



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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It may have been a shorter week due to the bank holiday, but it has certainly been a busy one in school! The children have been fully engaged in their learning, showing great enthusiasm and making great progress! We are very proud of the effort and positive attitudes we have seen from the children.

At the time of writing last week's newsletter, the children were yet to take part in their Passport to World Views afternoon, where they enjoyed learning about the festival of Purim – a joyful Jewish celebration that marks bravery, kindness and helping others. Our Passport to World Views afternoons give children valuable opportunities to explore and understand a wide range of faiths and cultures, helping to build respect, curiosity and a sense of belonging in our diverse world. Thank you to Mrs Wooldridge for arranging these across the school.

We are seeing an increasing number of requests for term-time holidays. As a school, we are unable to authorise these, except in very exceptional circumstances, as they have a significant impact on children's attendance and learning. Even a short period of absence can disrupt progress, friendships and confidence in school routines. We kindly ask families to plan holidays outside of term time wherever possible and to refer to this week's attendance spotlight for further information.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Sam P, James	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Jacob
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Five reads raffle tickets

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

Courage:	Logan Y2, Zara, Isaac x 2, Isla, Sam, Benjamin (YR R), Leo, Ella, Charlie, James	Generosity:	Edith, Georgia, Will, Archie, Joe, Corrin, Sophia O, Oscar	Truthfulness:	Jude, Benjamin Y2, Max, Lara
Friendship:	Finlay, Lara, Arnie, Emily, Matteo, Ava, Isla Y1, Sophia L	Forgiveness:	Jacob, Millie, Lucas	Thankfulness:	Sam P, Benjamin Y2, Corrin, Jack, Autumn

Achievement & Raffle Winners

Achievements from home include taking part in a Race for Life.



Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

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	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.
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.

Thursday 18 th June	<p>Father's Day service</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Refreshments will be available from Friends – cash only please.</p>
Thursday 18 th June	<p>Information evening for new reception parents</p> <p>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.</p>
Friday 19 th June	<p>Father's Day gift bags</p> <p>Friends will be selling Father's Day gift bags. More information will follow.</p>
Saturday 20 th June	<p>Willougby Church Festival</p> <p>The children will be invited to dance around the maypole as part of the festival. More information to follow.</p>
Monday 22 nd June	<p>World Music Day</p> <p>Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite rock star or musician as part of developing a love of music.</p>
Tuesday 23 rd June	<p>Reserve sports afternoon</p> <p>A reserve slot in case we have to postpone sports afternoon on the 16th due to the weather</p>
Thursday 25 th June	<p>Transition visit, new to reception children</p> <p>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.</p>
Friday 26 th June	<p>Non uniform day</p> <p>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.</p>
Thursday 2 nd July	<p>Year 2 to spend the day at the Juniors (those moving to Juniors in September 2026)</p> <p>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.</p>
Sunday 5 th July	<p>Rose Queen Day</p> <p>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.</p>

Wednesday 8 th July	<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>
Friday 10 th July	<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>
Monday 13 th July	<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>
Tuesday 14 th July	<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>
Tuesday 14 th July	<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>
Wednesday 15 th July	<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>
Wednesday 15 th July	<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>
Thursday 16 th July	<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 help us to walk the children to and from church - please let the school office know if you are able to help.</p>

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 					
	Option Two Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)		Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		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	
WEEK TWO 20/04/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26	Dessert NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)				
	Option One 					
	Option Two Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad (V)		Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/05/26 20/07/26	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)		Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)		
	Option One 			All Day Planet Friendly Breakfast (V)		
Option Two NEW Chinese-Style Rainbow Noodles (V)		Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy		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)		Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard (V)			

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

IT'S ICE LOLLY TIME

RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCES

£2 EACH

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

On the playground After school

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SCHOOL

Rose Queen Day

SUMMER FAYRE

5TH JULY 2026

DANCING STARTS AT 11:30

More details to follow!

Spotlight on



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

— Attendance Matters — Supporting your child to succeed

Every Day Counts!

