



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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The children have all had a fantastic week in school, enjoying taking part in their learning. On Thursday, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of V.E. day, marking the end of World War II in Europe in 1945. Children had the opportunity to learn about the importance of this day and the impact it had on people's lives both then and now. We also reflected on the bravery of those who served and supported the war effort, and how communities came together to celebrate the end of conflict in Europe. The children enjoyed taking part in a picnic lunch and maypole dancing as part of the celebration. We were delighted that Karen Armbrister from the local church was also able to join us.

All diary dates that we are aware of for the summer term have now been added to the dates section of the newsletter. Any further dates will be added in red over the course of the term.

If your child is due to leave us this academic year and is not moving to Dunchurch Junior Academy, please could you let the office know where they will be moving to? This will enable us to meet our statutory duty of transferring the children's records, but also enable us to ensure that your child is supported with their transition.

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Moriah, Emily

Snowy Owls: Ashlyng, Leela

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Zara

Snowy Owls: Jude, Theo

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Blue Table

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

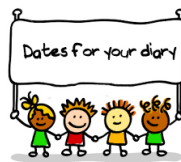
Eagle Owls: Zara, Will, Ava

Snowy Owls: Benjamin, Arthur, Matthew

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

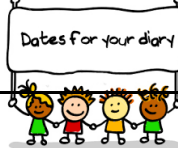
Achievements this week include football, swimming and gymnastics





Any new dates will be added in red

12th— 18th May	Mental Health Week Ways to promote positive mental health will be taught within collective worship.
Thursday 22nd May	Pyjamarama A day to promote a love of reading and bedtime stories with the children. Children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or comfy clothing for the day. Children are invited to bring their favourite bedtime story to school to share with a friend, and a voluntary donation of £1 to support the work of the Booktrust who provide books for disadvantaged children is welcome should you wish to do so.
Friday 23rd May	Fathers Day Gift Shop The Friends of Leamington Hastings have set up a Fathers Day Gift Shop to enable your child to order a gift to give to Dad. Please order by 23rd May 2025.
9th—13th June	Healthy Eating Week Children will learn about healthy eating during this week.
9th—13th June	Phonics Screening Check Children in year one and some children in year two will be taking part in the national phonics screening check.
Tuesday 10th June	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about Eid-UI-Adha during the afternoon.
Wednes- day 11th June	Father's Day Service We would like to invite Dad's, or a male representative, to come into school to take part in a Father's Day service to start at 2:30pm in the school hall. Only one representative per family please.
Friday 13th June	World Music Day Children are invited to come into school dressed like their favourite rock star or musician.
Saturday 14th June	Maypole Dancing at Willoughby Festival Children are invited to take part in maypole dancing at the Willoughby Festival. The dancing will start at 2:30pm. Please join school staff from 2:15pm by the maypole which will be located just outside of the St Nicholas Church in Willoughby.
16th June— 20th June	Sports week Over the course of this week, the children will be taking part in sports such as the daily mile, a sponsored dance-a-thon, sports star Friday and much more. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.
Tuesday 17th June	Sports afternoon Parents are invited to join us for a sports afternoon from 2pm. See the children take part in a carousel of sports activities, followed by some sports day activities. If you would like to sit down, please bring a blanket or chair. When taking part in sport's day activities, parents will be on the playground facing the grass, with the children on the grassy area.
Thursday 19th June	Gurdwara trip Children from reception to year two will be visiting Leamington Gurdwara during the morning. Please can all children bring a scarf with them that can be used to cover their head (no hats please).



