



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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It has certainly been a cold week this week! The children have really enjoyed exploring the snow and ice that we have seen over the past few days. Thank you for sending the children into school well wrapped up in their coats, gloves and scarves. Please do name these items of clothing so that we can return them to the children if they misplace them. The weather this week does prompt us to consider what would happen in the event of a heavy snowfall. Whilst we would always aim to keep the school open where possible during the wintery weather, the procedure for informing parents if we did have to close the school due to a heavy snowfall can be seen below.

- A post would be made on Class Dojo
- A text would be sent to all first contact mobile numbers
- We would report the closure to the Warwickshire school closures email address, which should then appear on the webpage: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>



Please be reassured that closing the school will always be a last resort and we will avoid it wherever possible.

If your child is in pre-school or year two, don't forget that you need to apply for a reception or year three place for next academic year via [Warwickshire admissions](#). The deadline for each stage in the process can be seen below. If you need any support with applying for a school place, please contact the school office and we will arrange for someone to support you.



Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson, Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Emily

Snowy Owls: Jude, Lilia

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Autumn, Zara

Snowy Owls: Edith, Emile

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Georgia, Will

Snowy Owls: Benjamin, Edith, Evelyn, Matthew, Emile

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Yellow Table

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Will, Emily, Matthew, Arthur, Evie, Barney, Edith, Benjamin

Forgiveness:

Generosity: Sam x 2, Freddie x 2, Moriah x 2, Autumn, Sophia x 2,

James x 2, Micaiah, Zara, Emily, Alasdair, Emily, Connor

Friendship: Aeryn, Edith, Evie, Arthur, Lilia

Thankfulness: Zara, Emily, Evie, Gregory, Lucas, Joe, Georgia

Truthfulness: Emily

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include horse riding



Spotlight on

Reading for pleasure

At Leamington Hastings, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We aim to support children to develop a love of reading and promote reading for pleasure.

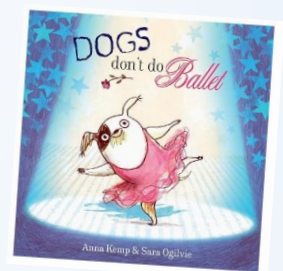
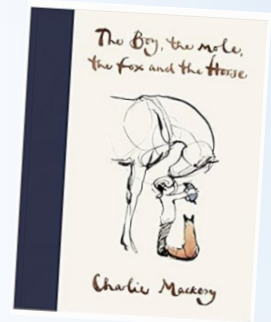
We promote reading through:

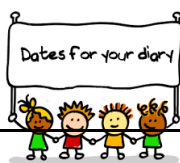
- A dedicated daily story time, with carefully selected high quality children's texts
- High quality texts used within lessons
- Each child having the opportunity to visit the school library on a weekly basis
- Access to high quality texts within the library
- Sponsored read and reading challenges
- Five reads raffle (don't forget to include stories that you read to the children in their reading diaries as well as books that the children read independently)
- A reading scheme that promotes familiarity with a text, building fluency and confidence with reading before the book is sent home
- Events such as world book day, Pyjamarama and vocabulary day
- A dedicated reading area in each classroom
- Author and illustrator visits, either in person or online

Research demonstrates that reading for pleasure is one of the most important indicators of a child's success in school, both in terms of academic progress and mental wellbeing. Reading for pleasure gives children the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. It helps children to understand their own identity and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.

You can promote reading for pleasure at home by:

- Accessing books from different genres and authors. The school and local libraries can support with this.
- Setting aside special time for reading within the day or week
- Model reading yourself as an adult
- Reading to and alongside your child, even once they are able to read texts themselves
- Providing opportunities for children to read to others, such as to their younger siblings or even their teddies
- Listening to audiobooks
- Setting challenges such as can you read 20 books in the month of August (or 10 for older children who are starting to read early chapter books!)






Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 25th November	Choir concert Children from reception to year two are invited to take part in a trust wide choir concert. Please see the letter sent home and Dojo for more details.
Monday 2nd December	Christingle service Parents are welcome into school to join the children for a Christingle service. This will be lead by Karen Armbrister from the local church. Please arrive in school for a 2:30pm start.
Monday 2nd December	Christmas wreath making evening 7pm at Grandborough Village Hall. Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.
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 December	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 December	Christmas play 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.
Tuesday 17th December	Children play 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.
Tuesday 17th December	Theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre—The Smeds and The Smoos More details to follow. If your child is in nursery and does not attend on a Tuesday, they are welcome to join us on this day. Please book them in via the school office ASAP so that we can book the correct number of tickets.
Thursday 19th December	Special visitor The children will receive a very special visitor in school.
Thursday 19th December	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.
Thursday 19th December	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah in school.
Thursday 19th December	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-	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: 86.9% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
95%	76%	84%

