



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish

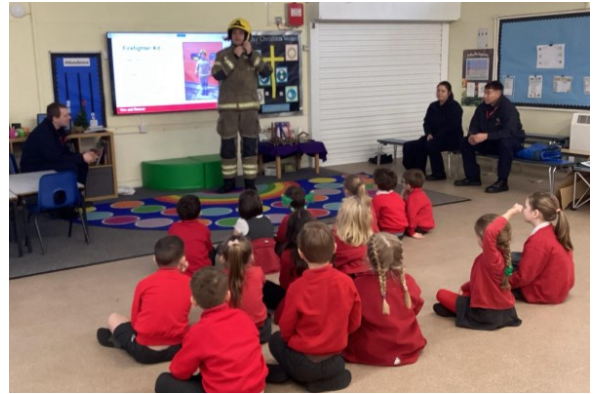


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The children have been working hard this week, getting ready for a Christmassy week next week. We are looking forward to two play performances, a visit to the theatre to see *The Smeds and the Smoos*, a church visit, a Christmas fair and a visit from a very special visitor.

Key Stage One had a visit from the Fire Service this week, where they learnt how to keep themselves safe, what to do if they discover a fire and how to stop, drop and roll.



Thank you to our kitchen staff for preparing everyone in school a Christmas lunch this week. The children were joined by the school staff and governors to eat their lunch, and all reported that it was delicious!

We are sad to share with you that Mrs Gettings will be leaving the school on Tuesday next week as she has a new job which is closer to home for her. We would like to thank Mrs Gettings for all her hard work over her time in school. The role that Mrs Gettings currently has in school will be split between three members of staff. Miss Prendergast will be working additional hours within Key Stage One, Mrs Unsworth will work in Early Years on a Wednesday and Miss Curran-Heaton will join the school on a Monday and Tuesday, working within Early Years.

We look forward to seeing you all next week for our last week in school this term. Have a lovely weekend,

Suzanne Marson

Head teacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Edith
Snowy Owls: Leela Rose, Will

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Sophia, Zara
Snowy Owls: Jude, Alasdair

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Will, Georgia
**Snowy Owls: Benjamin, Jude, Ashlyng,
Edith, Connor, Evelyn, Emile, Sadie, Theo**

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Red Table

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: James U, Georgia, Zara, Sadie, Arthur

Forgiveness:

Generosity: Alasdair, Zara, Georgia, Will, Emily, Aeryn, Sam, Edith x 2

Friendship: Connor, Jacob, Emile, Evelyn

Thankfulness: Connor

Truthfulness:

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include gymnastics



Spotlight on

Online Safety

At Leamington Hastings, we recognise the importance of teaching online safety within school. We have a named online safety lead who is Miss Scofield, supported by Mrs Marson who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). We promote online safety using the tagline of 'TAG'. Early Years children focus on 'tell a grown up', making sure that an adult is asked before accessing anything online. This ensures that only suitable content is accessed, along with telling an adult if something is seen which the children are unsure about.

The KS1 children take this further, learning rules to follow to keep themselves safe online, including only accessing age-appropriate content.

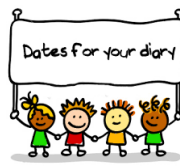
E-safety messages are often promoted through stories, with examples of these available on our [school website](#).

Each half term, all year groups in school focus on an e-safety topic that is taught as part of the school curriculum. The areas cover topics such as different uses of technology, being as kind to someone online as you would be to their face, what personal data is (at an age appropriate level) and to keep this to yourself, and what to do if you see something that makes you uncomfortable.

Posters are on display around school, which were designed by children in school. These are continuously referred to when teaching about online safety.

We follow the trust wide [online safety policy](#), and have software in place that blocks any unsuitable websites from being accessed. Children are always supervised when accessing any online content within school.





Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 16th De- cember	Christmas play 1 The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 2:30pm. Each family will receive two tickets for the play. Please do ensure that you bring these with you to each performance.
Tuesday 17th De- cember	Children play 2 The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 9:15am. Each family will receive two tickets for the play. Please do ensure that you bring these with you to each performance.
Tuesday 17th De- cember	Theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre—The Smeds and The Smoos Please see the letter sent home.
Thursday 19th De- cember	Special visitor The children will receive a very special visitor in school.
Thursday 19th De- cember	Christmas church service Parents and wider family members are welcome to join us for a church service at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings. The service will start at approximately 9:45am and will be lead by Reverend Phil and Karen Armbrister, Children and Families Minister. Refreshments will be avail-able in the church from 9am if you would like to make your way to the church after dropping the children off.
Thursday 19th De- cember	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah in school.
Thursday 19th De- cember	Christmas Fair Join us for a Christmas Fair in the school hall, 3:15pm—5pm. Any donations of cake to be sold at the fair are welcome to be brought into school on the day.
Sunday 29th De- cember	Quiz Night The Dun Cow are holding a quiz night—all are welcome. Some proceeds from the event will be donated towards Leamington Hastings.

