



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!



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Wow, this week has flown by! The children have been busy learning. I've had the joy of spending additional time in the classrooms this week; spending time with your lovely children is always a highlight! It was great to see everyone engaging well in their phonics lessons; well done everyone!

Reception children have been making fantastic progress with their writing – I have really enjoyed reading some of the children's written work. Rev. Phil came in to support the KS1 children in their R.E. lesson on Wednesday. The children thought of some very tricky questions to ask him!



Friends have committed to purchasing some large equipment items for the children to use on the main school playground during lunchtime play. One of the items purchased will be a large mud kitchen. If you have any spare pans, cutlery or kitchen equipment that is safe for children to use and can be left outside, we would be grateful for any donations. Please send these into the school office. We can't wait until the deliveries start to arrive so that we can use the items with the children. A huge thank you to everyone involved in fundraising efforts for the school.

As you will see later in the newsletter, this week has been Mental Health Awareness Week. See Class Dojo for a mental health scavenger hunt that the children were keen to complete following one of our collective worship sessions.

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Finlay, Lara	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Benjamin
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Five reads raffle tickets

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

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

Achievement & Raffle Winners

Achievements from home include a football star of the week.

Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

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 See the letter sent home for full details.
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	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 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.
Wednesday 8 th 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 10 th 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.
Monday 13 th 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 14 th 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 14 th 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 15 th 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 15 th 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 16 th 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



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 Chili 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 Add 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	
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)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	
	Option One 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 Chili 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	
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)	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad (VE)	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)	Oaty Cookie (VE)	
	Option One 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 Shipka'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.

IT'S ICE LOLLY TIME

RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCES

£2 EACH

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

On the playground After school

RUGBY & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

allsorts 16 YEARS

May/July 26 for parents and children 0-12

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MAYJULY

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SCHOOL

Rose Queen Day

SUMMER FAYRE

5TH JULY 2026

DANCING STARTS AT 11:30

More details to follow!

Spotlight on

As this week is mental health awareness week, the information below outlines how we support the children's mental health in school.

Our Approach

- We create a safe, open culture where children can talk about feelings
- We use PACE and Emotion Coaching (playfulness, acceptance, curiosity, empathy) when supporting children
- We embed wellbeing through collective worship and PSHE sessions
- We have restorative approaches to behaviour
- We provide targeted support for those children who need it
- We have strong partnerships with the Mental Health in Schools Team, RISE (CAMHS) and Family Wellbeing services

Zones of Regulation

- Zones of regulation is used throughout the entire school, right from nursery, to support children to recognise their feelings. The colours are outlined below:
 - Blue – sad, tired, unwell (may need rest or support)
 - Green – calm, happy, ready to learn
 - Yellow – worried, excited or frustrated (may need calming strategies)
 - Red – angry or overwhelmed (need time, space and adult support)
- Children build a toolkit of strategies such as breathing, movement breaks, quiet spaces and talking to adults to support regulation



Using Books to Support Mental Health

- We use a wide range of picture books to support children's understanding of feelings and emotions. Some reasons for this are:

- Books help children recognise and name their feelings
- Stories show characters overcoming worries and challenges
- Reading together helps children feel safe to talk
- Stories build empathy and understanding
- Books reassure children that feelings are normal and manageable






- If we can support with recommendations of picture books to help your child, please let us know

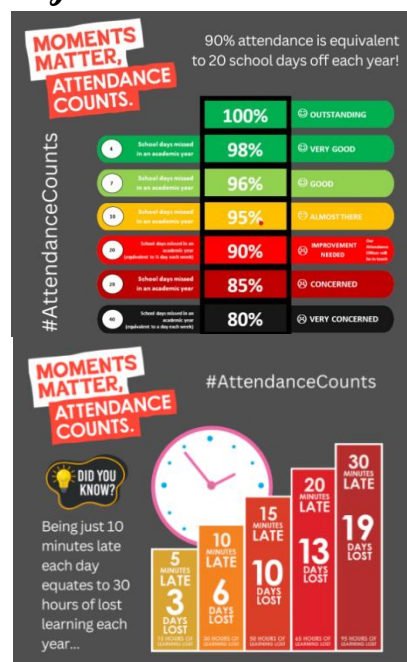
Support in School

- We have mental Health First Aiders: Mrs Morton and Mrs Marson
- We have links with external services such as MHST, RISE and Family Wellbeing Service and can make referrals to these agencies
- We have focus weeks and sessions to teach children about how to be mentally healthy including Children's Mental Health Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Week

