



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

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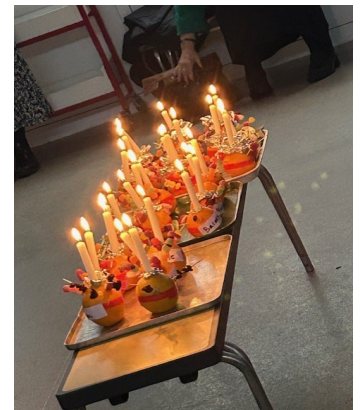
We started this week with our Christingle service to mark the start of Advent. We learnt about the symbolism of the Christingle oranges and why this is important to many Christians. Thank you to Karen Armbrister from All Saints Church for coming into school to lead the service for us. Our next service will be our end of term service at All Saints Church. If any parents would like to support us with transporting the children to church on the mini-bus, please let the school office know.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mawby for running a wreath making evening this week, with profits going towards The Friends fundraising pot. We are always amazed by the generosity of our parental community and truly appreciate all your efforts.

The children have begun practicing their play 'A Little Bird Told Me'. The songs are starting to echo down the corridor so I am sure that you are all in for a real treat. Can we please remind you that you do need to bring your tickets with you when attending the performances so that we can ensure we do not have too many people in the school hall.

Thank you for all your ongoing support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Suzanne Marson



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Georgia
Snowy Owls: Barney, Connor

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Emily, Freddie
Snowy Owls: Matthew, Ashlyng

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Will, Emily
Snowy Owls: Barney, Sadie, Theo, Evelyn, Emile

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Brown Table

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Leamington Hastings for the Christingle performance!

Forgiveness: Edith

Generosity: Jacob, Sam x 3, Leela x 2, Micaiah, Arthur x 2, Ashlyng, Edith, Connor x2,

Emily, Evelyn, Evie, Sadie, Georgia, Zara, Emily, Sophia x 2, James x 2,

Gregory x 2, Autumn x 2, Moriah, Freddie

Friendship: Aeryn, Will, Sam, Benjamin, Matthew, Lilia, Arthur

Thankfulness: Jacob, Sadie, Theo, Emile

Truthfulness: Barney, Jude

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include Rugby

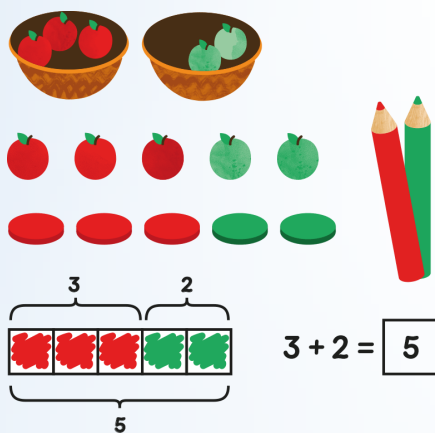


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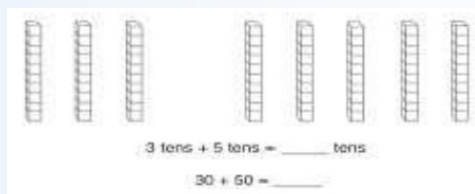
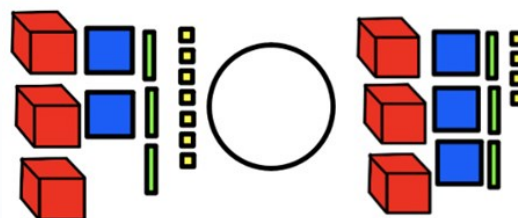
Maths – pictorial representations

At Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, we use the maths mastery approach to teaching maths. As part of our maths teaching, we ensure that there are concrete objects (actual objects) available for children to use throughout their learning. These range from the actual objects, for example if children are solving a problem about apples they may use apples to solve the problem, to mathematical equipment (manipulatives).

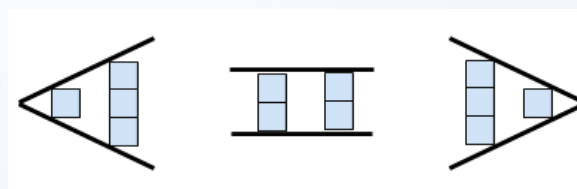
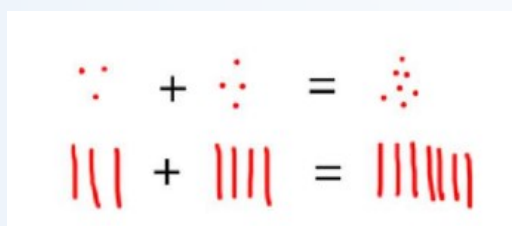
Following on from using equipment, we may use pictorial representations to support children within maths. Children will recognise and use pictures of objects, mathematical equipment and representations, as well as creating their own pictorial representations. As a bridge, children may manipulate actual resources alongside the pictorial representation. Once the children are secure, there may be lessons where children are no longer manipulating the physical resources but will benefit from the support that the pictorial representations provide. Some examples of pictorial representations that may be used throughout the school can be seen below.

