



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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It is hard to believe we are already three weeks into the academic year already! It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and it has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. There is lots of exciting learning taking place across the school, and we are incredibly proud of everyone. Our new children have also settled into school life so well, and it already feels as though they have been part of our school community for much longer.

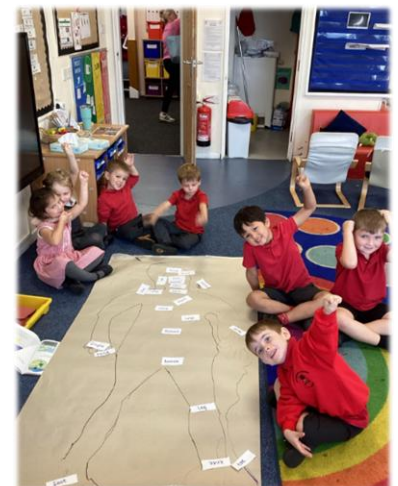
We appreciate that parking around school can be difficult, particularly at busy drop-off and collection times, and we understand that there is limited space locally. We kindly ask all families to be considerate of our local residents and other road users when parking. Please do not block residents' driveways or prevent access to properties. We ask that parents park safely and considerately, leaving enough space for residents, pedestrians and emergency vehicles to pass. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to maintain positive relationships with our local community.

Our Curriculum Evenings will take place on Tuesday 29th September. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what your child will be learning in school throughout this academic year. Teachers will share information about the curriculum, key learning and ways you can support your child at home. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during this session. We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible. We look forward to welcoming you!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Thank you for your support.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Archie	Snowy Owls (KS1):	James
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Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Finlay	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Arnie
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Five Reads raffle tickets

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Finlay, Corrin, Oscar	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Benjamin, Charlie, Joe, Lara, Lucas, Millie, Isaac, James, Isla Y1, Ava, Will, Zara
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Dojo award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Emily
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Caught showing values slips

Courage:	Isaac, Millie, Freddie	Generosity:	Zara, Emily	Truthfulness:	
Friendship:	Arnie, Emily, Charlie, Isla Y2, Isla Y1, Sophia	Forgiveness:		Thankfulness:	Ava

Home Achievements

This weeks achievements include swimming, gymnastics, reading, Rugby, PGL & summer camp



Spotlight on

Rewards

At Leamington Hastings, we recognise that children are motivated by and respond to praise and rewards. We have a range of rewards that children can achieve each week. Detailed below are the rewards we offer, with a brief outline of how the children can achieve these.

Ongoing on a daily basis

Lots of positive praise and encouragement is given to children each day by the adults within school.

We have six learning behaviours in school. The focus learning behaviour of the half term and the skills developed are included on the weekly newsletter. If children display any of the learning behaviours, they can be rewarded with a learning behaviour sticker or a Dojo point from adults within school.

Dojo points – Staff award points when children demonstrate the school expectations of being ready, respectful and safe, as well as showing learning behaviours, school rules and routines such as superb sitting, and the school's Christian values.

Weekly basis

Children have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills throughout the week, which may result in a certificate being achieved as part of Friday's Celebration Worship.

- Caught showing values – Any child or member of staff can nominate a child for demonstrating the Christian Values by filling out a 'caught showing values' slip, circling the value demonstrated and providing a short explanation.
- Learner of the week – Each year group has a pot of named lollipop sticks. Each week, a lollipop stick from each year group is chosen at random, with the named child choosing a piece of work that they are proud of to share with the school, linking this to a learning behaviour. Children are presented with a certificate.
- Learning behaviour of the week – Class teachers select a child from each year group who has demonstrated the learning behaviour focus of the half term. Children are presented with a certificate and share the nominated piece of work.
- Five reads – Children are rewarded for reading five times within a week and having this noted in their reading diary by earning a raffle ticket. Tickets are placed in year group pots and at the end of each half term, a ticket from each year group is drawn. Children whose raffle tickets are drawn can choose a book from a selection to keep at home.
- Dojo points weekly awards. A child from each class is rewarded with a certificate if they have earned a large number of Dojo points that week. The class with the most Dojo points that week earns a flag to display outside their classroom. We reset the Dojo points every Friday morning, once we have given out the rewards in Collective Worship.

Children are always welcome to bring in rewards from home, such as certificates and trophies, to share with the rest of the school on a Friday.

Diary Dates

Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 21st September	Harvest Festival Donations Children throughout the school are welcome to bring any donations of non-perishable goods into school as part of Harvest Festival. All donations will be collected by Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.
Thursday 24 th September	Flu Vaccines Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.
Friday 25 th September	European day of languages To celebrate the rich diversity of our society, we challenge the children to come into school ready to answer the register with a greeting in any language of their choice.
Monday 28 th September	Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting Our wonderful Friends (PTA) are meeting for the first time this academic year online via Microsoft Teams at 8pm. All parents are welcome to join us via this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/355218232296576?p=oaLGNET7uMTenfTokp
Tuesday 29 th September	World Heart Day We will be holding a fundraising day with proceeds to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation. Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red, for a voluntary donation.
Tuesday 29 th September	Curriculum evening Parents are invited to come into school to find out what their children will be taught over the course of this academic year, including how we teach reading, handwriting, writing and maths. Please enter and leave the school via the school office and make your way to the year group classrooms. There will be a session for each Key Stage to accommodate those who would like to attend both sessions. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session. Please arrive for a 4:30pm start in Key Stage One (years 1 and 2) and a 5:15pm start in EYFS (nursery and reception)
Wednesday 30 th September	Parent's evening booking opens Please arrange to book your child's parent's evening slot via MCAS.
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day Children will be learning about poetry within school. Children are invited to come into school having learnt a poem that they can recite to their classmates.
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Festival service Parents are invited to join us in the school hall for a Harvest Festival service. School staff, children and members of the church will lead the service. Please enter via the school office for a 2:30pm start.
Wednesday 7 th October	Harvest Festival donations Last day of donations towards Rugby Foodbank as part of Harvest Festival.

