Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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Wow, we have certainly made the most of sports week! Our Sports Day was a fantastic success, with the children showing great enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. We were incredibly proud of how they encouraged one another and gave every event their best effort. Thank you to parents for coming to cheer the children on, and for taking part in the parent's race! Our year one and year two children also enjoyed a fencing taster session, where they learned some basic skills and techniques from a specialist coach. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience a sport that was completely new to many of them. All children also had the opportunity to try the air track, developing their balance, coordination and confidence through a range of fun activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Wooldridge who arranged sports week for the children.






We also had our Father's Day service this week. The children sang beautifully, and enjoyed sharing facts about their Dads. Thank you to all the Dads, or honorary Dads, that were able to join us.





We are looking forward to taking part in the Willoughby Church Festival tomorrow afternoon, we hope to see many of you there!

Thank you for all your support, have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

FRIENDSHIP COURAGE FORGIVENESS GENEROSITY THANKFULNESS TRUTHFULNESS

Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Sophia O	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Benjamin

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin, Lucas	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Georgia

Five reads raffle tickets

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Sophia O, Lara, Arnie, Isaac, James, Leo, Joe, Ella, Millie, Lucas, Sophia L	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Zara, Will, Edith

Caught showing values slips

Courage:	Will, Matteo, Logan Y2, Emily, Benjam Y2, Corrin, Logan YN, Sam P, Lara, Jacob, Edith, Jude, Oscar, Sophia O, Millie, Isla Y1, Leo, Benjamin Rec, Jack, James, Max, Finlay, Archie, Arnie, Lucas, Ruben, Sam H, Charlie, Isaac	Generosity:	Isla (Rec)	Truthfulness:	Freddie
Friendship:	Georgia, Ava, Sophia L, Joseph	Forgiveness:	Lucas, Zara	Thankfulness:	Ella

Home Achievement

This week the achievements include rugby and gymnastics.



Spotlight on .....

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households receiving Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)

TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TARGETED FSM

Universal Credit + Household Earnings £7,400 or Less

- Free school meal every school day
- Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays
- School receives Pupil Premium funding for additional educational support

EXPANDED FSM

Universal Credit households above the £7,400 earnings threshold

- Free school meal every school day
- Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays
- No Pupil Premium funding

TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION IS ENDING

From 31 July 2026, previous FSM protection arrangements will end

- Eligibility will be checked annually
- Some families may become eligible for the first time
- Some families currently receiving FSM may no longer qualify

ACTION REQUIRED

All families must check their eligibility from: JULY 1

to receive Free School Meals from SEPTEMBER 2026

Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

The Univeral Infant Free School Meal Scheme is NOT changing



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year2 will continue to receive free school meals as usual and low-income families can still apply for additional support through Key Stage 1 Pupil Premium

APPLY NOW

Applications and re-checks of eligibility can be made now via Warwickshire County Council website

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

We recommend applying as soon as possible. This will give more time for applications to be processed and ensure those eligible receive free school meals from the start of September.

Diary Dates

Any new dates will be added in red

8th – 19th June	**Year 2 Assessments** Year two assessments will be taking place over the course of these two weeks.
Saturday 20th June	**Willougby Church Festival** The children have been invited to dance around the maypole as part of the festival. Please come to St Nicholas' Church for 2pm ready to start the dances at 2:15pm. Please can any children attending wear school uniform for the dancing.
Monday 22nd June	**World Music Day** Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite rock star or musician as part of developing a love of music.
Tuesday 23rd June	**Transition visit, new to reception children** A transition visit from 4pm – 5:30pm for children and parents who are new to our school and will be joining reception in September 2026.
Friday 26th June	**Non uniform day** Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bottles, chocolates or sweets to be used in the tombola during Rose Queen Day.
Thursday 2nd July	**Year 2 to spend the day at the Juniors (those moving to Juniors in September 2026)** Children will be taken to spend a day at the Juniors as part of transition. This will include a teddy bear's picnic and a sports afternoon - school will provide a picnic lunch. Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school with them. All children to wear PE kits on this day please. Please can the children arrive at 8:30am. The children will travel to the Junior School on the blue school bus, accompanied by a school adult. The bus will then collect the children from the Junior School towards the end of the day and bring them back to Leamington Hastings.
Sunday 5th July	**Rose Queen Day** Our traditional summer fair will take place on this date, with the children opening the fair with maypole dancing. We would like to invite all children and families to attend. Please can the children wear their school uniform and arrive at school at 11:15am. The children will come into school with school adults to get ready and begin dancing at 11:30am. The fair will then start following the dancing. Any donations of cakes to be sold on the cake stall on the day would be welcome. The raffle will be drawn at 12:30pm. Please do not park in the Village Hall or on the road on this day. The field opposite the school will be opened up for parents to park on and will be clearly signposted.
Monday 6th July	**EYFS Sea Life Centre Trip** EYFS pupils will be visiting the Sea Life Centre for the day. Please see the letter sent home for full details. Please arrange to make payment via MCAS app by 26th June this will act as consent for your child to attend the trip.
Wednesday 8th July	**Country Transfer Day** Children will be spending time in their new classes. If your child is in year 2, they should spend the day at their new school (for children moving to Dunchurch Juniors, please take them directly to the Juniors on this day). If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, they are

