



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week and to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and excitement. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and families who are joining the Leamington Hastings community; we are delighted to have you with us.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They have been settling into their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers and classmates, and beginning lots of exciting new learning. It has been lovely to see their smiles, hear their laughter and watch them quickly get back into the routines of school.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, grow, develop their confidence and make wonderful memories together. We are looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year and sharing all of the children's achievements and successes.



As you may have seen on ClassDojo, this academic year we are introducing Dojo Points across the school. Dojo Points will be used to recognise and celebrate children who are following our school rules and routines, demonstrating our Christian values and showing our school learning behaviours. Points will provide a positive way for us to acknowledge the behaviours and attitudes that help everyone to learn, flourish and feel part of our school community. We hope that children will enjoy earning points and celebrating their achievements, while developing a strong understanding of the expectations and values that make our school such a special place to be. As we roll out the system across the school and introduce it to the children, you may see a larger number of points being awarded. If the number of notifications becomes too much, you can turn these off within the APP. This does not stop you being able to look at your child's profile within the APP to see how many points they have received. The children have already been enjoying earning Dojo Points and are excited to see their points grow!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, thank you for your support.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Spotlight on

Leamington Hasting C of E Academy Senior Leadership Team

So that you are all aware of who is who, and who to contact regarding different areas, the Senior Leadership Team of the school is shown below.



Mrs. Suzanne Marson, Headteacher

Mrs. Marson works across Leamington Hastings and Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and has strategic responsibility for all areas of the school. She is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and leads on the Quality of Education and Christian Distinctiveness. Mrs Marson will be in school several days each week.



Miss Annie Scofield, Assistant Headteacher

Miss Scofield has responsibility for leading the school when Mrs, Marson is off site. Miss Scofield leads on attendance and behaviour, pupil premium, and is also the school Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) and Inclusion lead. Miss Scofield is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and leads English across the school. Miss Scofield is usually in school Tuesday to Friday.



Mrs Liz Wooldridge, Early Years Lead

Mrs Wooldridge is a senior leader within school and is in school every day. Mrs Wooldridge is the R.E. and spirituality leader and supports with the leadership of Christian Distinctiveness. Mrs Wooldridge is also the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children, music lead and a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Clare Baxter, Academy Business Partner

Mrs Baxter works across Leamington Hastings and Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy. Mrs Baxter is responsibility for areas such as finance, health and safety and HR within school. Mrs Baxter is in school one day per week.

Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

Thursday 10th
September
2026

Individual School Photographs

Current Lunch Menu

	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MEN KEY
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)	
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)	Whole grain
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 Wrap 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 Salta	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Plant base
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)	Add plant protein
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	
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)	
DAILY:	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit.					Chef Special

Milk helps me to...



Milk is a great source of minerals and vitamins for healthy bones | teeth | muscles | brains | eyes | bodies

Cool Milk

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information. Register online www.coolmilk.com

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.



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:



to receive Free School Meals from SEPTEMBER 2026
Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

The Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme is NOT changing



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 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 [Leamington Hastings CofE Academy school link](https://fsm.lgfl.net/app/school/17955)

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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.



SEND LOCAL OFFER

Children with Disabilities Team

Our Children with Disabilities Team offers a high-quality range of inclusive support designed to empower families, build confidence, and strengthen relationships.

- Two-hour Drop-In Sessions providing accessible advice and guidance
- Communication Workshops to support understanding and connection
- 12-week Parenting Programmes including The Nurturing Programme and The Solihull Approach

All sessions are delivered by experienced facilitators with specialist expertise in working with children with disabilities and their families, ensuring a supportive, welcoming, and positive experience.

Scan the QR code to book via Eventbrite or email cwtdsendlocaloffer@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information.



ONLINE FOOD ALLERGEN & INTOLERANCE FORM

At Caterlink the safety of our pupils is our number one priority, and we take catering for customers with food allergies and intolerances very seriously.

The below information details how to complete our online form for pupils who require a special diet menu due to allergies, intolerances or medical conditions.

STEP 1

You can request a special diet menu by completing our online Allergy & Intolerance Form - [CTL - Food Allergy & Intolerance Form V2](#)

This needs to be submitted with supporting medical evidence from an NHS professional (a GP/consultant or registered dietitian). This can be a letter, copy of medical notes, an Allergy Action Plan signed by a medical professional or a screenshot from the NHS app. Medical evidence is an industry-wide requirement, recommended by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA).

