



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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It has been lovely to return to school this week following a short period of bereavement leave. It has been wonderful to see the children again and to be back amongst our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Scofield and the wider staff team for stepping up during my absence and ensuring that everything continued to run smoothly. I am incredibly grateful for their hard work, dedication and support, and for the care and commitment they continue to show to our children and families each day. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team working across our school.



A reminder that our Parents' Evenings are taking place next week. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher during a ten minute appointment to discuss how they have settled into their new class and the progress they have made so far this term. This will be followed up in January with a written summary outlining your child's current academic attainment levels. We will share further details about this nearer the time. When entering and leaving the school for your appointment, please do so via the school office.



A reminder that next Friday is a staff training day, and both the school and nursery will be closed to all children. As we will not be holding our usual Friday Celebration Assembly, we would love children who have certificates, medals or other achievements to share to bring these into school on Thursday morning instead, so that we can celebrate their successes. During the training day, staff will be focusing on developing and embedding oracy across the curriculum. This is an important part of our school improvement work, helping children to develop their speaking, listening and communication skills, building confidence and using talk effectively to support their learning across all subjects.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend, thank you for your ongoing support.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

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

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Finlay	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Lara
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Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Archie	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Sophia
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Dojo award

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

Courage:	Millie, Mia, Sophia	Generosity:	Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Wooldridge, Corrin, Ruben, Ella	Truthfulness:	
Friendship:	Isla Y1, Georgia, Joe, Zara, Ella, Jack, Ava, Sophia x 2, Isla Y2, Millie, Mia	Forgiveness:	Emily	Thankfulness:	Georgia

Home Achievements

This week the achievements include go karting, football, horse riding and gymnastics.



SEND

Who can I talk to if I am concerned my child may need additional support?

In the first instance, you would discuss your concerns with your child's class teacher. You can also contact Miss Annie Scofield who is our school SENDCo who will be happy to meet to discuss your concerns related to SEND, including mental health.

What is an EHCP?

An EHCP is an Educational Health and Care Plan. It is a legal document which details the child's needs and how the child will be supported. Most children and young people with SEND are supported in schools without an EHCP and you do not need one to receive additional support. An EHCP formalises the support your child will receive. EHC Plans are for complex, long-term needs and when a child's progress suggests they need more targeted support.

What are the 4 broad areas of need?

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Sensory and/or physical needs

What is SEND?

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability.

A child has SEN if they:

- have significantly more difficulty learning than most peers their age
- have a disability which prevents them taking part in similar learning to others of the same age
- need extra support that is 'additional to' and 'different from' the support that other children of the same age get

The other part of SEND is Disability-

- A disability is defined as a physical or mental condition which has a long-term and substantial impact on your daily life (Equality Act 2010).
- It can be physical, e.g cerebral palsy
- It can be neurological, e.g autism spectrum disorder

If a child has a disability that does not affect their learning, they are part of SEND but do not have Special Educational Needs (SEN).

What is an IEP?

An IEP is an individual education plan which all children on the SEND register will have. These consist of SMART targets which the child will focus on in the next term. These are reviewed and written every term and are shared with parents/ carers within IEP meetings. Parents and carers have the opportunity to contribute to their child's IEP review and new targets.

Warwickshire local offer:

Warwickshire's SEND local offer brings together information about the local services and support available across education, health and social care for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25, who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

[SEND Local Offer – Warwickshire County Council](#)

Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

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.
Wednesday 4 th November	Pumpkin Party The Friends of Leamington Hastings PTA have arranged a pumpkin party. Children are invited to participate in games, dancing and lots more! Pre carved pumpkin competition (battery operated lights only) from 3.15pm – 5.00pm. Please see the poster included on the newsletter for booking information.
WC 9 th November	Interfaith Week Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.
Tuesday 10 th November	Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting Our wonderful Friends (PTA) are meeting online via Microsoft Teams at 8pm. All parents are welcome to join us.
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.
Monday 16 th November	Dunchurch Junior Open Morning Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy are running an open morning at 9.00 am for anyone whose child is due to start year three in September 2027. Individual tours can also be provided - please contact the school office at office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org to book an individual tour.
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.
Thursday 26 th November	Non Uniform day Non uniform day in exchange for bottles and sweet treats to be sold on tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.
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.
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Fair Come and join our Christmas Fair straight after school. To be held in the school hall.
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

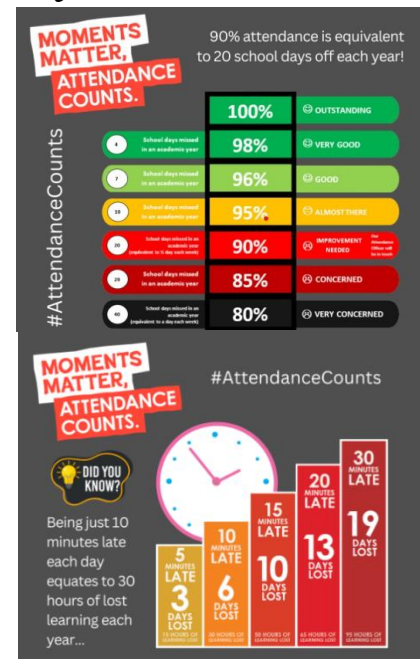
AUTUMN MENU 2026						 feeding the imagination	
		Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option One	 Chef's Special Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice (VE)  	 Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE) 	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	 Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce (V)	
	Option Two	Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)	 Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Spaghetti Bolognaise	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)	
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)	
	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	
	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) 	
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)	
	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.					
							MENU KEY:  Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein  Chef's Special