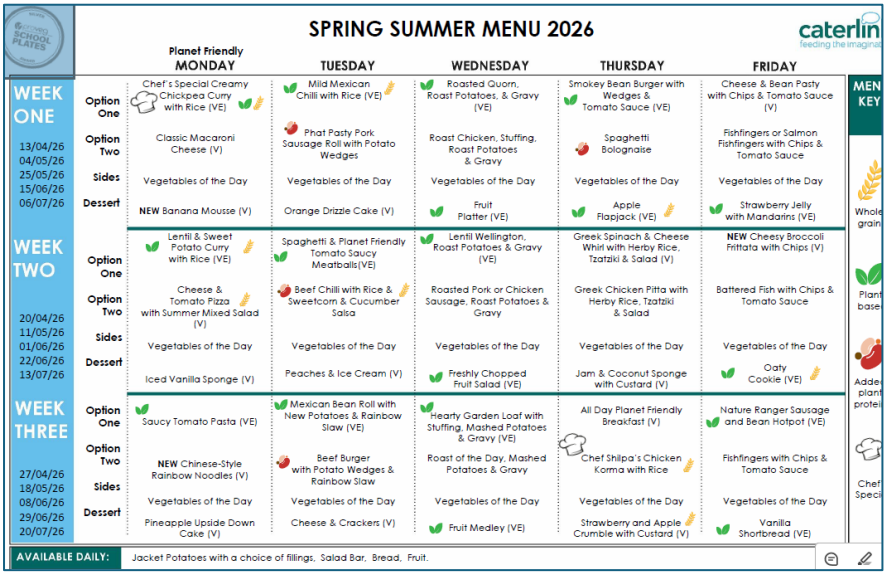
	invited to join us for the morning and lunchtime session (see the letter sent home). All other children should attend school as normal.
Friday 10th July	**National Teddy Bear's Picnic raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital** Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school for a picnic lunch, along with a donation towards Birmingham Children's Hospital. We have families in school who have been supported by Birmingham Children's Hospital and would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthy cause.
Friday 10th July	**Break the rules day** A fundraiser from Friends, inviting children to 'break' set rules for a 50p 'fine' for each rule. See further information to be sent home by Friends. Rules will include items such as wear your own clothes, have silly hair, bring your own named snack for playtime (no nuts please) and wear face paint to school.
Monday 13th July	**Reports home to parents** An end of year report for each child will be emailed home by the end of the day today.
Tuesday 14th July	**End of year performance 1** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 2:15pm. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances (the tickets will be sent home from the school office nearer the time). Please enter and leave via the School Office.
Tuesday 14th July	**Open evening** Parents are invited to come into school with their children to view their children's work and to visit classrooms from 3:30pm—5pm. Class teachers will be available to speak to about reports if you would like to.
Wednesday 15th July	**End of year performance 2** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 9:15am. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances (the tickets will be sent home from the school office nearer the time). Please enter and leave via the School Office.
Wednesday 15th July	**Year 3 classrooms open at Dunchurch Juniors** If your child is moving into year 3 at Dunchurch Juniors in September, the classrooms will be open from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for you to view if you would like to.
Thursday 16th July	**End of year church service** All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for an end of year church service to start at approximately 1:45pm. We will be walking to church through the fields, please send your children to school with appropriate footwear on this day. We would be grateful for any parent volunteers to help us to walk the children to and from church - please let the school office know if you are able to help.