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 94.6% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
92%	98%	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	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

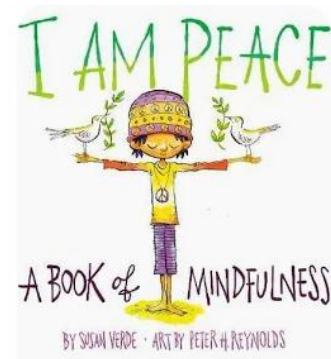
Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

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 themes linked to mental health as part of Mental Health Week. We have considered how we can find our happy, strategies we can use to help us to feel calm, and what to do when we have mixed emotions.



Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term

Effort Elephant

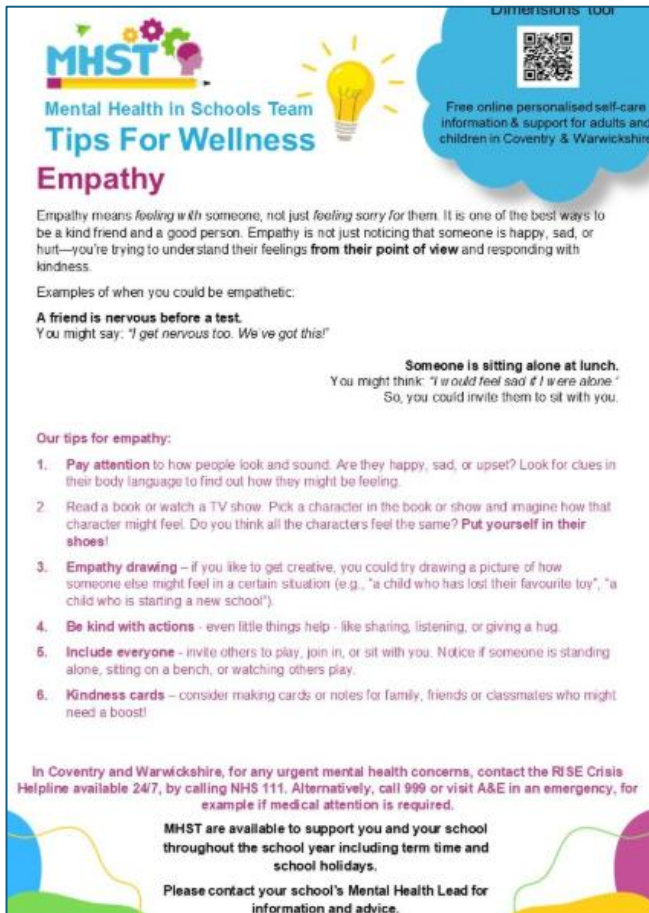


* I put effort into completing my work.

** 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
Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry for* them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings **from their point of view** and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.
You might say: "I get nervous too. We've got this!"

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.
You might think: "I would feel sad if I were alone."
So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

1. **Pay attention** to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
2. **Read a book or watch a TV show.** Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? **Put yourself in their shoes!**
3. **Empathy drawing** – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
4. **Be kind with actions** - even little things help - like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
5. **Include everyone** - invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
6. **Kindness cards** – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

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: Jack and the Beanstalk

Illustrated by: Natascha Rosenberg

Recommended by: Ruben

Ruben enjoyed the push, pull and slide features experienced in the book of the week. He was delighted to find a giant at the top of the beanstalk and Jack hiding in a cupboard.

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](#)

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.

