



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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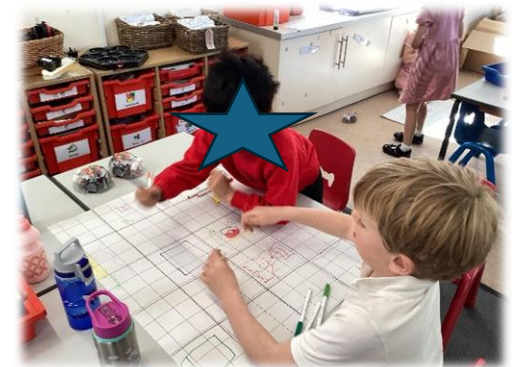
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We've had a great week, and have enjoyed making the most of the outdoors when weather allows! With the weather being a little unpredictable at the moment, please could we ask that children come to school each day with a waterproof coat, just in case of rain or showers. As the weather continues to get warmer over the coming weeks and we start to hopefully experience more sunnier weather, please also send your child into school with a named sun hat.



There has been some great work produced across the curriculum this week. Reception children have enjoyed applying their writing skills by writing about the Billy Goat, and Key Stage One have been working hard to apply their knowledge of coding in curriculum by constructing routes. Well done everyone!



We have continued to plan events over the summer term, so please do continue to keep an eye on the diary dates for this information. We are especially looking forward to our annual Rose Queen Day in July. Rose Queen Day opens with children performing maypole dancing, and the children have started to learn how to do this. We would love for as many children to take part in the day as possible.



Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Benjamin	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Ava
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Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Logan (Nursery), Arnie	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Will
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Five reads raffle tickets

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Leo, Isaac, Ella, Autumn, Arnie, Sophia O, Joe, Isla, Sam, Lara, Charlie, Millie, James, Lucas	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Zara, Will, Ava, Benjamin
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Caught showing values slips

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

Achievement & Raffle Winners

Achievements from home include horse riding, football and a tree top adventure.



Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

1 st May	Passport to world views afternoon- Purim Children will be learning about the festival of Purim during the afternoon.
11-15 th May	Mental Health Week During collective worship, children will be learning how to keep themselves mentally healthy.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Parent's meeting at the Junior School (year 2 parents only) If your child is due to start Juniors in September 2026, there is a meeting for parents in the Junior hall at 5pm. Please see the letter sent home from Mrs Darragh.
Thursday 4 th June	Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting Friends will be meeting at 7:30pm. Click to join the meeting: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/355218232296576?p=oaLGNET7uMTenfTokp
8 th – 12 th June	Phonics screening check Children in year one and some children in year two will be taking part in the national phonics screening check.
8 th – 19 th June	Year 2 Assessments Year two assessments will be taking place over the course of these two weeks.
Wednesday 10 th June	Key Stage One trip to Coventry Cathedral Look out for more information coming home.
Friday 12 th June	Ice cream / ice lolly sale Friends will be selling ice creams / lollies on the playground after school.
15 th – 21 st June	Sports week All children will take part in a daily mile this week. (Usual arrangements for school uniform / PE kit days please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports afternoon (all year groups) Parents are invited to join us for a sports afternoon from 2pm. See the children take part in a carousel of sports activities, followed by some sports day activities. If you would like to sit down, please bring a blanket or chair. When taking part in sport's day activities, parents will be on the playground facing the grass, with the children on the grassy area. All children to come to school in PE kits on this day. Refreshments will be available from Friends – cash only please.
Friday 12 th June	Pyjamarama A day to promote a love of reading and bedtime stories with the children. Children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or comfy clothing for the day. Children are invited to bring their favourite bedtime story to school to share with a friend, and a

	voluntary donation of £1 to support the work of the Booktrust who provide books for disadvantaged children is welcome, should you wish to do so.
Thursday 18 th June	Father's Day service We would like to invite Dad's, or a male representative, to come into school to join in with a Father's Day service. Only one representative per family please. Please arrive for a 2:30pm start via the School Office entrance. Refreshments will be available from Friends – cash only please.
Thursday 18 th June	Information evening for new reception parents If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, you are invited to join us for an information session from 5pm to see the classroom and find out about starting school.
Friday 19 th June	Father's Day gift bags Friends will be selling Father's Day gift bags. More information will follow.
Saturday 20 th June	Willougby Church Festival The children will be invited to dance around the maypole as part of the festival. More information to follow.
Monday 22 nd 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 23 rd June	Reserve sports afternoon A reserve slot in case we have to postpone sports afternoon on the 16 th due to the weather
Thursday 25 th 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 26 th 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 2 nd 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. Further information to follow about travel arrangements.
Sunday 5 th 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

