



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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What a busy week! Early Years have been busy creating their own beanstalk full of writing, whilst Key Stage One have completed constructing their vehicles ready for testing in Design and Technology. Both are great examples of learning for a purpose.



We are delighted to share that this week we have ordered some new large outdoor equipment to further enhance the children's lunchtime play experiences. These exciting additions will provide even more opportunities for active, imaginative and social play. A huge thank you to the Friends for funding this for the children.

We are currently consulting with parents and carers on our updated PSHE and RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) policy, following new statutory guidance from the Department for Education due to come into effect in September 2026. The draft policy is now available on the policies page of the school website [here](#), and we warmly encourage you to take a look. The proposed policy does not suggest any significant change to what is being taught in school currently. We value your views and would appreciate any comments or feedback on the policy; please send these into the school office by Friday 12th June so that we can take them into consideration as we finalise our approach.



As we come to the end of another busy half term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard and there have been many wonderful moments of learning, creativity and friendship across the school. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term.



Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Jack, Isla	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Emily
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Five reads raffle tickets

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

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

Achievement & Raffle Winners

Five reads raffle prize winners

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 KS1 pupils will be visiting Coventry Cathedral for the day. Please see the letter sent home for full details. Please arrange to make payment via MCAS app by 1 st June this will act as consent for your child to attend the trip.
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

	<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</p>

	<p>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.</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.</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					caterlin feeding the imagination	
		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 Added 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)	Plant based Added plant protein Chef Special	
	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 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		
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Added plant protein Chef Special	
	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 Shipa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Added plant protein Chef Special	
	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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Barnardo's	Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC)	Barnardo's	Barnardo's	Barnardo's	Barnardo's
Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	Baby Self-Weigh Drop in 9.30am to 12pm Boughton Leigh CFC	Toddler Time Aimed at 0-4yrs 10.00am to 11.30am Rogers Hall
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV13 1AL)	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 11.30am to 12.30pm Boughton Leigh CFC	ALL CENTRES OPEN FOR NORMAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS & SUPPORT SESSIONS	Twente Time Aimed cruisers and babies just starting to walk 1.30pm-2.30pm Claremont CFC	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC	Expressive Arts For 5-11yrs Building awareness 2.00pm to 3.00pm Claremont CFC
Mindful Makers Yoga and Arts & Crafts For 5-11yrs 1.00pm-3.00pm Claremont CFC Booking Required	Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 1.30pm to 3.00pm Long Lawford CFC	To view all our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link https://rugbycfc.co.uk 	Expressive Arts For 5-11yrs Building awareness 2.00pm to 3.00pm Claremont CFC	Saturdays Next Saturdays session 15 th June 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	
Please note the changes in times to some of the groups from our regular term time timetable.					

SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS
TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2026
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE DURING SPORTS DAY!
CASH ONLY DONATIONS PLEASE
ALL PROCEEDS TO FUND SCHOOL RESOURCES

IT'S ICE LOLLY TIME
RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCES
£2 EACH
FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026
 allsorts
for parents and children

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS
NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026
IN EXCHANGE FOR ROSE QUEEN PRIZES
SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, BOTTLES ETC
KEEP AN LOOK OUT FOR MORE ROSE QUEEN DETAILS FOLLOWING SOON!

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SCHOOL
Rose Queen Day
SUMMER FAYRE
5th JULY 2026
DANCING STARTS AT 11:30
More details to follow!

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MAYJULY

Spotlight on

Computing



At Leamington Hastings, we deliver our computing curriculum through using a range of age appropriate technology such as Bee-bots, microphones and remote control toys in the Early Years. In Key Stage One we use Purple Mash, a creative and engaging online learning platform designed especially for primary aged children.

Purple Mash is a secure, age-appropriate online learning platform that helps children develop essential computing skills in a fun and accessible way. Through a wide range of colourful, interactive activities, pupils are introduced to key aspects of technology in a way that is appropriate for their age.

Using Purple Mash, children learn how to:

- Use technology safely and responsibly
- Create simple digital content, such as pictures, stories and animations
- Begin to understand algorithms and simple coding through play-based tasks
- Explore how technology is used in everyday life

The programme is carefully structured so that children build their skills step by step. This means they can grow in confidence as they learn, developing independence and creativity along the way. Many of the activities also link to topics across the curriculum, allowing children to apply their computing skills in meaningful ways — for example, writing digital stories, designing artwork, or creating simple presentations.

