Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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Good afternoon,

Thank you all for coming to parent's evening. It has been great to share how your child/ren have settled into school. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see their work in their books.

This week we have received thanks from Rugby Foodbank. We our donation totalled 36.30KG which will go a long way to supporting those in need this autumn time. Thank you all for your generosity.

We are rounding off the half term with Vocabulary Day today. It has been a real delight to walk around and guess everybody's word. It has really got the children talking about vocabulary and thinking about how they might use their words in sentences both orally and in written from. Thank you all for your support with this.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you back on the 2nd November.

The Leamington Hastings Team







FRIENDSHIP COURAGE FORGIVENESS GENEROSITY THANKFULNESS TRUTHFULNESS

Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Autumn

Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Mia	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Leo

Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Jack	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Emily

Five reads raffle winner

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Isla D, Will

Dojo award

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

Caught showing values slips

Courage:		Generosity:	Emily x 2, Ruben x 2, Jack	Truthfulness:	
Friendship:	Emily x 2, Oscar, Ruben, Corrin, Lara, Georgia x 4, Zara x 2, Sophia, Ava, Isla N x 2, Millie, Isla D, Ella, Lucas	Forgiveness:		Thankfulness:	

Home Achievements

This week the achievements include Rugby football, gymnastics, football, Beavers



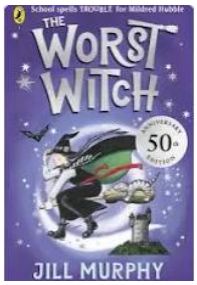
Spotlight on .....

Reading for pleasure

At Leamington Hastings, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We aim to support children to develop a love of reading and promote reading for pleasure. We promote reading through:

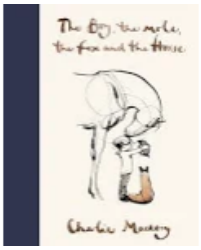


- A dedicated daily story time timetabled every day within each classroom, with carefully selected high quality children's texts.
- High quality texts used within lessons.
- Each child having the opportunity to visit the school library on a weekly basis.
- Access to high quality texts within the library.
- Sponsored read and reading challenges.
- Five reads raffle (don't forget to include stories that you read to the children in their reading diaries as well as books that the children read independently).



- A reading scheme that promotes familiarity with a text, building fluency and confidence with reading before the book is sent home.
- Events such as world book day, Pyjamarama and vocabulary day.
- A dedicated reading area in each classroom.
- Author and illustrator visits, either in person or online.

Research demonstrates that reading for pleasure is one of the most important indicators of a child's success in school, both in terms of academic progress and mental wellbeing. Reading for pleasure gives children the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. It helps children to understand their own identity and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.



You can promote reading for pleasure at home by:

- Accessing books from different genres and authors. The school and local libraries car
- Setting aside special time for reading each day e.g. bedtime stories.
- Model reading yourself as an adult.



- Reading to and alongside your child, even once they are able to read texts themselves.
- Providing opportunities for children to read to others, such as to their younger siblings or even their teddies.
- Listening to audiobooks.
- Setting challenges such as can you read 20 books in the month of August (or 10 for older children who are starting to read early chapter books).

Diary Dates

Any new dates will be added in red

Friday 23rd October	**Teacher Training Day** **School closed to all children on this day.**
Wednesday 4th 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 9th November	**Interfaith Week** **Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.**
Tuesday 10th 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 11th 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 13th November	**World Kindness Day** **We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week next week.**
Friday 13th 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 16th 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 16th 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 17th 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 26th November	**Passport to world views afternoon – Hannukah** **Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah during the afternoon.**

Saturday 28th November	**Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** **Friends of Leamington Hastings PTA fundraiser. Please see poster for further details.**
Thursday 26th 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 30th 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 10th 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 11th December	**Christmas Fair** **Come and join our Christmas Fair straight after school. To be held in the school hall.**
Monday 14th 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 15th 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 16th 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 12th 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 2nd 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 WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027