	<p>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.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th July</p>	<p>Country Transfer Day</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Friday 10th July</p>	<p>National Teddy Bear's Picnic raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Monday 13th July</p>	<p>Reports home to parents</p> <p>An end of year report for each child will be emailed home by the end of the day today.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th July</p>	<p>End of year performance 1</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th July</p>	<p>Open evening</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th July</p>	<p>End of year performance 2</p> <p>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. Booking information will follow.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th July</p>	<p>Year 3 classrooms open at Dunchurch Juniors</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Thursday 16th July</p>	<p>End of year church service</p> <p>All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for an end of year church service to start at approximately 1:45pm. Please provide consent via the My Child at School App.</p> <p>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</p>

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



SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026



	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MEN KEY
WEEK ONE 13/04/26 04/05/26 25/05/26 15/06/26 06/07/26	Option One Chef's Special Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce (V)	Whole grain Plant based Adder plant protein Chef Special
	Option Two Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	
WEEK TWO 20/04/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Spaghetti & Planet Friendly Tomato Saucy Meatballs(VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad (V)	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips (V)	
	Option Two Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad (V)	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert Iced Vanilla Sponge (V)	Peaches & Ice Cream (V)	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad (VE)	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)	Oaty Cookie (VE)	
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26	Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw (VE)	Hearty Garden Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	All Day Planet Friendly Breakfast (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage and Bean Hotpot (VE)	
	Option Two NEW Chinese-Style Rainbow Noodles (V)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)	Cheese & Crackers (V)	Fruit Medley (VE)	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard (V)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)	

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit.



Spotlight on

End of Key Stage One Assessments

In the past, across the country, year two have taken part in statutory end of key stage tests within the month of May. These tests are now optional and can be used to inform the end of key stage assessments.

As a school, we have decided to use the end of key stage tests as informal assessments to inform the teachers' end of year assessments. We will be introducing these as a 'special booklet' to be completed as part of the children's everyday learning and not putting any expectations on the children beyond those that would usually be in place when children complete their work. The children will complete the following booklets within June:

1. Spelling – filling in 20 spellings within a sentence
2. Grammar, punctuation and spelling – applying the knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2 in this area
3. Maths paper 1 – answering arithmetic questions covering addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions
4. Maths paper 2 – reasoning and problems solving questions applying knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2
5. Reading paper 1 – reading short paragraphs and answering written comprehension questions
6. Reading paper 2 – reading a booklet and answering written comprehension questions



If you would like to find out more, including the type of questions that the children will be answering, further information and past papers are available on the school website:



<https://www.leafingtonhastings.covmat.org/end-of-key-stage-1-assessments>

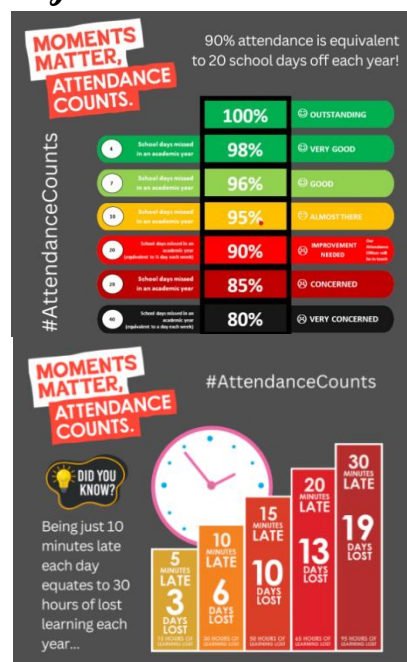
These papers will be used to help inform your child's end of year teacher assessments, which will be shared with you in their end of year report.