A particularly important focus in Key Stage One is online safety. Through age-appropriate lessons and activities, children learn how to stay safe when using technology. This includes understanding what personal information is, why it should be kept private, and knowing who to talk to if something worries them. We support children to become confident, responsible digital citizens from an early age.

Algorithms

A set of detailed step by step instructions is called an **algorithm**.

- Go forward 3 steps.
- Turn left.
- Go forward 5 steps.
- Turn right.
- Go forward 2 steps.



This is an algorithm for moving from the carpet to the whiteboard.



Adding Sound in 2Create a Story



Adding Your Own Sounds

Today's challenge is to add your own sounds into your background music.

Under 'My Sounds', click on **+** then click on **Record**

You can then record your own sounds using whatever instruments, props or body parts you like!






Impressionism Art Using 2Paint A Picture

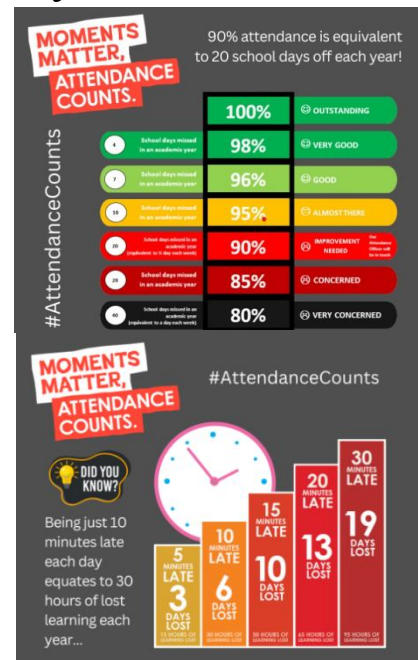
Watch this video on how to use the Impressionism template in 2Paint A Picture. It will show how to use the **colour palette**, water beaker tool and adjusting the brush size.



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 95% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94%	96%	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

Summer 2 - 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 been focusing on our value of truthfulness. We shared the story The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot, inspired by the fable The Boy Who Cried Wolf, and reflected on how, if we don't tell the truth, others may find it difficult to believe us when we really need help.

We also learnt about Ascension Day and explored what it means for Christians, including the story of Jesus returning to heaven.



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





Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness
Learning

We are always learning new things – often without realising it! Learning can include developing skills as well as developing knowledge. Learning something new can help to improve our mental wellbeing, as it gives us a sense of achievement and purpose. We can challenge ourselves to build new skills or develop skills that we already have. It can help to build motivation, confidence, and self-esteem too.

To help us to learn something new, we can set ourselves a challenge or a goal to work towards. Can you think of a new challenge or goal to try?

Learning can be fun! Studies show that learning can help us to enjoy life more! Can you find a new activity that you enjoy and make it part of your life?

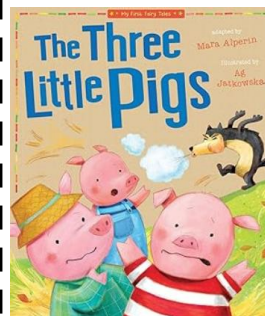
Our tips for learning:

1. **Learn a new word each day!** Can you use the new word in your schoolwork? Can you teach this new word to a friend?
2. **Get creative!** Try a new craft activity or write a story or song. Have a look at some ideas for craft activities here: 
3. **Try a new hobby,** such as a new sport, learning to paint or join a new after-school club.
4. **Try a new food or learn to cook a new recipe.** Could you share this experience with someone? For example, could you bake a cake with a friend, or cook a meal for your family?
5. **Learn a new language.** Try and learn simple words and phrases, such as "hello", "how are you?" and "my name is...". You could use online resources or apps, such as Duolingo, to help you.
6. **Try a new sport or class.** Could you help others to learn by becoming a coach for a junior team?
7. **Start a craft project!** You could do this independently, or together with a friend. Remember to ask an adult for help if you need to! Follow the QR code for some project ideas: 

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: The Three Little Pigs

Author: Mara Alperin, Ag Jatkowska

Recommended by: James

James recommended this funny book, his favourite characters are the three pigs who outsmart the wolf. He really likes the big, strong house of bricks where they all live together at the end of 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](#)

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.

