



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy



Plant, Grow, Flourish

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Date: 23.10.25

We have almost come to the end of the first half term of this academic year! After such a busy half term with lots of learning, the children (and staff!) are now ready for a rest. Thank you to the staff for all the opportunities that they have provided for the children so far this academic year. We have staff who go above and beyond for the children every day, and we are very grateful for them all. We would like to wish Miss Scofield all the best for the upcoming weeks as she prepares to welcome her new baby into the family. Today will be her last day with the children.

The children loved the pumpkin party after school on Monday, arranged by The Friends of Leamington Hastings. There were some really impressive pumpkins, it was very hard to choose winners for the competition!

Thank you to all the parents who came to parent's evenings this week. We hope that you found the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher informative.

We have ended the half term with an exciting vocabulary day. Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for this and enabling them to share their ambitious word with everyone. As you can see from the photo below, the children looked amazing.

The school is closed to all children in school and nursery tomorrow as staff will be taking part in training all day. Have a lovely half term everyone, we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher



PIC•COLLAGE



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Leo
Snowy Owls: Will

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Millie
Snowy Owls: Jacob

FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

**Eagle Owls: Freddie, Sam, Sophia O, Isaac, Arnie,
Ella, Millie, Lucas, Autumn, Charlie,
James, Sophia L, Max, Lara, Benjamin**

Snowy Owls: Emily, Will, Zara, Benjamin, Edith

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Isaac, Corrin
Snowy Owls: Jude

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Eagle Owls

Forgiveness: Snowy Owls, Benjamin Wo

**Generosity: Jude, Benjamin, Georgia, Emily,
Zara x 2, Edith x 3, Jacob**

Friendship: -

Thankfulness: Snowy Owls

Truthfulness: Sophia O, Max, Autumn, Ella

We're teaching every child to read with



Spotlight on

Phonics

At Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, we use the Little Wandle approach to teach phonics throughout nursery (phase 1), reception (phase 2, 3 & 4) and year 1 (phase 5). This systematic, structured approach features on the DfE's list of validated phonics schemes and takes cognitive science research into account. All phonics

teaching throughout school is well paced to ensure that children quickly learn to read by learning sounds and tricky words in a systematic and consistent way. This means that children are able to start reading words and sentences quickly – even as soon as learning their first four sounds. Children learn that sounds can be represented by graphemes (written representation of sounds) and how to blend sounds together to read words. You may hear your children refer to digraphs and trigraphs. Digraphs are two letters that make one sound e.g. the

Grow the code grapheme mat										Phase 2, 3 and 5										
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ck in clock or brick. Trigraphs are three letters that make one sound e.g. the igh in sigh or night. The graphemes taught in school, including digraphs and trigraphs, can be seen to the right.

In year 2, children revisit some of the year 1 graphemes during their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lessons, focusing on using their phonetic knowledge for spelling and learning spelling rules.

To reinforce the children's phonics learning, children in reception and year one will bring home a homework sheet each week, providing them with words and sentences to practise reading and writing.

Children's phonics knowledge across the school is assessed half termly in order to inform teachers planning and to check that all children are making progress; those children who need support to keep up with their peers will receive interventions that may involve them working in a small group or individually with a designated adult in addition to their phonics lessons.





Show you care, get involved



Become an Academy Governance Committee member
(‘school governor’) as a parent* or a member of the
local community

Provide
support, monitoring
& challenge
around educational
experience &
performance

Receive
reports, attend
meetings &
carry out
monitoring visits
to school

Support
Church, community
& stakeholder
engagement &
Trust strategy,
approach, ethos
& values

Experience
strategic
leadership for
great personal
development &
work within a code
of conduct

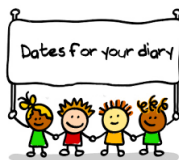
Training is an
ongoing &
essential part of
the role & is
provided free of
charge



Contact
[samantha.jannaway@
covmat.org](mailto:samantha.jannaway@covmat.org) or scan the
QR code to register
your interest



* representative parents rather than
representatives of parents - it's not about
gathering views but being able to present a
balanced and impartial view from a parental
perspective.



Any new dates will be added in red

W/C Monday 10th November	<p>Antibullying week</p> <p>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.</p>
W/C Monday 10th November	<p>Interfaith week</p> <p>Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.</p>
Tuesday 11th November	<p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.</p>
Wednesday 12th November	<p>Flu Vaccines</p> <p>Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided (a link will be sent to parents on 22.10.25 from the immunisation team).</p>
Thursday 13th November	<p>World Kindness Day</p> <p>We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week.</p>
Thursday 20th November 9:30am	<p>Information session with Mrs Darragh for year two parents</p> <p>Mrs Darragh, Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy, will be available in the Dunchurch Infant school hall at 9:30am to talk to parents of children who are currently in year two at either Dunchurch Infants or Leamington Hastings. This is a chance to talk to Mrs Darragh and find out more about the Juniors, with information tailored to the two feeder schools.</p>
Friday 21st November	<p>Children in Need</p> <p>Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.</p>
Tuesday 25th November	<p>Open evening for prospective reception and nursery parents</p> <p>Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2026? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive via the school office for a 5pm start.</p>
Monday 1st December	<p>Theatre trip</p> <p>The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Tiger Who Came To Tea as a theatre performance. More details to follow.</p>