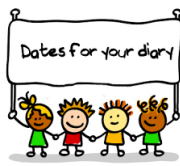


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Array	Columns	Rows	Adding
	$\underline{3}$ columns	$\underline{6}$ rows	$6 + 6 + 6 = 18$
	$\underline{6}$ balls in each column	$\underline{3}$ balls in each row	$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 18$





Any new dates will be added in red

Friday 6th December	Non uniform day Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school in exchange for chocolate and bottles towards the Christmas fair tombola stalls.
Thursday 12th De- cember	All things Christmas! 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.
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 available in the church from 9am if you would like to make your way to the church after dropping the children off. We would be grateful for any volunteers to help us to transfer the children to church—we will be travelling via minibus.
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...

5 MINUTES LATE 3 DAYS LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST
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Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 89.5% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	74%	92%

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	Football

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Beginners Bible

Illustrated by: Kelly Pulley

Recommended by: Connor

Connor recommended the book this week. He enjoyed the story Baby Jesus is Born.



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 at Christmas.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we considered our learning behaviour 'concentrating crocodile' and thought about the skills that this helps us to develop.

We have also started to consider why Christmas is important to Christians. We have learnt about the season of Advent and the start of the Christmas story, where Mary was told by angels that she was going to have a special baby.

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.



*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 - Bandon 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 | Find us on Facebook

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

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness
Digital Detox

The use of technology in our day to day lives has become a normal part of today's society and has many benefits, including staying connected with friends and family, accessing information and providing support for learning. However, research suggests that the prolonged use of technology can increase stress levels and have a negative impact on our mental health.

A digital detox is a time when a person does not use devices such as smartphones, televisions, computers, tablets, and social media sites. "Detoxing" from digital devices is often seen as a way to focus on real-life social interactions without distractions.

Some of the benefits include reducing stress, improving sleep patterns, encouraging more face-to-face social interactions, reducing 'fear of missing out' (FOMO), improving attention span, freeing up time for other/new interests and activities, creating a better work-life balance, and encouraging physical exercise.

Our tips for having a digital detox:

1. Set a realistic time limit for your daily screen time/device usage.
2. Participate in other activities instead of screen time (e.g., go for a walk with a friend/join a new club).
3. Create routines for 'device-free times' (e.g., at mealtimes or 30 minutes before bed).
4. Agree to leave your phone downstairs overnight to reduce temptation to scroll in bed!
5. Let your friends and family know you are on a digital detox so they can support you.
6. Delete social media apps on your phone to remove temptation and easy access.
7. Create a list of activities you can do when you have an urge to use a digital device. Make sure you include a balance of quick activities you can do in the moment, as well as activities that may take more time and planning.

Scan for information on social media and mental health - Young Minds

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.

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 (16 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 house schools
- 16 April - National offer day
- 2 June - Deadline for submitting appeals

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 reduced cost of around £30 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

RUGBY WINTER HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY CAMPS

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

RUGBY FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAILY 10.30am - 12.30pm

ONLY £15 A DAY

AGES 6-12

TIMES & PRICES:
FULL DAY: 9.15am - 3.15pm £15 PER DAY
EARLY START: 8.15am - 12.30pm £10 PER DAY
LATE START: 1.15pm - 4.30pm £2.50 PER DAY
BOTH SPICES AVAILABLE - FREE CHILDREN TRUSSARDI 9.15am - 3.15pm

BOOK NOW PLEASE CONTACT: headteachers@leamingtonacademy.co.uk OR ON 01273 228 200
BOOK DIRECTLY CONTACT: parents@leamingtonacademy.co.uk - 01273 228 200

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/284583758358057>

SANTA MEET & GREET

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

2 PM - 6 PM
THURLASTON MEADOWS CAREHOME

USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK NOW!

£10 PER CHILD INCLUDES A GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD
£5 FOR 2ND CHILD
SEN FRIENDLY SLOTS FROM 5.30 PM

RAISING FUNDS FOR **Scouts** 1st Dunchurch

SCAN ME

allsorts
rugby for parents and children

Please click on the link for the latest information from Allsorts.

[Allsorts Rugby](https://www.facebook.com/groups/284583758358057)
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