try something new or to make a difference in the world, but without courage and perseverance we give up. The ideas wither away like the plants that grew on the rocks.

• We may be distracted or influenced by things we shouldn't be e.g., the temptation to make the wrong choice. These choices may stop future growth, as in the example of the weeds.

• The adults, as farmers, tend to the seeds to enable them to grow and flourish, guiding the children through their school journey.

• The seeds that fall on the rich soil are those that are listened to and taken on board, leading to application of taught skills and values. These help us to grow and flourish into all that we can be.



Diary Dates

Any new dates will be added in red

WC Monday 16th November	**Antibullying Week** **Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.**
Monday 16th November	**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy Open Morning** **Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy are running an open morning at 9.00 am for anyone whose child is due to start year three in September 2027. Individual tours can also be provided - please contact the school office at office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org to book an individual tour.**
Tuesday 17th November	**Open Evening for prospective reception and nursery** **Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please book via the school office and arrive via the school office for a 5pm start.**
Thursday 26th November	**Passport to world views afternoon – Hannukah** **Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah during the afternoon.**
Saturday 28th November	**Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** **Friends of Leamington Hastings PTA fundraiser. Please see poster for further details.**
Thursday 26th November	**Non Uniform day** **Non uniform day in exchange for bottles and sweet treats to be sold on tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.**
Monday 30th November	**Open afternoon for prospective reception and nursery** **If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 2pm. Please book via the school office.**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Open morning for prospective parents** **If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 9.30am. Please book via the school office.**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Christingle Service** **Parents are welcome to come into school to join the children for a Christingle service. Please arrive via the school office for a 2:30pm start.**
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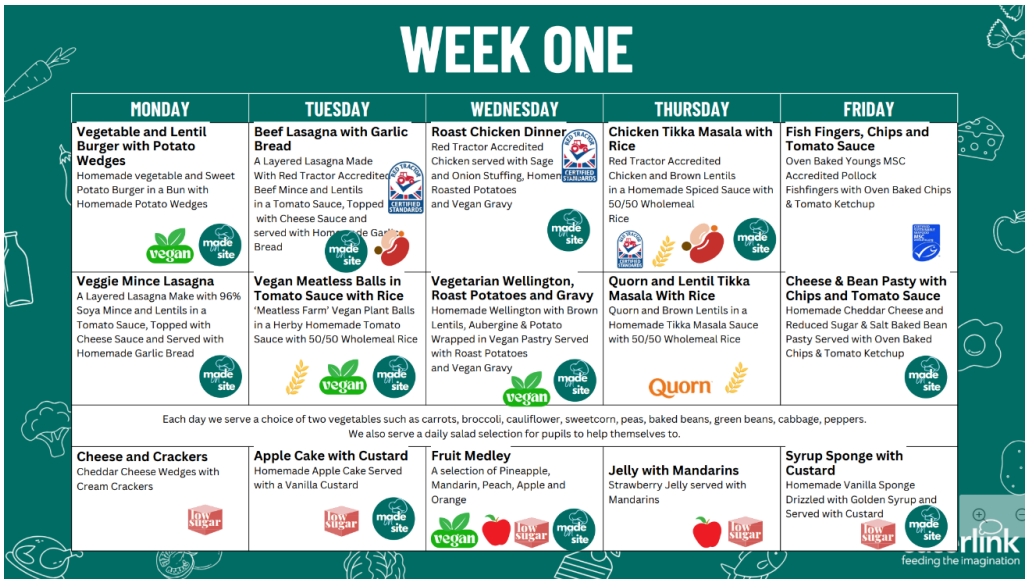
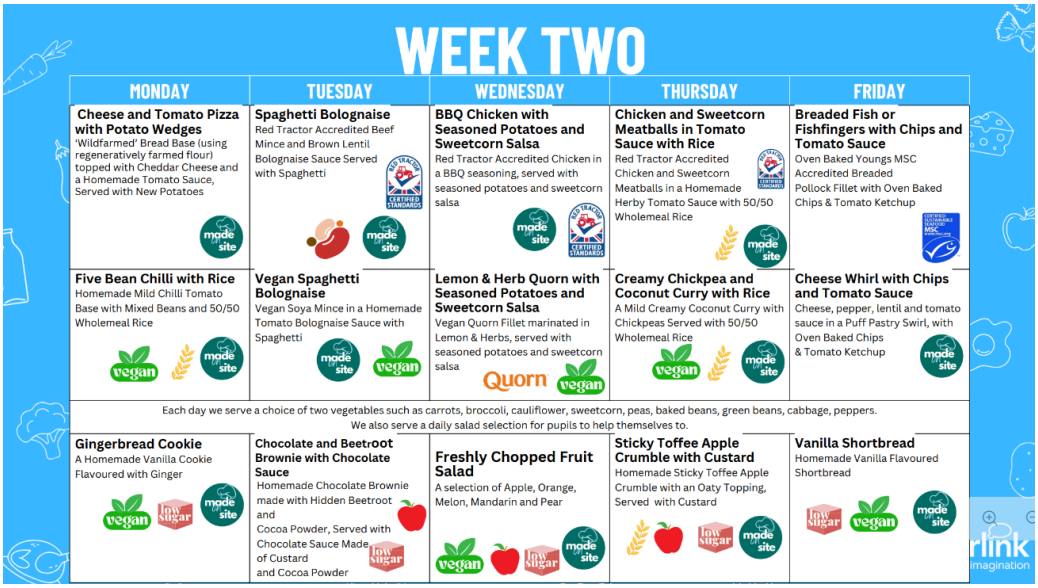
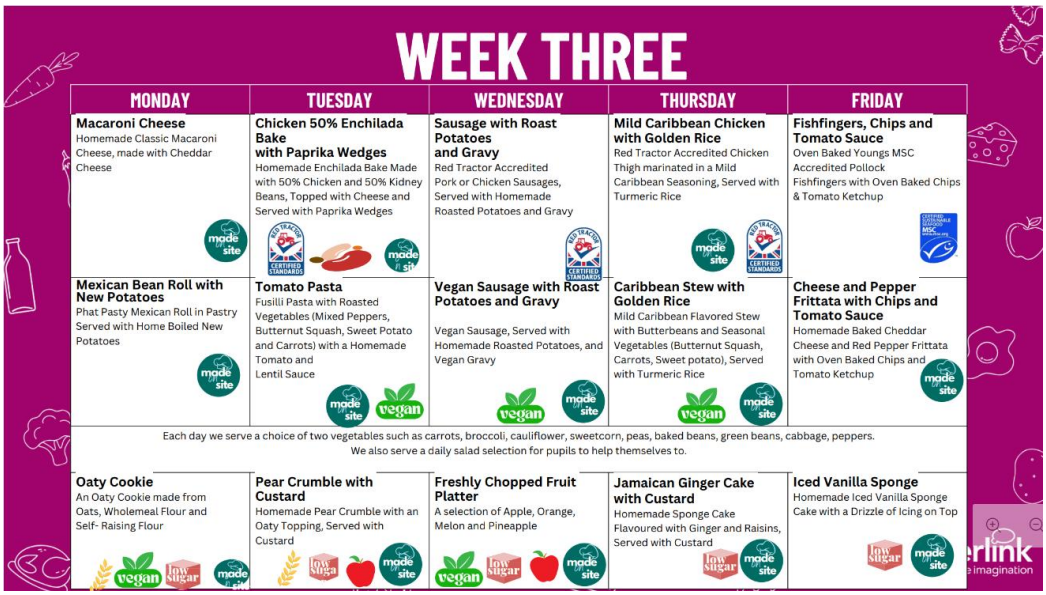
Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Jumper & Craft Day** **Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome. Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.**
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Fair** **Come and join our Christmas Fair straight after school. To be held in the school hall.**
Monday 14th December	**Christmas Performance 1** **The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 2:30pm. Each family will be allocated two tickets for the play, which will be available to obtain via MCAS nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.**
Tuesday 15th December	**Christmas Performance 2** **The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 9:15am. Each family will be allocated two tickets for the play, which will be available to obtain via MCAS nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.**
Wednesday 16th December 2026	**Warwick Arts Centre Theatre Visit – The Gruffalo Child** **The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Gruffalo's Child as a theatre performance. Kindly funded by the PTA. We will need parental helpers for the trip, please let the school office know if you are able to help.**
Tuesday 12th January 2027	**CBSO Reception and KS1 Schools Concert – Reception, Year 1 and Year2 pupils will be attending a concert at the CBSO Centre, Birmingham. Please refer to the letter for further details.**
Tuesday 2nd March 2027	**Oxford Natural History Museum KS1 Trip – Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have the opportunity to visit Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Please refer to the letter for further details.**