PE Days

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

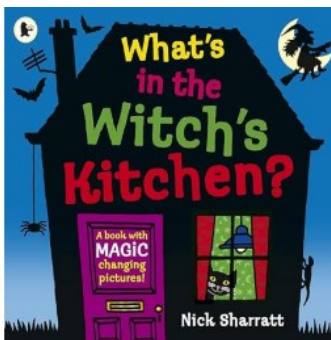


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Years KS1	-	-	-	Early Years KS1

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: What's in the Witches Kitchen

Author: Nick Sharratt

Recommended by: Georgia

Georgia chose the book of the week. She enjoys lifting the flaps and doors to find yummy and yucky foods including cheese (being yummy as she likes cheese on toast) and frogspawn. Her favourite page contains the witch hiding behind a door.



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](#).

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ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK



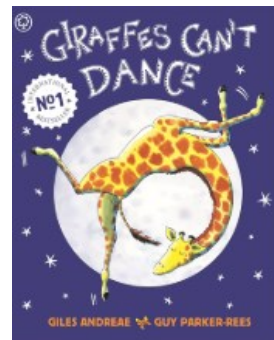
This week's top tip for parents to protect and keep children safe online.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we discussed world kindness day. We discussed how an act of kindness can go a long way, and impact the day of others in a positive way. We also considered how we can demonstrate kindness and understanding towards those who are different to ourselves, including using the story Giraffes Can't Dance. We linked the theme of kindness to the Good Samaritan.



TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov

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.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

ALL MATERIALS & DECORATIONS SUPPLIED

£30 - Includes Mulled wine & nibbles
(Cash Payable on night)

MONDAY | 2ND 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

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

Appreciation

Appreciation is a feeling of **thankfulness** or an act of recognising something that is important or meaningful to you.

We can appreciate or recognise another person through complementing them and sharing what you like about them. We can say 'thank you' to others when someone is helpful or supportive. This has benefits for both our mental health and for the people around us. We can also appreciate ourselves – you are important and unique! Remember to celebrate when you achieve big and small things and stop to appreciate what you have done.

Learning to appreciate others and ourselves can improve our self-esteem, improve our mood and improve our relationships with others.

Our tips for appreciation:

- 1. Give a compliment** - think about a person who is important to you and tell them 3 things that you like about them. You could write a letter or a small note to let them know how much you appreciate them. Use these sentence starters to help you:
 - I like how you...
 - You are...
 - Thank you for...
- 2. Say 'thank you'** – remember to thank other people throughout the day, to show them you appreciate what they do for you. If you have a friend who speaks another language, you could learn to say 'thank you' in the language that they speak. You could also learn to say 'thank you' in Makaton (sign language) too! Have a look at the video here to help you:
- 3. Self-appreciation** - think of something small that you have achieved this week. Pause and take a minute to appreciate what you have done. Which of your positive qualities did you use? Kindness, thoughtfulness, curiosity, creativity?

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.](#)

2024 Christmas Services
In the Draycote and Leam Valley Benefice

For unto us a child is born!

24.12.2024 - 8am - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Christmas Service
1.12.2024 - 10am - St Marks, Flecknoe - Family Carol Service
8.12.2024 - 8am - St Nicholas, Wilsington - Christmas Service
8.12.2024 - 8.30pm-Bardon Farm, Birdingbury - Living Crrib
15.12.2024 - 10pm - St Nicholas, Wilsington - Family Carol Service
15.12.2024 - 10pm - 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, Barton-on-Dunsmore - Carols by Candlelight
21.12.2024 - 6pm - Birdingbury Club, Community Carols
22.12.2024 - 10pm - All Saints, Leamington Hastings - Family Carol Service
Christmas Eve - 10pm - All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore - Crrib Service
Christmas Eve - 6pm - St Peter's, Barton-on-Dunsmore - 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 - 8am - St Leonards, Birdingbury - Christmas Day Allotors

www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com

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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/>

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YOUR LOCAL AIR AMBULANCE

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

13th December 2024, at St Andrew's Church, Rugby

STALLS | REFRESHMENTS | MUSIC

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SCAN FOR YOUR TICKETS

OR CALL - 0300 3045 999

allsorts
membership for parents and children

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

Allsorts Rugby
Nov / Dec 2024