Thursday 8 th October	Passport to world views afternoon - Diwali Children will be learning about the festival of Diwali during the afternoon.
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day 'Hello Yellow' Children are invited to wear non-uniform / yellow clothing on this day. A voluntary donation towards Young Minds can be made should parents wish to. During the school day, we will be teaching children about the Zones of Regulation, focusing on recognising and understanding feelings.
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening 1 You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via MCAS. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office.
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening 2 You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via MCAS. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office.
Thursday 22 nd October	Vocabulary Day As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic.
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Teacher Training Day School closed to all children on this day.
WC 9 th November	Interfaith Week Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.
Friday 13 th November	World Kindness Day We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week next week.
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.
WC Monday 16 th November	Antibullying Week Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Evening for prospective reception and nursery

	Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please book via the school office and arrive via the school office for a 5pm start
Thursday 26 th November	Passport to world views afternoon – Hannukah Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah during the afternoon.
Saturday 28 th November	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Friends of Leamington Hastings PTA fundraiser. Please see poster for further details.
Monday 30 th November	Open afternoon for prospective reception and nursery If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 2pm. Please book via the school office.
Wednesday 2 nd December	Open morning for prospective parents If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 9.30am. Please book via the school office.
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christingle Service Parents are welcome to come into school to join the children for a Christingle service. Please arrive via the school office for a 2:30pm start.
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper & Craft Day Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome. Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Performance 1 The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 2:30pm. Each family will receive two tickets for the play, which will be sent home nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Performance 2 The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 9:15am. Each family will receive two tickets for the play, which will be sent home nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Warwick Arts Centre Theatre Visit – The Gruffalo Child The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Gruffalo's Child as a theatre performance. More details to follow. We will need parental helpers for the trip, please let the school office know if you are able to help.
Tuesday 12 th January 2027	CBSO Reception and KS1 Schools Concert – More details to follow
Tuesday 2 nd March 2027	Oxford Natural History Museum KS1 Trip – More details to follow

Current Lunch Menu



AUTUMN MENU 2026



	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE						
31/08/26	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)	
21/09/26	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	
12/10/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Whole grain
	Dessert NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	
WEEK TWO						
07/09/26	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)	Plant based
28/09/26	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 Pita with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
19/10/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Added plant protein
	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						
14/09/26	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)	Chef's Special
05/10/26	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.						

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

SEP

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:

JULY 1
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

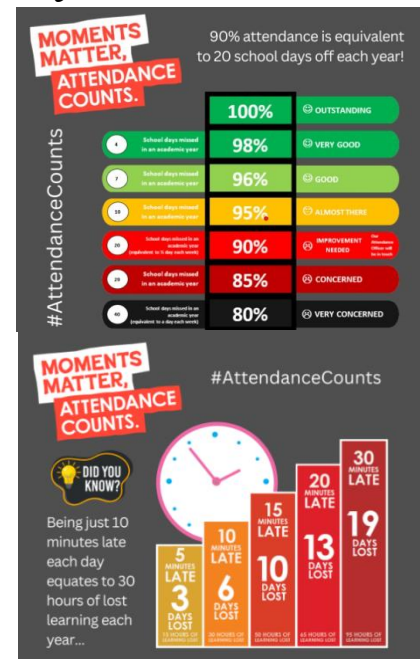
APPLY NOW

Applications and re-checks of eligibility can be made now via Learnington Hastings CofE Academy school link
<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app/school/17955>
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.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 98.38% (Target 97%)

		
2Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	82%	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	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 have considered how we can be courageous advocates during recycling week.

In our Picture News worship, we looked at a cycling race and considered how difficult it must be to compete. We discussed how we can show resilience and perseverance in our lives, just like our learning behaviour of tough tortoise!

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 Support Team in Schools
Tips For Wellness Nutrition

Dimensions: tool



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

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health**!

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

- 1. Get involved in the cooking**– Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
- 2. Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
- 3. Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
- 4. Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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 Colour Monster

Author: Anna Llenas

Recommended by: Early Years

Early Years have recommended a book which they enjoyed sharing in class this week.



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.





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Starts on Monday 29th September 2026 1-3 pm
at the Claremont Children and Family Centre
Rugby CV21 3LU

email to find out more
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



Book your place today.
Scan for information and
registration



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 allergens, 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 (LACE).

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 LACE 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.



Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details

Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ bewise.immunise@covworkpnt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

✉ NorthImms@covworkpnt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

✉ SouthImms@covworkpnt.nhs.uk

☎ 01926 353899



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