Current Lunch Menu



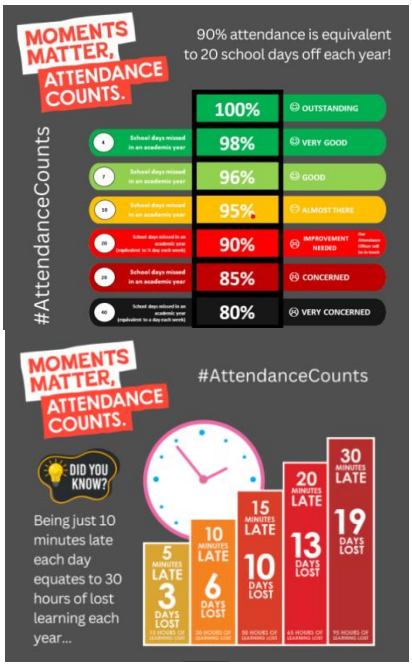




Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 94.17% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
98%	86%	100%



PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal school uniform should be worn.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception KS1				Reception KS1

After-School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Drama	Football	Cheerleading	Multi Sport (excluding 18th December)

To book a place in an after-school club, please book via the MCAS app.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4th January

Start of term for children: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Training day: Monday 22nd February

End of term: Thursday 25th March

Easter holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

Summer term 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Training day: Monday 7th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

Autumn term 2027

Start of term - Wednesday 1 September - this is a teacher training day

Half term – Monday 25th to 29th October

End of Term - Friday 17th December

Christmas holiday – Monday 20th December to 4th January 2028

For Warwickshire school term dates please click here.

* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

In Collective Worship this week …

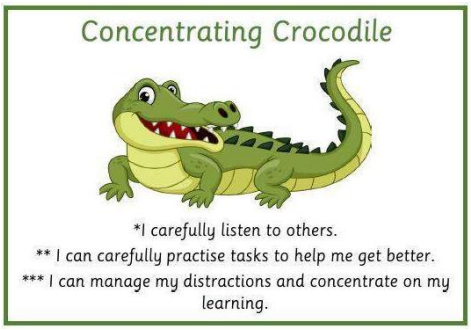
During collective worship this week, we have explored the themes that many faiths share, such as light, a sacred book, friendship and prayer, as part of Inter Faith week. We also explored the theme of traditions in our Picture News session.

On Remembrance Day, we all observed a two-minute silence, taking time to reflect and remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives during times of conflict, as well as those who continue to serve in the Armed Forces today.

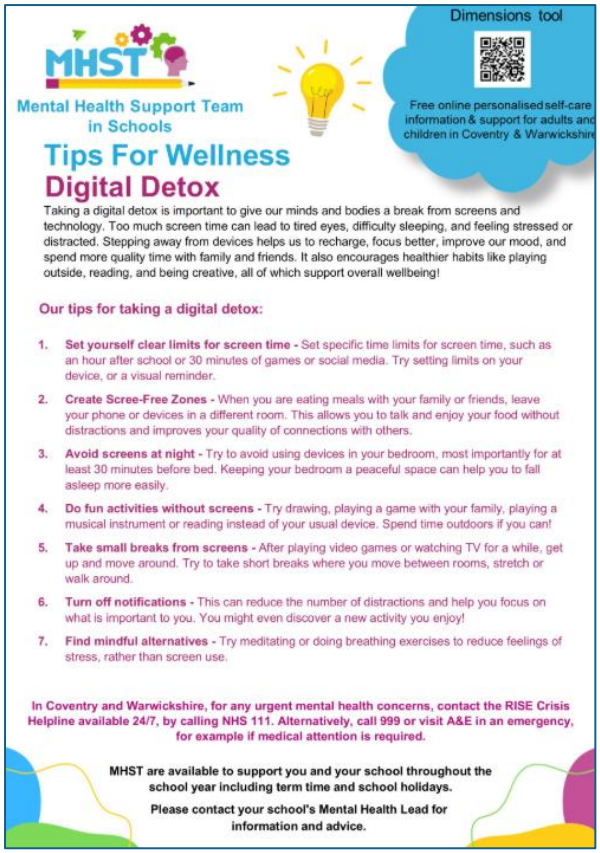
Christian Value this half term



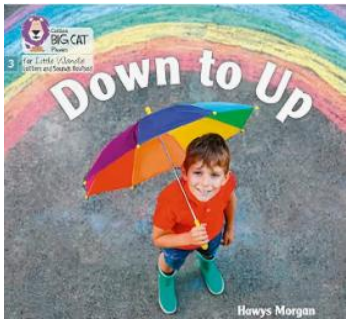
Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support



Book of the week



Title: Down to Up

Author: Hawys Morgan

Recommended by: Max

Max enjoys reading this book where he can explore ways to feel happy. His favourite page is where the child blows a dandelion seed head.

E-Safety tip of the week

Childnet

This week's top tip for parents to keep children safe online.

Please find the link to the online safety tips.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Warwickshire Local Authority monthly SEND newsletter can be found here. Click link

The Warwickshire SEND local offer can be found here. Click link

Families can request free advice and support through Warwickshire SENDIASS Click link

BEST START IN LIFE

Early Years Funding

Click on the link to find out more about it, who qualifies and how to apply.

Family Support

Families can access free parenting courses through Eventbrite here.

Click on Family Information Service for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.





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Please find below the link and QR code to the Caterlink survey. It takes approximately 9 minutes to complete and will provide feedback on what Caterlink are doing well and, importantly, where they can improve the service.

*The survey will remain open until **20 December**.*

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L



Reception and Junior entry

When can your child start school?

- **Children can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.**

You need to apply for September 2027 if your child:

- was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023** (for a place in Reception).
- If your child will be in Year 2 at an infant school in September 2027 (for a place in a junior school).

1 November	15 January	1 February	16 April	30 April	14 May
Application opens	Closing date for applications	Extended closing date for house moves	National offer day	Waiting list positions published	Deadline for submitting appeals



Tax-Free Childcare

Eligible working families of children aged 0 to 11, or 0 to 16 if disabled, can get a £2 top-up for every £8 towards the cost of their childcare.

Click for further information