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feeding the imagination

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26	Option One	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges **(VE)**	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne **(V)**	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice **(VE)**	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy **(VE)**	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers **(V)**	Apple Cake with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Medley **(VE)**	Jelly with Mandarins **(VE)**	Syrup Sponge with Custard **(V)**
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice **(VE)**	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie **(VE)**	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Vanilla Shortbread **(VE)**
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese **(V)**	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mid Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes **(VE)**	Tomato Pasta **(VE)**	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy **(VE)**	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice **(VE)**	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie **(VE)**	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

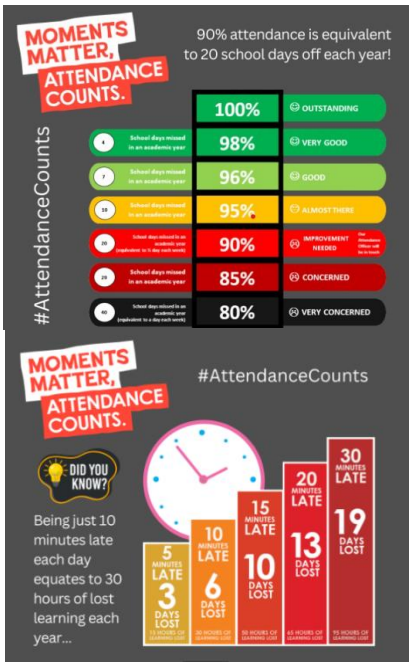
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

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: 94.09% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
92%	90%	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	Drama	Football	Cheerleading	Multi Sport (excluding 18th December)

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 been thinking about our value of friendship, including what makes a good friend and how we can show welcome to new children and visitors.

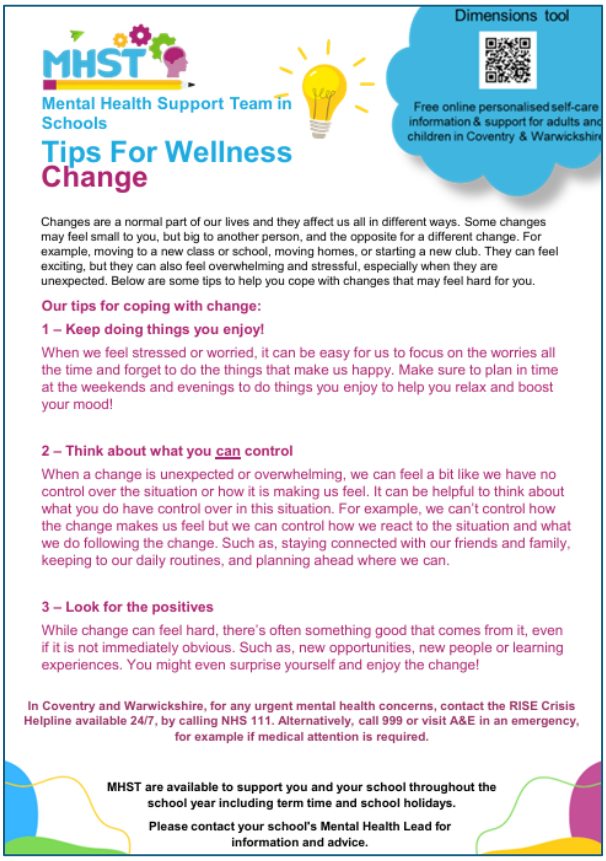
Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support





Title: Witchy Boo

Author: Arden Jones

Recommended by: Autumn

Autumn recommended this magical book that she chose from the book fair. She enjoys sharing this book where Boo the ghost attends a Friends Club and is not at all scary.

E-Safety tip of the week

Childnet

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

BEST START IN LIFE

Early Years Funding

Click on the link to find out more about it, who qualifies and how to apply.

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.









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).

1 November	15 January	1 February	16 April	30 April	14 May
Application opens	Closing date for applications	Extended closing date for house moves	National offer day	Waiting list positions published	Deadline for submitting appeals



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