Please ensure that when you enter the school name that the unit number and postcode listed are correct for your school.

STEP 2

Whilst waiting to see if a special diet menu has been approved any children with food allergies or intolerances can be provided with a 'safe meal' - jacket potato with baked beans, vegetables and fresh fruit salad (if suitable for the pupil's allergies).

If you would like your child to have a 'safe meal' please let your school know.

STEP 3

The Caterlink team will review the request and check that it is safe to cater for using the LACA Special Diet Risk Analysis Process for Caterers where required. The risk analysis looks at the pupil's requirements, the medical evidence, the capability of the kitchen facilities and the school environment to determine if the request is low, medium or high risk.

STEP 4

If deemed safe to cater for by our Caterlink nutrition team will then develop the special diet menu, with at least one suitable meal option daily. This can take up to four weeks from receiving all of the information required.

Should your child's allergies or intolerances change, you should request the link from the school and choose 'Updated Request'.

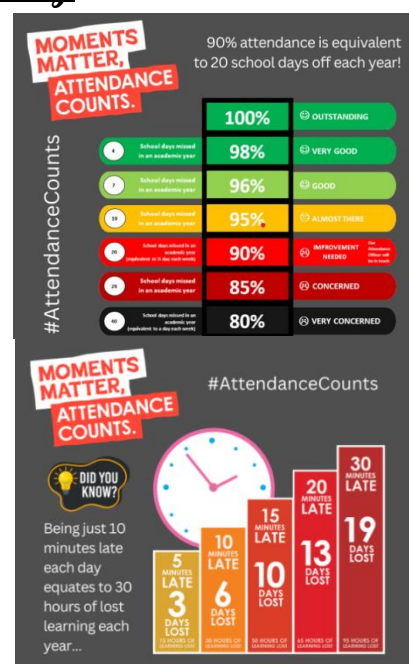
If your child has become allergic or intolerant to additional foods, please ring the school immediately and request a safe meal.



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 85.83 % (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	88%	66%



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	Dodge Ball	Target Games	Street Dance	Multi Sport

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

Term Dates

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 the book 'The Big Umbrella' to introduce our value of friendship, and to discuss that everyone is welcome and belongs to our school community.

We have also reminded ourselves of our school vision, school song and school prayer.



Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term

Team Meerkat



*I can listen to a partner carefully.
**I can share my ideas with a small group.
*** I can explain tasks to other people.

Mental Health Support



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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

Rest

It is important to work hard, stay motivated and set goals to achieve in life. It is also important to not overwork yourself and get enough rest to help manage your stress and unwind so you can stay motivated and prevent burnout in the long run.

Rest is vital for your mental health as it can improve your concentration, memory, critical thinking, planning for the future, problem-solving, mood, immune system, reduce stress, and helps your body's metabolism and physical recovery.

Rest can be difficult to define because it can look different for everyone. It can be anything physical or mentally stimulating that improves wellbeing such as going for a walk, singing, drawing, cycling, playing games, watching TV/streaming, exercising, playing sports, reading, dancing, listening or creating music, writing, crafting, relaxing or anything else you enjoy!

Our Top Tips for Rest:

After you have done something important like studying, chores or homework, reward yourself by doing something enjoyable that helps you recharge.

Set aside enough time each day for hygiene. This can be showering, brushing teeth, washing hair. These regular activities can help you to relax.

Create a healthy sleep routine by avoiding caffeine or sugary drinks near bedtime, ensure you are warm and comfortable in bed and limit screen time.

Engage in some mindfulness or restful activity, such as meditation, reading, listening to calming music, podcasts or bedtime stories.

Use the QR code to download the Calm App, which has lots of meditations, soundscapes and stories.

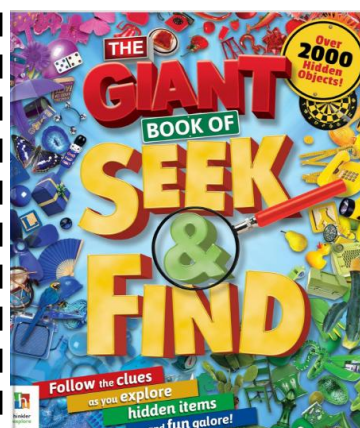


In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

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 Giant Book of Seek & Find

Author: Nick Brant & Rowan Summers

Recommended by: Finlay

Finlay recommended the book of the week which includes the biggest selection of seek and find picture hunt activities.

E-Safety tip of the week

NSPCC

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.