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Friday 20th June	<p>Non-Uniform Day</p> <p>Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bottles and chocolates to be used towards the tombola stalls at Rose Queen Day.</p>
Tuesday 24th June	<p>New to reception evening</p> <p>If your child is due to start reception in September 2025, you are invited to join us for an information session from 5pm to see the classroom and find out about starting school.</p>
Thursday 26th June	<p>New to reception or nursery settling session</p> <p>If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2025 and is not currently in school, parents and children are invited to spend an hour in the classroom with their child from 3:30—4:30. If you are a current nursery parent and you feel your child would benefit from this, you are also welcome to join the session.</p>
Saturday 28th June	<p>Save the date—Rose Queen Day</p> <p>All children will be invited to come into school to take part in maypole dancing and a traditional summer fair. More details to follow.</p>
Wednesday 2nd July	<p>County Transfer Day</p> <p>Children will spend time in their new classes during this day.</p> <p>Current year 2 children will be taken directly to their new school for the day. If your child does not have a transition visit on this day, please let us know.</p> <p>Current reception and year 1 children will spend the day in KS1 getting to know each other as a new class.</p> <p>If current nursery children are booked in all day on a Wednesday, they will be in school all day. Pre-school children who are not booked into nursery, along with new to reception children, are invited to come into school from 8:45—1pm.</p>
Thursday 10th July	<p>National Teddy Bear’s Picnic Day</p> <p>Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school for a picnic lunch, along with donation towards Birmingham Children’s Hospital. We have families in school who have been supported by Birmingham Children’s Hospital and would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthy cause.</p>
Tuesday 15th July	<p>Open evening</p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school with their children to view their children’s work and to visit the classrooms from 3:30—5:00pm. Class teachers will be available to speak to about reports if you would like to. Miss Scofield will be available for any SEND conversations. Mrs Marson will be available for any drop ins.</p>
Wednesday 16th July	<p>End of year performance</p> <p>All children in school will take part in an end of year performance. Two family members per child are invited to join us in the school hall for a 2:30pm start. Tickets will be sent home from the school office— please bring these with you on the day.</p>
Thursday 17th July	<p>End of year performance</p> <p>All children in school will take part in an end of year performance. Two family members per child are invited to join us in the school hall for a 9:15am start. Tickets will be sent home from the school office— please bring these with you on the day.</p>
Final week of term	<p>End of year church service All children in in school will take part in an end of term church service, including school memories from the year two children. Date and time to be confirmed.</p>

Spotlight on

End of Key Stage One Assessments

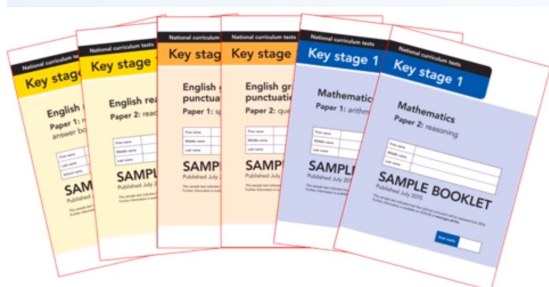
In the past, year two have taken part in statutory end of key stage tests within the month of May across the country. These tests continue to be produced nationally on an annual basis from the Department for Education, however they are now optional.

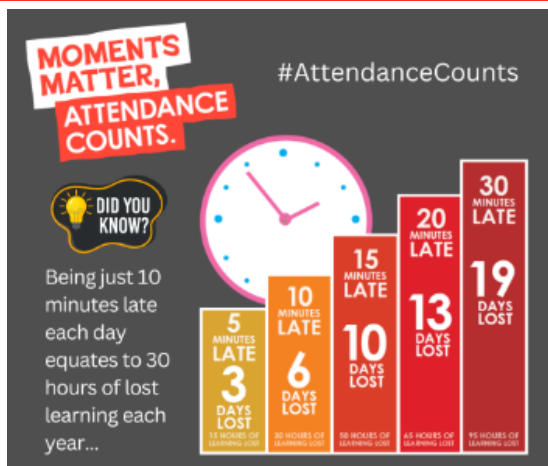
As a school, we have decided to use the end of key stage booklets to inform the teachers' end of year assessments. We will be introducing these as a 'special booklet' to be completed as part of the children's everyday learning, and not putting any expectations on the children beyond those that would usually be in place when children complete their classroom work. The children will complete the following booklets around the middle of June, spread out over a two week period.

- Spelling booklet – filling in 20 spellings within a sentence. This is the same format that we use within our grammar lessons in school.
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling booklet – applying the knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2 in this area. The layout of the questions are in a format that the children will be used to using in school.
- Maths booklet 1 – answering arithmetic questions covering addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions.
- Maths booklet 2 – answering reasoning and problems solving questions, applying knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2.
- Reading booklet 1 – reading short paragraphs and answering written comprehension questions. Children are used to complete this type of work within their reading lessons.
- Reading booklet 2 – reading a booklet and answering written comprehension questions in a similar style to booklet 1.