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.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 97% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	95%	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	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 our value of friendship. We read the book 'One Sudden Hill' which helped us to explore why it is a good idea to have more than one friend to play with, and how we can make friends with others. We also used our school and British values to consider how we can 'disagree well' with one another.

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 Being Brave

We can show bravery in lots of different ways, such as recognising that we feel a certain way (e.g., sad, anxious), asking someone for help when we need it and trying new things, even if we feel scared!

Feeling scared is often a sign that we are doing something challenging and it is completely normal to feel this way. Even though it can feel uncomfortable, being brave and facing these difficulties can also help us to learn and grow (both physically and emotionally). This can mean we need to step outside our comfort zone at times to be able to overcome challenges, but it is important to remember that being brave does not mean we have to cope alone.

Our Tips for Being Brave:

1. **Set yourself a goal to try something new.** Create a plan to break your goal down into smaller, more achievable steps! This can help your goal to feel less overwhelming.
2. **Take chances and make mistakes!** Sometimes it is helpful to fail, so you can practise being brave. Try something you have been wanting to try and take that chance to move out of your comfort zone. You might even find that it wasn't as bad as you thought it would be.
3. Practise **positive self-talk** to help develop your bravery. Repeat these sentences to yourself or out loud - 'I can do hard things'; 'I try my best'; 'I can enjoy challenge'. You might want to write positive statements on post-it notes and stick them around your mirror so you can remind yourself of them every day!
4. **Ask for help** when you need it from someone you trust. Taking the step to talk to someone is one of the bravest things you can do!
5. **Strike a power pose!** Standing up tall with your feet apart, your head held high and with your hands on your hips can help make you feel more confident and ready to take on a challenge. What pose makes you feel more confident?



Follow the QR code for activities to support the theme 'being brave'!

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.

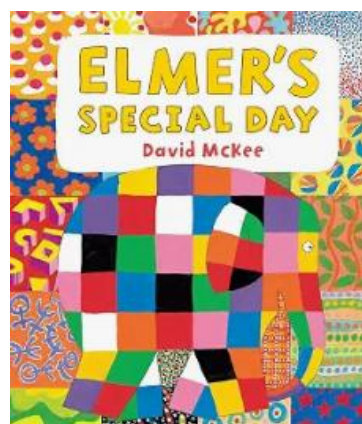
MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.
Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Dimensions tool



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

Book of the week



Title: Elmer's Special Day

Author: David McKee

Recommended by: Mia

Mia recommended this beautifully illustrated book. She especially enjoys sharing the end of the story when all of the animals are decorated and wear elephant masks to join in the Elmer's Day Parade.

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](#)

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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IN LIFE**

Early Years Funding

Click on the [link](#) to find out more about it, who qualifies and how to apply.

Making memories for every child to share

ALL STAR Kids Club

£23

HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB

KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB IN A SAFE & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT!
FUN, EXCITING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS
EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE

MONDAY	26 TH	OCTOBER
TUESDAY	27 TH	OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY	28 TH	OCTOBER
THURSDAY	29 TH	OCTOBER
FRIDAY	30 TH	OCTOBER

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, TRY SOMETHING NEW & HAVE SO MUCH FUN!

- ✓ Performing Arts
- ✓ Themed activities
- ✓ Multi sports
- ✓ Team building
- ✓ So much more...

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LEAMINGTON HASTINGS

PUMPKIN PARTY

Weds 4th November
15:15 - 17:00

Games, Dancing and lots more!
Pre-Carved Pumpkin Competition
(battery operated lights only!)
£6 EACH
(INCLUDES SNACKS, GLITTER TATTOOS & GLOW STICKS)
PROCEEDS TO SCHOOL RESOURCES
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

Scan QR code to pay and reserve your child's space

Get festive... Create something special...

CHRISTMAS Wreath Making WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT 10 AM

GRANDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
CV23 8DN

ALL MATERIALS & DECORATIONS SUPPLIED

£30 INCLUDES MULLED WINE & NIBBLES

£10 DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO SECURE A PLACE & CASH ON ARRIVAL

SPACES AVAILABLE FROM *Hannah Mawby*
07738 147195

Reception and Junior entry

When can your child start school?

- Children can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.

You need to apply for September 2027 if your child:

- was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023** (for a place in Reception).
- If your child will be in Year 2 at an infant school in September 2027 (for a place in a junior school).



Tax-Free Childcare

Eligible working families of children aged 0 to 11, or 0 to 16 if disabled, can get a £2 top-up for every £8 towards the cost of their childcare.

[Click for further information](#)