



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

## *Plant, Grow, Flourish*



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Good afternoon,

This week we have been taking part in a variety of activities to celebrate British Science Week. The highlight being Tuesday afternoon, where we were joined by parents and grandparents to take part in some science experiments in the KS1 classroom and on the playground. Thank you to Mrs Golby for organising and to all the adults who joined us.



We have some exciting news regarding the Tesco's Stronger Starts grant. Our application to be included has been accepted and voting will commence in store from the first week in April 2025 until the end of June 2025. We have explained that we will use the grant to improve our outdoor area, by purchasing new playground equipment, in turn providing better and more purposeful playtimes for our children. So, if you or any friends are family are in the Southam Tesco Store, please vote for us! We'll keep you posted on our progress.



Have a fabulous weekend,

Miss Scofield and the LHA Team.



## **PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK**

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

**Eagle Owls: Gregory, Emily**

**Snowy Owls: Ashlyng, Arthur**

### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Georgia, Barney**

**Snowy Owls: Alasdair**

### **LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK**

**Yellow Table**

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

**Eagle Owls: Ava, Will, Zara, Emily**

**Snowy Owls: Jude, Benjamin**

### **CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES**

**Courage: Gregory, Lucas, Matthew, Jude, Emily, Autumn, Emily**

**Forgiveness: Moriah, Autumn, Barney**

**Generosity: Max, Sam II, James S, Georgia, James U, Lucas, Evie, Theo, Leela, Sadie, Arthur**

**Friendship: Ray, Zara, Corrin, Emile, Joe, Matthew, Charlie, Sophia**

**Thankfulness: Micaiah, Emily, Ava**

**Truthfulness: Emile, Theo**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:**

**Achievements this week include dancing and horse riding.**





Any new dates will be added in red

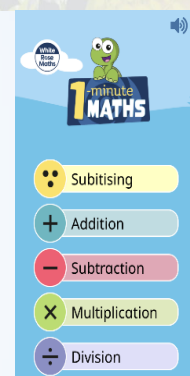
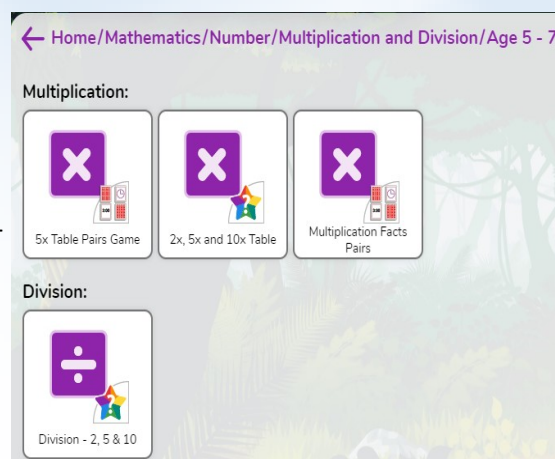
Monday 17th	<p><b>CBSO Centre trip</b></p> <p>Children from reception to year 2 will be visiting the CBSO centre to listen to a selection of musicians from the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.</p>
Wednesday 19th March	<p><b>Oxford History Museum trip</b></p> <p>Children in Key Stage One will be visiting the Oxford History Museum as part of their class topic. Please arrive at school early as the coach will be leaving school promptly at 8.45am.</p>
Thursday 20th March	<p><b>Global recycling day</b></p> <p>Children will be making bird feeders within school as part of this day. We would be grateful for any donations of bird seed, yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes or plastic bottles in the lead up to this day. Please send them into your child's class teacher.</p>
Friday 21st March	<p><b>Red Nose day</b></p> <p>Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red if they have it, for a voluntary donation. Children are also invited to bring their favourite joke into school to share with their class.</p>
Wednesday 26th March	<p><b>Mother's Day service</b></p> <p>Mums, or a female representative, are invited to attend a Mother's Day service within school. Please arrive in school for a 2:30pm start.</p>
Saturday 5th April	<p><b>Family games afternoon</b></p> <p>Save the date! The Friends are running a family games afternoon, including games such as Easter bingo and a beetle drive from 2pm. Further information to follow.</p>
Tuesday 8th April	<p><b>Easter Church service</b></p> <p>Parents and wider family members are invited to join us for our Easter church service at All Saints Church. The service will start at approximately 1:45pm.</p>
Thursday 10th April	<p><b>Easter fun afternoon</b></p> <p>If your child is in nursery or reception, you are invited to come into school to join them in an Easter fun afternoon from 2pm.</p>
Thursday 10th April	<p><b>Easter competitions</b></p> <p>Children are invited to enter the following competitions, for a £1 entrance fee. This will be used to purchase resources to be used by the children.</p> <p>Easter bonnet competition—children are invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school to share with the rest of the school as part of the morning assembly.</p> <p>Easter egg competition—children are invited to decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school to share with the rest of the school as part of the morning assembly.</p>
Saturday 28th June	<p><b>Save the date—Rose Queen Day</b></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>

# Spotlight on .....

## Multiplication tables (Times tables)

By the end of their time at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, the year 2 children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children mentally recalling their times tables is an important building block for later maths learning. Should you wish to, there are many ways that you can support this at home. It is better to practise times tables little and often, rather than learning them in one sustained period of time. Little and often is more likely to transfer the information into the children's long term memories.