- Good attendance is vital for learning & friendships
- Regular attendance builds confidence
- Missed days impact progress
- Good habits start early



100% Excellent

96% Good

91% Room for Improvement

90% or Less Cause for Concern

Our Expectation

— Attend every day, on time —

Unless genuinely unwell (96% Target)



We expect all children to be in school every day to give them the very best opportunity to succeed.

When Your Child is Unwell

- Contact the school office every day of absence
- Follow NHS guidance (48-hour rule for sickness & diarrhoea)
- We will support your child's return to school

100% Excellent

96% Good

91% Room for Improvement

90% or Less Cause for Concern

Being On Time

- Arrive on time for the start of the day
- Being punctual is important
- Frequent lateness is monitored

Holidays During Term Time

We cannot authorise family holidays in term time.

- Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances
- Holiday absence will be unauthorised
- This may lead to a penalty notice

Please plan holidays during school breaks.

Working Together

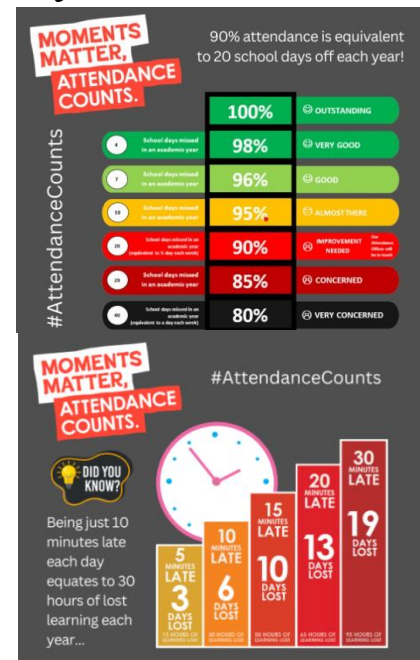
- Talk to us if you need support
- We're here to help
- Our attendance lead is **Annie Scofield**, who is always happy to help

Thank you for your support!
Every school day counts!

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 97.4% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
95%	100%	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	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 explore the value of truthfulness. We have considered how it can be difficult to tell the truth at times, but how it is the right thing to do.

We also learnt about the 100th birthday of David Attenborough, considering how we can be courageous advocates and make a difference in the world. We discussed how one small act / many small acts can add up to make a big difference!

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

Keep Learning

Learning doesn't just happen in school! Encouraging your child to explore, discover, and try new things helps their brain grow, boosts confidence, and builds resilience. Here are some practical ways you can support learning at home and beyond. Learning boosts self-esteem and confidence, encourages curiosity and creativity and strengthens social and emotional skills.

Our tips for learning at home:

- 1. Explore Interests Together**
 - Ask your child what excites them and encourage hobbies or projects.
 - Try new activities like cooking, gardening, or a science experiment.
- 2. Read, Read, Read**
 - Share books, stories, or articles that interest them.
 - Make reading fun – explore comics, graphic novels, or audio books.
- 3. Ask Questions & Encourage Curiosity**
 - Stimulate thinking by asking "why" or "how" questions.
 - Support them in finding answers, experimenting, and reflecting.
- 4. Learn Through Play**
 - Games, puzzles, building projects, or coding apps make learning enjoyable.
 - Encourage creativity through drawing, music, or role-play.
- 5. Celebrate Small Wins**
 - Praise effort, not just results.
 - Recognize achievements, even if it's learning a new skill slowly.
- 6. Explore the world**
 - Go on nature walks, visit local parks, museums, or libraries.
 - Ask questions like, "What do you notice?" or "Why do you think that happens?"

Quick Ideas to Get Started Today

- Start a "family challenge" to learn something new weekly
- Visit local museums, libraries, or nature reserves
- Set aside a daily "curiosity time" for experiments or crafts

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: Supertato – Eviltato Vs Superpea

Author: Sue Hendra, Paul Linnet

Recommended by: Leo

Leo enjoys sharing this exciting book where Supertato and Evil pea switch boxes and become opposite characters Superpea and Eviltato.

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.

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](#)

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.

