



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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Good afternoon,

We have had another very busy week here at school. We kicked off the week with the harvest festival assembly. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to watch the children perform the songs and poems that they had been practising. They all did amazingly. Thank you all for your generous contributions to our collection for the local food bank.



On Thursday, we had our first passport to worldview afternoon which saw the Early Years children learn all about the Hindu world view festival – Diwali. KS1 learnt about the Sikh world view festival of Bandi Chhor Divas.



And finally, today, we have all donned something yellow in recognition of World Mental Health Day. The children have spent a little bit of time learning about what mental health is and how it is important to talk. Thank you for your generous donations.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

The Leamington Hastings Team



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Jack	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Benjamin
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Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Mia	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Zara
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Dojo award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Freya	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Ava
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Caught showing values slips

Courage:	All of Early Years, Arnie, Emily, Ava	Generosity:	Emily	Truthfulness:	
Friendship:	Ruben, Corrin, Lara x 2, Emily, Isla Y2, Georgia x 2	Forgiveness:		Thankfulness:	

Home Achievements

This week the achievements include swimming.



Spotlight on



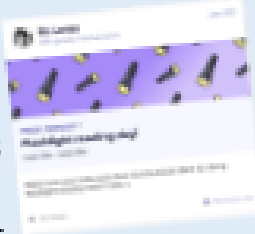
As you know, we use Class Dojo as our method of communication with parents. As we start a new academic year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of all the things that Dojo has to offer and how we use Dojo as a school.



It is possible for messages to be sent directly to your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team within Dojo. These are private messages that are between the sender and recipient. The leadership team cannot see any messages that you send to teachers, and we expect that any messages that you receive from school staff are kept private. Please note that staff have 48 hours to reply to any messages. Any urgent messages, or messages about appointments and illnesses, should continue to be sent via the school office.

The 'school story' is where you will find information about what is taking place across the whole school, including nursery. This includes the publication of the weekly newsletter. This area can be viewed by all parents across the school. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

Within both the school story and class story you can see 'events'. This acts as a calendar to show you what events are due to take place in the future. We endeavour to place all events from the newsletter onto Dojo to serve as a helpful reminder.



Class Dojo is an APP that is **free of charge** for parents. We do not recommend that you sign up to pay for the additional features, as we will not use these features as a school.



Parents sign up to Dojo through an invitation that is sent home. This invitation only extends to the parents of the child; we do not allow anyone who is not a parent onto Dojo unless there are family situations which have already been discussed with us in advance.

The 'class story' is where you will find information about what is going on within your child's class. Only the parents of children in that class can see this page; it is not open to the whole school. Teachers are asked to share learning with you two to three times per week. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

One feature within Dojo is 'Dojo points'. This is not something we currently use as a school. Instead, we use the rewards listed within our behaviour policy.



Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

Tuesday 13 th - Friday 16 th October	We are welcoming Hunt's Book Fair into the school hall next week. The book fair will be open Tuesday - Friday after school 3.15pm-4pm. Come take a look! 📖 📖
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	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. Kindly funded by the PTA. 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 – Reception, Year 1 and Year2 pupils will be attending a concert at the CBSO Centre, Birmingham. Please refer to the letter for further details.
Tuesday 2 nd March 2027	Oxford Natural History Museum KS1 Trip – Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have the opportunity to visit Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Please refer to the letter for further details.

Current Lunch Menu



AUTUMN MENU 2026



	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE						
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	Whole grain
Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	
WEEK TWO						
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
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 Pita with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish 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	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						
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
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)	
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.

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 (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.

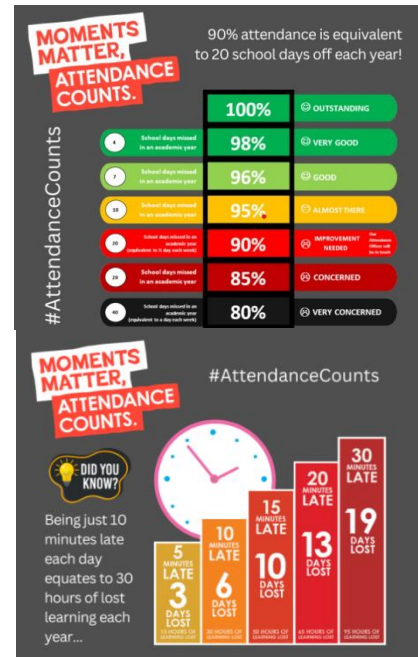
Should your child's allergies or intolerances change, you should request the link from the school and choose 'Updated Request'.

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: 95.10% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
85%	98%	88%



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 read the story of the Smeds and the Smoos and linked this to the British value of mutual respect and tolerance. We thought about how the Smed and the Smoo grandparents were not showing these values at the beginning but they changed in the end. We linked this to our Christian Value of friendship.

We have also looked at school lunches and thought about what makes them healthy.

Finally we have talked about World Mental Health Day – linking it to our zones of regulation.

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



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Mental Health Support Team
in Schools
**Tips For Wellness
Appreciation**

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

Appreciation is a feeling of **thankfulness** or an act of recognising something that is important or meaningful to you.

We can appreciate or recognise another person through complementing them and sharing what you like about them. We can say 'thank you' to others when someone is helpful or supportive. This has benefits for both our mental health and for the people around us. We can also appreciate ourselves – you are important and unique! Remember to celebrate when you achieve big and small things and stop to appreciate what you have done.

Learning to appreciate others and ourselves can improve our self-esteem, improve our mood and improve our relationships with others.

Our tips for appreciation:

1. Create a **"be proud"** board at home or at school where you post your drawings or good deeds.
2. Start a **gratitude journal** – write or draw things that make you feel proud or happy every day.
3. **Give a compliment** – think about a person who is important to you and tell them 3 things that you like about them. You could write a letter or a small note to let them know how much you appreciate them. Use these sentence starters to help you.
 - I like how you...
 - You are...
 - Thank you for...
 - You make me happy when you...
4. **Say 'thank you'** – remember to thank other people throughout the day, to show them you appreciate what they do for you. If you have a friend who speaks another language, you could learn to say 'thank you' in the language that they speak. You could also learn to say 'thank you' in Makaton (sign language) too! Have a look at the video above to help you!
5. **Self-appreciation** – think of something small that you have achieved this week. Pause and take a minute to appreciate what you have done. Which of your positive qualities did you use? Kindness, thoughtfulness, curiosity, creativity?

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



Makaton video

Book of the week



Title: Supertato Eviltato vs. Superpea

Author: Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet

Recommended by: Isaac

Isaac recommended this exciting night time adventure at the super market where Supertato turns into Eviltato. Luckily the veggies are there to save the day with a hug attack.

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.



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at **ALL SAINTS LEAMINGTON HASTINGS**

Please could you take the time to complete the "PTA Feedback Survey". Your feedback is important!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLLYMF5>