



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a good break and was able to spend some time with family and friends over the Christmas and new year period. The children have been keen to share stories about their Christmas, presents and time spent together as a family. The children (and staff) have all returned to school with enthusiasm and have quickly got stuck into their new topics for the year. Early Years will be learning about the topic of 'transport', with Key Stage

One learning through the theme of 'Our bodies'. Keep an eye on Dojo for more information over the coming weeks.

On the second Wednesday of each month, Building Church takes place at All Saints church. This month, the session was held within school. You may have noticed marks chalked on the playground, blessing the school for the new year ahead. If you are interested in attending Building Church, please keep an eye on the newsletter for details of the next session, or a message can be left for Karen Armbrister through our school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Suzanne Marson, Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Sam, Will

Snowy Owls: Jacob, Matthew

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Emily

Snowy Owls: Sadie, Ashlyng

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Red Table

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Will

Snowy Owls: Evelyn, Emile

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Freddie, Corrin, Emily, Ava

Forgiveness:

Generosity: Sam, Jacob, Emily, Evie C

Friendship: Arthur, Matthew, Gregory, Sophia, Will, Autumn

Thankfulness: Zara

Truthfulness: James S, Georgia

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include swimming.



Spotlight on

Attendance

At Leamington Hastings, we aim to develop the gifts and talents of all our pupils. To help children to reach their full potential, a good level of attendance and punctuality is crucial.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS		
95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

We take school attendance seriously, and

are bound by the statutory document 'Working together to improve school attendance' published by the Department for Education. We monitor attendance for all children on a half termly basis. A good level of attendance is at least 96% over an academic year. Once an absence level of 90% is reached, this meets the threshold for persistent absenteeism.

We will be in close contact with any family whose child's attendance drops into the persistent absenteeism range. Unless there have been exceptional circumstances, where attendance is not improving we will invite you into school to discuss how we can provide support to help your child's attendance improve. It is important that parents/carers and school work together to support the children to access their entitlement to a full time education.

We understand that sometimes there are genuine reasons for attendance difficulties such as persistent illness or a medical condition, and there are times where it is inevitable that small children become ill. The NHS webpage '[Is my child too ill for school](#)' provides useful guidance with regards to illness. Please always inform the school office if your child is too ill to attend school.

Punctuality

Arriving at school on time is important as late arrivals can be unsettling for children when they walk into a classroom that has already started their learning for the day. Children also miss important information provided in registration time, where they find out what the plans are for the day ahead.

Holidays and absence during term time

Absence will not be authorised during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances, and we will be unable to authorise these type of absence requests.

For our full attendance policy, please see the [policies page](#) on the school website.



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 60 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST 65 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST 95 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST
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Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 91.71% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	73%	96%

PE Days

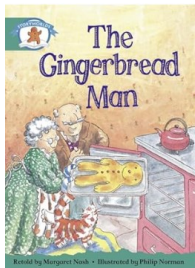
Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:



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

After School Clubs: Spring term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Drama	Cookery Or Board Games	Dodgeball	Gymnastics



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Gingerbread Man

Retold by: Margaret Nash

Recommended by: Evie

Evie recommended the book this week, she enjoys making gingerbread people with her family.

Her favourite part of the story is when the gingerbread man escapes from the oven.



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



Warwickshire Local Authority SEND newsletter can be found here. [Click link](#)



Newsletter link please click [here](#).

Created by Connect for Health, your School Nursing Service.



ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK



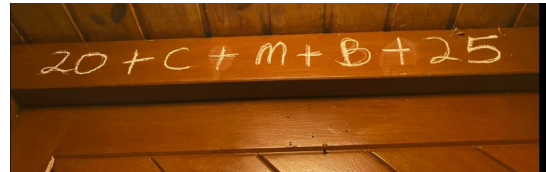
This week's top tip for parents to protect and keep children safe online from the BBC.

Watch the video to learn how to stay safe online.

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

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have considered the Christian festival of Epiphany. We thought about the long journey of the Wise Men and the significance of the 'twelve days of Christmas'. On Thursday, we explored chalking the door, and how some Christians may choose to do this as a new year's blessing. Can the children tell you what the numbers and symbols mean?



TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

End of Term: 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Training Day Monday 6th January

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**

CHRISTIAN VALUE



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

Tough Tortoise



*I am brave and have a go at different things.
**I can persevere and keep going even when it is difficult.
***I can show resilience. I bounce back and try again to learn from my mistakes.

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness
Happy New Year



As we welcome the New Year, many of us will focus on resolutions, which may include to become healthier, more active, or learn a new skill. New Year's resolutions are generally seen as promises we make to ourselves to achieve or improve an aspect of our life. Some people can stick to their goals easily, while others may find it more of a challenge. Setting goals can make us feel motivated and inspired, but if everything does not go to plan, it can leave us feeling disheartened. This can happen if we are unsure about how to get started on our goals, or if they feel too big to achieve.

For that reason, this year, take a moment to create **SMART** goals that focus on small steps. SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time based.

Our top tips:

1. Focus on your **strengths and interests**, perhaps there is something you are already doing that you want to do more of. Setting small, strength-based goals will create hope and build your self-confidence, empowering you to accomplish new things that make you feel happy and healthy.
2. Think about setting a **mentally healthy goal** this year:
 - Find new ways to get active. Maybe you could join a new club or after-school activity.
 - Make time for self-care and relaxation, such as participating in some mindfulness activities.
 - Learn more about something you are interested in. Perhaps you could put more time into a particular skill or hobby you are already doing.
 - Practice being kind to yourself. Positive self-talk is a simple way to achieve this – try saying positive statements such as "I am kind" or "I am on the right track".
 - Establish a good sleep routine. Try going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even at the weekend!
 - Limit your screen time. By setting boundaries for your usage, you may have more time for other activities.
3. Remember, **goals can change!** Especially if they are not giving us or teaching us what we need, so be kind to yourself.

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.

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by LEPA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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Pantomimes
Beauty and the BEAST

an original pantomime
written by Sue Prosser
directed by Paul le Perlekin

Dunchurch Village Hall

Special Pre-Christmas

Fish & Chip supper - £16

Tuesday 12 January - 7.30pm

Gala Night - £18

Wednesday 13 January - 7.30pm

Standard Performances

Saturday 18 January

Milnes - 7.30pm

Evening - 7.00pm

Sunday 19 January

Milnes - 2.30pm

Thursday 23 January

Evening - 7.30pm

Friday 24 January

Evening - 7.30pm

Saturday 25 January

Evening - 7.30pm

Standard prices

Adult - £8.00

Child - £5.00

Senior - £7.00

Tickets on sale at Wanda Fashions
alternatively, visit
dunchurchpantomaniacs.com
or scan the QR code to purchase



SCAN ME

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 or call 01926 359189



Please find the link to the Friends of Leamington Hastings parents group.

Please contact Mel Bailey if you have any questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2845837583558>

Leamington Hastings Academy Parents Group

THE APPLICATIONS PROCESS FOR RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL Year 3 placements opens on 1 November 2024 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **16 January 2025**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (18 April 2025).

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after **16 April 2025**, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

[Click here for the link to Warwickshire County Council's website to apply direct.](#)

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