- The Purple Mash programme has options for children to practise their multiplication and division facts (the picture on the right hand side shows the steps to follow to find this activity)
- Answering times tables questions can be a quick game to play in the car, or when you have two minutes. Set challenges such as how many questions can you answer in a minute.
- Put a selection of written times tables questions on scrap pieces of paper into a cup. Pull out five random slips of paper for your child to answer.
- Apply times tables in real life such as doubling a quantity of a recipe or working out the cost when buying multiples of an item from a shop.
- Write out the times tables and spot patterns within them.
- Use the WhiteRose Maths 1 minute maths app which you can download onto phones and tablets. The games that are useful for each year group when learning multiplication tables are:



Year 1 – Within the multiplication menu:

- 1 – count in 2s
- 2 – count in 5s
- 3 – count in 10s

Within the division menu:

- 1 – halves
- 17 – odd and even numbers

Year 2 – Within the multiplication menu :

- 8 – multiply by 2
- 11 – multiply by 5
- 16 – multiply by 10
- 19 – 2 times tables facts
- 22 – 5 times tables facts
- 27 – 10 times tables facts

Within the division menu:


- 2 – divide by 2
- 3 – divide by 5
- 4 – divide by 10
- 5 – 2 times table
- 8 – 5 times table
- 13 – 10 times table

- Identify which times tables your child finds tricky and focus on these when playing games.
- Complete booklets to practise questions such as those found on the WhiteRose Maths page. The year 1 multiplication booklet can be found [here](#), with the year 2 multiplication booklet found [here](#).
- Further maths booklets can be found [here](#) if parents would like to access them.

**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: 91.67% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
84%	97%	87%

### 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: Spring term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Gardening	Cookery Construction Club	Basketball	Street Dance



### BOOK OF THE WEEK

**Title:** Benji's New Friends

**Author:** Jillian Harker

**Recommended by:** Benjamin

Benjamin enjoys reading this fiction book where Benji finds magical new friends in the toy box and uses the school value of friendship. Benjamin chose the toy Rosie as his favourite character because his favourite animal is a rabbit.



Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice

## Building Church

2nd Wednesday of the Month  
3.30-5pm  
All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings

A relaxed space for grown ups and children to:

- Chat and catch up over a drink, Lego build and/or craft activity
- Hear a Bible story
- Explore a prayer activity
- Sing
- Share a light dinner

Everyone welcome

Please e-mail [CWBirdingbury@gmail.com](mailto:CWBirdingbury@gmail.com) for more details

[www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com](http://www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com)

## ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK



This week's top tip for parents to  
keep children safe online.

Please find the [link](#) to the BBC online safety tips.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship Mrs Golby has read the story 'Five Minutes Peace' and discussed our Christian value of perseverance.

Miss O'Connell read the story 'Something Else' and discussed the messages of Friendship, another of our Christian Values.

We have also been very busy rehearsing our Easter songs ready for the Easter Service at the end of term.

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Spring Term 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

**Teacher Training Day Monday 24th February**

Term Starts Tuesday 25th Feb

Term Ends Thursday 10th April

**Teacher Training Day Friday 11th April**

### 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

### Recap Rabbit



\* I can read through my work with an adult and correct a mistake.

\*\* I can read through my work independently to make corrections.

\*\*\* I can make additions to my work to make improvements.

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

## So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 359189



## Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



## Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

**DO** ✓

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C

Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

**DON'T** ✗

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals

Prepare food for others

Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated - especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

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### Parent Carer Webinar

Tuesday 18 March 2025  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Warwickshire's SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029: Presentation and Q&A

### Events for Families

Stratford Sharing Stories

Friday 10th May: Nadia Shireen and Charlie Wilson 'What's That Book?'

Saturday 10th May: Diane Jacqueline Wilson 'The Seaside Shopper'

Sunday 11th May: Emma vs Monkey Tail 'FREE 10 day'

FREE drop-in: Storytelling Drop-in and So 'Drawing, craft and games!'

Monday 12th May: Meet Emma 'On What a Knight!'

What's This Book? 'What's This Book?'

Comic Workshop 'With The Pigeon Comes'

Introduction to 'Dungeons and Dragons'

How to Book: Call 01926 359189 or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

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

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