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: 86.28% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	86%	82%

PE Days

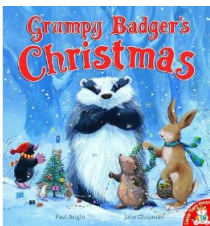
Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:



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

After School Clubs: Autumn term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Construction Club	Archery	Cookery Xmas Craft Club	Cheerleading Pottery (Excluding 19.12.24)	Football



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Grumpy Badgers Christmas

Written by: Paul Bright

Recommended by: Miss Scofield

Miss Scofield recommended the book of the week.

It's a fun tale about friendship and coming together at Christmas time.



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



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 Childline.

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

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have continued to reflect upon the Christmas story. We have considered the characters of Mary, Joseph and the Donkey, and thought about the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



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

Wise Owl



- * I can use the resources on my table and in the classroom to help me.
- ** I can use the working wall, phonics mats and knowledge organisers to find information to help me.
- *** I use things I already know to make links and help me learn new information.

2024 Christmas Services

In the Draycote and Leam Valley Benefice

**For unto us
a child is born!**

*Children are welcome at all of our services, but those printed in gold are planned particularly with children in mind

- 24.11.2024 - 11am - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Christingle Service
 - 1.12.2024 - 4pm - St Marks, Flecknoe - Family Carol Service
 - 8.12.2024 - 11am - St Nicholas' Willoughby - Christingle Service
 - 8.12.2024 - 2.30pm - Bordon Farm, Birdingbury - Living Crib
 - 15.12.2024 - 4pm - St Nicholas', Willoughby - Family Carol Service
 - 15.12.2024 - 4pm - St Nicholas', Frankton - Family Carol Service
 - 15.12.2024 - 6pm - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Carols by Candlelight
 - 20.12.24 - 6pm - St Peter's, Bourton-on-Dunsmore - Carols by Candlelight
 - 21.12.2024 - 6pm - Birdingbury Club, Community Carols
 - 22.12.2024 - 4pm - All Saints, Leamington Hastings - Family Carol Service
 - Christmas Eve - 4pm - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Crib Service
 - Christmas Eve - 6pm - St Peter's Grandborough - Carols by Candlelight
 - Christmas Eve - 9.30pm - All Saints, Leamington Hastings - Bethlehem Communion
 - Christmas Day - 9am - St Nicholas' Frankton - BCP Communion
 - Christmas Day - 10.15am - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Christmas Communion
 - Christmas Day - 11am - St Leonards, Birdingbury - Christmas Day Allsorts
- Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice
www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com

The Directors of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to its academies in September 2026. As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements at least once every 7 years or when significant changes are made, and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

A copy of the covering letter and proposed admissions policy is available on our website at <https://www.covmat.org/multi-academy-trust-policies/> for your information. Alternatively if you require a hard copy of the policy please email info@covmat.org to request. Whilst this is a trust wide policy, the individual school admissions arrangements are included as Appendix 1.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Louise Beale, either by post to the address at the bottom of this notice or by email to info@covmat.org. Comments should be received by no later than 9am on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust
c/o St James CofE Academy, Barbridge Road, Bulkington, Bedworth, CV12 9PF

Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Winter Wellness

Winter can be a challenging season for many things, but especially for our mental health. You might have heard of the winter blues? It's true! The lack of sunlight impacts our vitamin D levels, which changes our mood and motivation levels. Therefore, it is important during the winter months that we take time to look after our bodies and minds and practise some self-care.

Our tips for winter wellness:

- 1. Make the most of the natural sunlight** - why don't you play outside with your friends during break or lunch time, or practice some mindfulness outside?
- 2. Keep moving** - exercise is important to help boost our 'happy chemicals'. You could join an after-school club, do a yoga tutorial on YouTube or have a competition with your friends to see who can do the most star jumps!
- 3. Stay connected** - make sure you reach out to friends, family and your teachers for a daily chat.
- 4. Practise self-care** - you might want to spend the evening wrapped up warm with a blanket and hot drink, or you could get cosy and read a new book!
- 5. Try to learn a new skill or hobby** over the winter - what activities could you do inside when the weather is colder? Maybe you could learn to bake or help your family with the cooking! You could learn to play a new instrument, practise mindfulness, try a craft activity or learn a new language. Ask a friend or family member if they would like to join in too!
- 6. Scan the QR code** for more activity ideas to help keep you well during the winter:

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.

Please click on the link for the latest information.

Allsorts Rugby
Nov / Dec 2024

Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5 **Child OVER 5**

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

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £3.90 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.

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

WINTER HOLIDAY

ACTIVITY CAMPS
30th, 31st DECEMBER & 2nd, 3rd JANUARY

RUGBY FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL
DAILY 10.00AM - 12.00PM

ONLY £15 A DAY

AGES 6-12

BOOK NOW PLEASE CONTACT: leamingtonacademy@coventrydiocese.org.uk OR ON 01203 201 201

REMINDER 19.12.24
ASC— Thursday
Cheerleading & Pottery
Will not be running due to the Christmas Fair

Leamington Hastings Academy Parents Group

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>

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 15 January 2025. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (15 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.](#)

- 1 November: Application opens
- 15 January: Closing date for applications
- 1 February: Extended closing date for secondary schools
- 16 April: National offer day
- 2 June: Deadline for re-appeal process