Current Lunch Menu

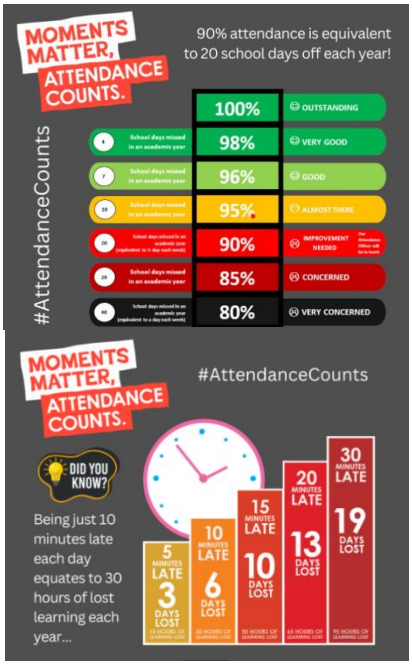




Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 97.7% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
98%	100%	91%



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	Gardening Club	Multi Sport	Football	Active Games

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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025/2026

Summer term 2026

Training Day: Monday 1st June

End of term: Friday 17th July

Training Day (Disaggregated): Monday 20th July

Summer holiday: Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Training days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts for children: Thursday 3rd September

Training day: Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

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

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 …

In collective worship this week, we used Picture News to explore how technology is used by children. We discussed the changes of technology over time e.g. what technology the adults had when they were younger, and how the children felt about their use of technology today.

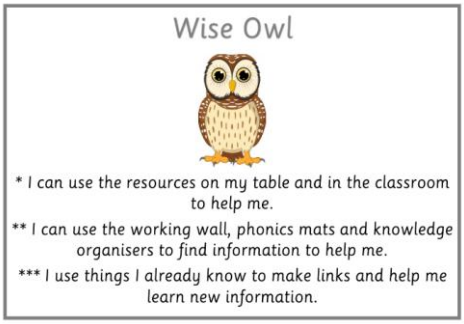
We enjoyed a visit from Reverand Phil, who taught us how Eucharist takes part in Church.

We also explored stories linked to Refugee Week, and discussed how we can welcome people into the school community.

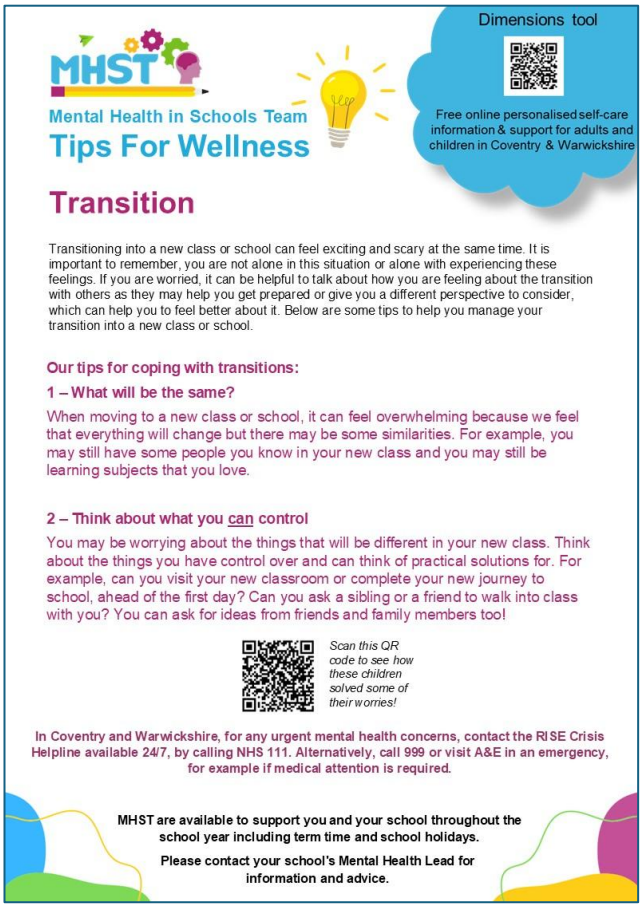
Christian Value this half term



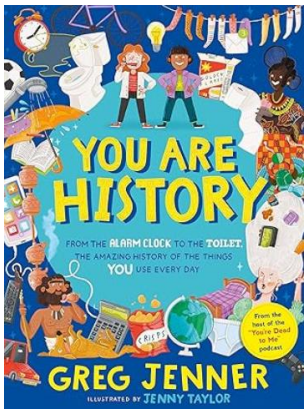
Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support



Book of the week



Title: You are History

Author: Greg Jenner

Recommended by: Ava

Ava recommended the book this week. A delightful history of everyday life with funny illustrations and true stories

E-Safety tip of the week

internet matters.org

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

Government Consultation

Please find a link to the government consultation on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families.

Click here to access the government consultation

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.