If you have any questions about the end of key stage booklets, please get in touch.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 97.8% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
98%	96%	90%



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	Sewing & Textiles	Cricket	Cheerleading

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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025/2026

Spring term 2026

End of term: Friday 27th March

Easter holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Start of term: Monday 13th April

Bank holiday: Monday 4th May

Half term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

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

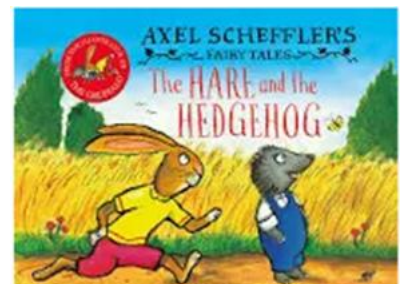
Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

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 have used picture books to consider our half termly value of truthfulness and learning behaviour of effort. The children particularly enjoyed the story of The Hare and the Hedgehog.



Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term

Effort Elephant

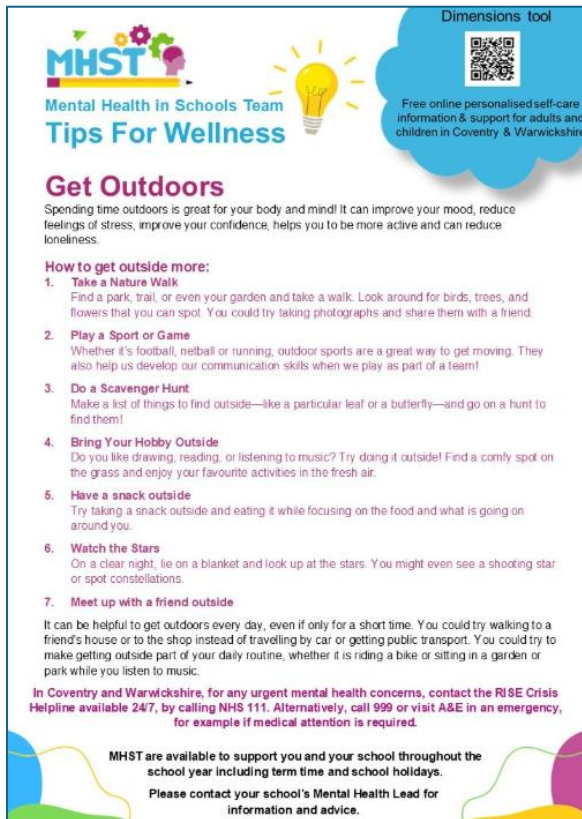


* I put effort into completing my work.

** I select tasks that challenge me.

*** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Mental Health Support



MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness

Dimensions tool

Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Get Outdoors

Spending time outdoors is great for your body and mind! It can improve your mood, reduce feelings of stress, improve your confidence, helps you to be more active and can reduce loneliness.

How to get outside more:

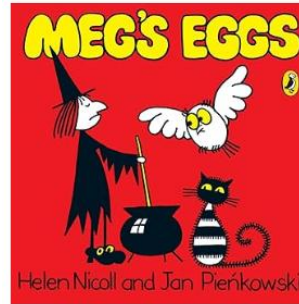
- 1. Take a Nature Walk**
Find a park, trail, or even your garden and take a walk. Look around for birds, trees, and flowers that you can spot. You could try taking photographs and share them with a friend.
- 2. Play a Sport or Game**
Whether it's football, netball or running, outdoor sports are a great way to get moving. They also help us develop our communication skills when we play as part of a team!
- 3. Do a Scavenger Hunt**
Make a list of things to find outside—like a particular leaf or a butterfly—and go on a hunt to find them!
- 4. Bring Your Hobby Outside**
Do you like drawing, reading, or listening to music? Try doing it outside! Find a comfy spot on the grass and enjoy your favourite activities in the fresh air.
- 5. Have a snack outside**
Try taking a snack outside and eating it while focusing on the food and what is going on around you.
- 6. Watch the Stars**
On a clear night, lie on a blanket and look up at the stars. You might even see a shooting star or spot constellations.
- 7. Meet up with a friend outside**

It can be helpful to get outdoors every day, even if only for a short time. You could try walking to a friend's house or to the shop instead of travelling by car or getting public transport. You could try to make getting outside part of your daily routine, whether it is riding a bike or sitting in a garden or park while you listen to music.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.
Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Book of the week



Title: Megs Eggs

Author: Helen Nicholl

Sophia O recommended the book this week from the school library. The main character Meg casts spells to make eggs and gets a surprise. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story.

E-Safety tip of the week



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](#)

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.

