



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

## *Plant, Grow, Flourish*



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Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a good Easter break and that you were all able to spend time together as a family at some point across the two week period. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and have had a great week in school, enjoying the glorious weather that we have had this week. As we will hopefully start to see more of the sunshine, please do ensure that your child always brings their water bottle and a sunhat to school. We ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before the school day, and they can then top it up at lunchtime if they need to do so.

This week, a new Headteacher has started at Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy. I have met with Mrs Emma Darragh this week, and we are committed to working together to ensure the best for our children as they move through the two schools. I am really looking forward to working with Mrs Darragh to strengthen the relationships between the schools .

This week, we have met to confirm diary dates for the summer term. Dates for this half term are included within this newsletter—please do note the VE day celebration next week. Look out for a bumper set of dates being added next week to cover most dates until the end of the academic year!

I would like to say a very big thank you for all the messages of love and support that have been sent into school whilst I have been off following surgery. The staff in school have done an amazing job of keeping the school going, and Miss Scofield, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Golby have really stepped into my shoes and ensured that everything has run as it should. We truly have the very best staffing team and I am so proud of how everyone has pulled together. I am looking forward to spending more time in school over the coming weeks and spending time with the children.

I hope that everyone has a lovely long weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



## **PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK**

### **LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Charlie, Ava**

**Snowy Owls: Edith, Emily**

### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Georgia**

**Snowy Owls: Jacob, Arthur**

### **5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:**

**Eagle Owls: Ava, Zara**

**Snowy Owls: Edith, Benjamin, Evie, Evelyn**

### **CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES**

**Courage: Joseph, Lucas, Charlie, Corrin, Ava, Gregory, Aeryn, Benjamin, James U, Emily**

**Forgiveness: Aeryn**

**Generosity: Freddie, Aeryn, Moriah, Zara, Jude, Edith, Theo x 2, Lilia, Sadie**

**Friendship: Eagle Owls, Micaiah, James S, Sam, Georgia, Autumn,**

**Sophia, Gregory, Will, Barney**

**Thankfulness:**

**Truthfulness: Jack**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:**

**Achievements this week include swimming, skiing, and horse riding**





Any new dates will be added in red

Thursday 8th May	<b>VE day celebration within school</b> Children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue, or party clothes if they wish to. Hair decorations, face paint and hats are welcome if the children wish to wear them. The children will be learning about VE day, along with having a celebratory picnic lunch.
Friday 9th May	<b>Passport to world views afternoon</b> Children will be learning about the festival of Vaisakhi.
12th— 18th May	<b>Mental Health Week</b> Ways to promote positive mental health will be taught within collective worship.
Thursday 22nd May	<b>Pyjamarama</b> 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.
Sunday 15th June	<b>Fathers Day Gift Shop</b> 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.
Saturday 28th June	<b>Save the date—Rose Queen Day</b> All children will be invited to come into school to take part in maypole dancing and a traditional summer fair. More details to follow.

# Spotlight on .....

## Year 1 and 2 phonics screening check

In June, all year 1 children will take part in a national phonics screening check. The purpose of this is to ensure that the children have learnt to decode words to an age appropriate standard. The phonics check involves reading 40 phonetically decodable words to a class teacher on an individual basis. The words consist of 20 real words and 20 nonsense words—the nonsense words have an alien picture next to them to show the children that those words are not real. The check is not stressful for the children and takes around 5 minutes per child to complete. The children usually love the opportunity to spend some one to one time with their class teacher.



Since the phonics check was introduced, the expectation nationally has been that children have reached the age appropriate standard if they read 32 out of 40 words correctly. The standard is set yearly by the Department for Education after the phonics results have been submitted.

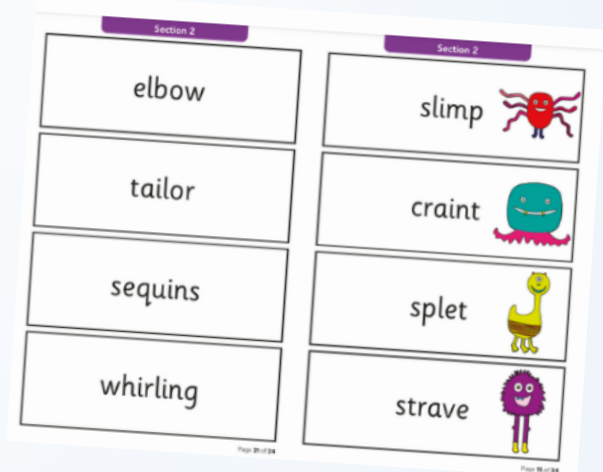
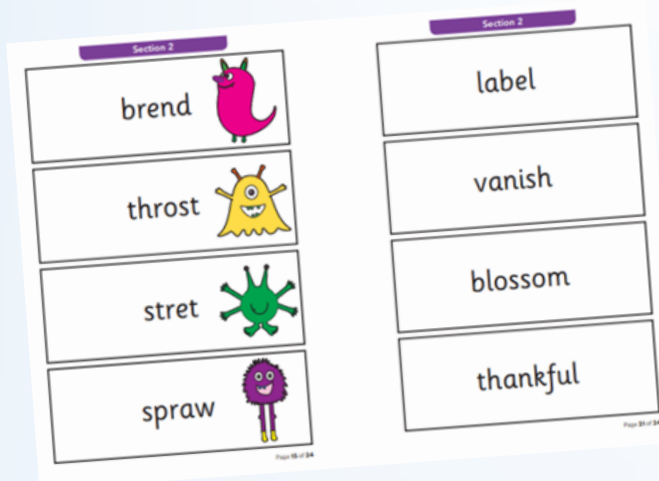
If a child does not reach the standard of scoring 32 out of 40, or if they were absent during the time period of the phonics check, they will take part in the check the following year when they are in year 2. They will then take part in the check in June in year 2 during the same time period as the year 1 children.