If you would like to find out more information, or view some past papers, this information can be found on the school website [here](#).

If you have any questions about the end of key stage booklets, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.





Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 97.73% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	100%	94%

PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Years KS1	-	-	-	Early Years KS1

After School Clubs: Summer term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Gardening	Tennis	Cricket	Cheerleading

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Princess and the Wizard

Author: Julia Donaldson

Recommended by: Lucas



Lucas recommended this magical adventure book **The Princess and the Wizard**. This colourful and funny book includes a wicked wizard who changes people to stone and a shape changing princess.

ONLINE 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 to
protect your privacy.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have learnt about the 80th anniversary or VE day. We have also considered our value of truthfulness, and thought about why it is important to tell the truth.



TERM DATES 2024/2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts Monday 28th April

Spring Bank Holiday: 5th May

Bank Holiday: 26th May

Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

End of Term Friday 18th July

**Disaggregated Teacher Training Day Monday
21st July**

For Warwickshire school term dates please [click here](#).

CHRISTIAN VALUE



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

Effort Elephant



* I put effort into completing my work.

** I select tasks that challenge me.

*** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Summer Timetable 28th April 2025 - 23rd May 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 9:30am to 11:30am Claremont CFC	Toddler Time Booking essential* Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 12:00-2:00pm Claremont CFC	Baby REAL Early literacy & language course for parents and babies Booking essential* 10:00am - 11:00am Boughton Leigh CFC	Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9:30am to 11:30am Claremont CFC
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10:00-11:00 am Claremont CFC	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10:00am to 11:00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL)	Little Stars For children with additional needs 10:00am to 11:00am Claremont CFC	Toddler Time Booking essential* Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Claremont CFC	Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:00am Rogers Hall (CV21 4EN)
Toddler Time Booking essential* Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Long Lawford CFC	Story Explorers Aimed at 18mths -3yrs Booking essential* 1:00pm - 2:00pm Long Lawford CFC	Baby Chatter Matters Booking essential* 10:00am - 11:00am Wolston Village Hall (CV8 3HJ)	Baby Massage Booking essential* From 6 weeks 10:30am - 11:30am Claremont CFC	Company and Cuddles Baby Time Booking essential* A baby group joining with the residents of Anya Court Non-walkers from birth 2:00pm - 3:00pm Anya Court Care Home (CV22 6JA)
Toddler Chatter Matters Booking essential* 1:30pm to 2:30pm Overlade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 1:30pm - 2:30pm Overlade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 2:00-3:00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GJ)	Saturday Stay and Play session for dads and male carers 2 nd Saturday of the month 10:00-11:30am Monthly date: 10 th May Claremont CFC	
Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 2:00pm to 3:00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1:30pm-2:30pm Boughton Leigh CFC	ALL CENTRES CLOSED ON MAYDAY BANK HOLIDAY 5th MAY		
To book a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link: https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com				

REMINDER Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing frame or tyres before or after school. The equipment is for use under the supervision of a school adult only. Thank you

Click on [Family Information Service](#) for a wide range of information to support families.



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pants and socks
to add to the
stock cupboard.
Thank you in
advance.

MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry* for them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings **from their point of view** and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.

You might say: *"I get nervous too. We've got this!"*

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.

You might think: *"I would feel sad if I were alone."*
So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

- Pay attention** to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
- Read a book or watch a TV show. Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? **Put yourself in their shoes!**
- Empathy drawing** – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
- Be kind with actions** – even little things help – like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
- Include everyone** – invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
- Kindness cards** – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

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.

FATHER'S DAY

Gift Shop

ORDER BY 23RD MAY

£6 - PAYABLE ON PARENT PAY.

ORDER YOUR GIFT ON PARENT PAY AND YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE IT TO GIFT TO THEIR DAD.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284583758355805/>

Please find the link to the Friends of Leamington Hastings parents group. Please contact Mel Bailey if you have any questions.