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Tuesday 2nd De- cember	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.
Monday 8th De- cember	Christmas Wreath Making Evening Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.
Tuesday 9th De- cember	Christmas around the world Children will be learning about Christmas around the world during the afternoon.
Thursday 11th De- cember	Christmas jumper and 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.
Wednes- day 17th 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.
Thursday 18th De- cember	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.
Thursday 18th De- cember	Christmas church service, All Saints Church All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for a Christmas church service to start at approximately 1:45pm. We will be travelling to church via minibus as the fields are too muddy to walk the whole school at this time of year. We would be grateful for any volunteers to accompany the children on the minibus. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

UK Health Security Agency **Diarrhoea and vomiting**

Don't spread it. Stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear.

DO

- Wash soiled 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




MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS. #AttendanceCounts

DID YOU KNOW?

Being just 10 minutes late each day equates to 30 hours of lost learning each year...

5 MINUTES LATE 3 DAYS LOST 15 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST 30 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST 45 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST 60 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST 90 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST
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Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 97.39% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
95%	100%	100%

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: Autumn term 2

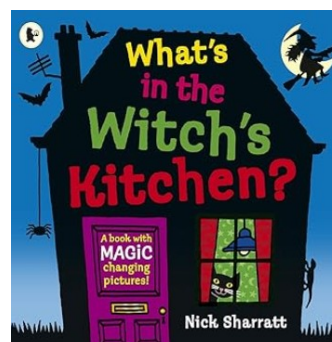
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Pottery Club	Dodge Ball	Football	Cheerleading (excluding 19.12.25)

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: What's in the Witch's Kitchen?

Published by: Nick Sharratt

Recommended by: Charlie



Charlie especially enjoyed sharing this book during phonics with early years.

He enjoys lifting the flaps to find treats and tricks including a pop up witch hidden in her magical kitchen cupboards.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

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

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

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2025

Teacher Training Day Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday
31st October

End of Term Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Start of Term: Monday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 16th February to Friday
20th February

Teacher Training Day: Monday 23rd February

End of term: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Start of Term Monday 13th April

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th
May

Teacher Training Day: Monday 1st June

End of Term: Friday 17th July

**Disaggregated Teacher Training Day:
Monday 20th July**

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

Click on [Family Information Service](#) for further
information



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have continued to think about friendship, and treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We used the story Green Lizards, Red Rectangles and the Blue Ball to support this.

We also explored the British Value of individual liberty, discussing how we all have the freedom to make our own choices.



CHRISTIAN VALUE



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

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.

You need to apply for September 2026 if your child:

- was born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022** (for a place in Reception).
- If your child will be in Year 2 at an infant school in September 2025 (for a place in a junior school).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2025 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2026**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026).



Digital Detox

Taking a digital detox is important to give our minds and bodies a break from screens and technology. Too much screen time can lead to tired eyes, difficulty sleeping, and feeling stressed or distracted. Stepping away from devices helps us to recharge, focus better, improve our mood, and spend more quality time with family and friends. It also encourages healthier habits like playing outside, reading, and being creative, all of which support overall wellbeing!

Our tips for taking a digital detox:

1. **Set yourself clear limits for screen time** - Set specific time limits for screen time, such as an hour after school or 30 minutes of games or social media. Try setting limits on your device, or a visual reminder.
2. **Create Scree-Free Zones** - When you are eating meals with your family or friends, leave your phone or devices in a different room. This allows you to talk and enjoy your food without distractions and improves your quality of connections with others.
3. **Avoid screens at night** - Try to avoid using devices in your bedroom, most importantly for at least 30 minutes before bed. Keeping your bedroom a peaceful space can help you to fall asleep more easily.
4. **Do fun activities without screens** - Try drawing, playing a game with your family, playing a musical instrument or reading instead of your usual device. Spend time outdoors if you can!
5. **Take small breaks from screens** - After playing video games or watching TV for a while, get up and move around. Try to take short breaks where you move between rooms, stretch or walk around.
6. **Turn off notifications** - This can reduce the number of distractions and help you focus on what is important to you. You might even discover a new activity you enjoy!
7. **Find mindful alternatives** - Try meditating or doing breathing exercises to reduce feelings of stress, rather than screen use.

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.

ALL STAR DANCE AND FITNESS ACADEMY

Kids Club

For Ages 5 - 11 YEARS

Jam packed with Fun & Creative Activities

ONLY £23 a day!

9.00am - 3.30pm

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 27th
Tuesday 28th
Wednesday 29th
Thursday 30th

Book Now

location: Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy
Leamington Hastings Rugby, CV23 8EA
allstardancerugby@gmail.com
Call: 07823322803/07815991083

EDUCATION THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS. THEMED ACTIVITIES EACH DAY

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

ALL MATERIALS & DECORATIONS SUPPLIED

£30 - Includes Mulled wine & nibbles
£10 deposit required & cash on the night.

MONDAY | 8TH DEC | AT 7 PM

Grandborough Village Hall

Spaces available from Hannah Mawby - 07738 147195
Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.