If you would like to view screening checks from previous years so that you can see the type of words that the children are asked to read, examples of these can be found on the school website: <https://www.leafingtonhastings.covmat.org/ks1-phonics-check/> A parental leaflet regarding the phonics check from the Department for Education will also be shared on the year 1 and 2 Dojo page next week.

This academic year, the time period for the phonics check to take place is the week commencing the 9th of June. If a child is absent during this week, there is a further opportunity to take the check the following week.

The children's phonics check score will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

If you have any questions about the phonics check, please contact your child's class teacher.



**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.** #AttendanceCounts

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Being just 10 minutes late each day equates to 30 hours of lost learning each year...

## Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 92.55% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	100%	80%

### 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

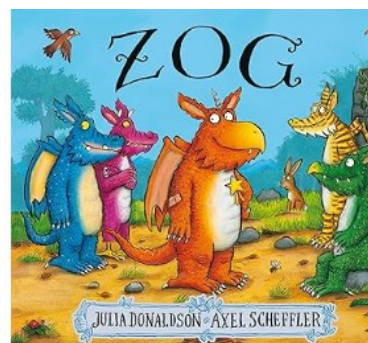
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Gardening	Tennis	Cricket	Cheerleading

### BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Zog

Author: Julia Donaldson

Recommended by: Autumn



Autumn recommended the book Zog this week. She especially enjoys listening and looking at the pictures of the dragons training, the knight on horse back and Princess Pearl. She decided that her favourite dragon is the pink one.

## ONLINE 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 to  
protect your privacy.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have started to think about our new learning behaviour— Effort elephant. We read the book 'The Magical Yet' and talked about how if we put effort into things and have a positive mindset, we can achieve great things.

We also learnt about St George as part of St George's Day, and thought about World Earth Day and taking care of the planet.

## 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
<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9:30am to 11:30am <b>Toy Library</b> 9:30am to 11:30am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Boughton Leigh CFC	<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 12:00-2:00pm Claremont CFC	<b>Baby REAL</b> Early literacy & language course for parents and babies <b>Booking essential*</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Boughton Leigh CFC	<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9:30am to 11:30am Claremont CFC
<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10:00-11:00 am Claremont CFC	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10:00am to 11:00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL)	<b>Little Stars</b> For children with additional needs 10:00am to 11:00am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:00am Rogers Hall (CV21 4EN)
<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10:00am to 11:30am Long Lawford CFC	<b>Story Explorers</b> Aimed at 18mths -3yrs <b>Booking essential*</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm Long Lawford CFC	<b>Baby Chatter Matters</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Wolston Village Hall (CV8 3HJ)	<b>Baby Massage</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> From 6 weeks 10:30am - 11:30am Claremont CFC	<b>Company and Cuddles</b> <b>Baby Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> A baby group joining with the residents of Anya Court Non-walkers from birth 2:00pm - 3:00pm Anya Court Care Home (CV22 6JA)
<b>Toddler Chatter Matters</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 1:30pm to 2:30pm Overlade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	<b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 1:30pm - 2:30pm Overlade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 2:00-3:00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	<b>Saturday</b> Stay and Play session for dads and male carers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10:00-11:30am Monthly date: 10 <sup>th</sup> May Claremont CFC	<b>Saturdays</b> Stay and Play session for dads and male carers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10:00-11:30am Monthly date: 10 <sup>th</sup> May Claremont CFC
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**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.



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

## Being mindful

Being mindful is all about **taking notice** of what's around us, as well as our thoughts and how we are feeling. Mindfulness is a way to **focus on the present moment** and what is happening now, rather than thinking about the past and worrying about the future.

Learning how to be mindful can give us the tools we need to cope with stress, build confidence, and get through challenging times. The more we practise mindfulness, the more resilient we will be!

**Our tips for being mindful:**

- 1. Tune into your senses (classroom activity)** – Teacher should choose a child (child A) to stand outside the classroom, they are the 'listener'. Choose another child (child B) in the class to be the 'speaker'. When child A comes back into the room, they should face the wall, then child B should say a pre-agreed sentence in an unusual or funny voice. Child A needs to pay attention, take notice and listen carefully, to guess who the speaker was! Children can take turns as the role of speaker/listener.
- 2. Create a glitter jar** – use an old jar or bottle and add a variety of materials, such as glitter, water, different coloured beads, food colouring, oil, and rice. Shake the glitter jar and notice how the materials move. Do they all move together? Do any of the materials separate from each other? What sound does it make? You could make one with a friend and then swap jars!
- 3. Cloud watching** – this activity is great for mindfulness and relaxation. Have a go by scanning the QR code:
- 4. Mindfulness video** – as a class, watch this mindfulness video from Children in Need, which includes 3 exercises to help you practise mindfulness: mindful looking, mindful listening, and mindful breathing.

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.**

# Compass

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## Lest We Forget...

**A VE-Day weekend event at Broadwell Methodist Church commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the second World War**

**May 3rd/4th 2025**

A unique display of Poppy and Parish information open from 1pm until 4pm on Saturday May 3rd and from 2pm until 4pm on Sunday May 4th

Tea, coffee and cake will be available both days. Donations to be divided equally between The Royal British Legion and Broadwell Methodist Church

Open to all. Please join us in remembering those who served!

Click on the link

[https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_MARMAY](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MARMAY)

The poppy wreath made by the pupils of Leamington Hastings will be on display this weekend at Broadwell Methodist Church

# FATHER'S DAY

## Gift Shop

**ORDER BY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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.