



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a good half term and is feeling refreshed ready for the half term ahead. The children have been talking about days out, holidays, attending clubs and spending time together as a family — it sounds like you have all been very busy!

The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, and it has been a joy to hear the sound of learning echoing through the corridor. The Early Years children have started their superheroes topic—there have been a lot of capes and masks worn around school! Key Stage One have started their topic of 'Uncovering the UK' incorporating lots of geography work. Of course, there will also be lots of Christmas related events and learning taking place this half term!

On Thursday, we were visited by representatives from the Air Ambulance service who taught us about this vital service. We were surprised to learn that the air ambulance has around ten call outs per day, and that it costs around £300 each time the air ambulance is used.

Next Monday is our prospective parent's evening, so please do share the details with anyone that you may know who is interested in a school or nursery place.

For parents who pay for nursery meals at lunchtime, please be aware that our catering company are increasing their costs slightly. From January, the cost of a hot lunch will be £2.75.

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Emily

Snowy Owls: Emily, Benjamin

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Gregory, Georgia

Snowy Owls: Jacob, Evelyn

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Emily, Will

Snowy Owls: Jude, Benjamin, Leela,

Emily, Evie, Evelyn, Matthew, Emile

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Yellow Table

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Everyone, Leela Rose, Theo, Sadie, Jude

Forgiveness: Emile

Generosity: Emily, Zara, Georgia, Gregory, Arthur, Zara x 2, Lilia, Ashlyng, Sam, Edith

Friendship: Sophia, Sam, James, Emily, Will

Thankfulness: Freddie, Emily

Truthfulness: James

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include gymnastics, swimming, horse riding, cricket, rugby and football



Spotlight on

Rewards

At Leamington Hastings, we recognise that children are motivated and respond to praise and rewards. We have a range of rewards that children can achieve each week. Detailed below are the rewards we offer, with a brief outline of how the children can achieve these.



Ongoing on a daily basis

Lots of positive praise and encouragement is given to children each day by the adults within school.

We have six learning behaviours in school. The focus learning behaviour of the half term and the skills developed are included on the weekly newsletter. If children display any of the learning behaviours, they can be rewarded with a learning behaviour sticker from their class teacher.

Each class has a recognition board – the teacher outlines a focus for the hour, morning, afternoon, day or week for children to work towards as a class e.g. superb sitting displayed. Children's names are added to the board as they display the behaviour, with the target that all children have their name on the board by the end of the time period.

Weekly basis

Children have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills throughout the week, which may result in a certificate being achieved as part of Friday's Celebration Worship.



- Caught showing values – Any child or member of staff can nominate a child for demonstrating the Christian Values by filling out a 'caught showing values' slip, circling the value demonstrated and providing a short explanation.
- Learner of the week – Each year group has a pot of named lollipop sticks. Each week, a lollipop stick from each year group is chosen at random, with the named child choosing a piece of work that they are proud of to share with the school, linking this to a learning behaviour. Children are presented with a certificate.
- Learning behaviour of the week – Class teachers select a child from each year group who has demonstrated the learning behaviour focus of the half term. Children are presented with a certificate and share the nominated piece of work.
- Five reads – Children are rewarded for reading five times within a week and having this noted in their reading diary by earning a raffle ticket. Tickets are placed in year group pots and at the end of each half term, a ticket from each year group is drawn. Children whose raffle tickets are drawn can choose a book from a selection to keep at home.

Caught showing values!

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- Table of the week – a star lunchtime table is chosen each week. This may be for reasons such as the children have supported each other, have shown good manners or have been demonstrating the school behaviours.

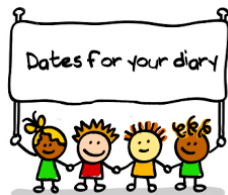
Children are always welcome to bring in rewards from home, such as certificates and trophies, to share with the rest of the school on a Friday.

Our full relationships and behaviour policy can be found on the [school website](#).



Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 11th No- vember	Remembrance day Children will take part in a minutes silence within school.
Monday 11th No- vember	Open evening for prospective parents Prospective parents for nursery or reception in September 2025 are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive for a 5:30pm start.
Monday 11th No- vember	Anti-bullying week: Choose respect Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.
Friday 15th No- vember	Children in Need Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.
Wednes- day 20th November	Friends meeting All are welcome to join our PTA Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting online via Microsoft Teams. Click to join the meeting: Join the meeting now
Monday 25th No- vember	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 for more details.
Monday 2nd De- cember	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 De- cember	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 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, which will be sent home nearer the time.
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, which will be sent home nearer the time.



Tuesday 17th De- cember	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 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.
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.
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: 91.86% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	82.9%	93.3%

PE Days

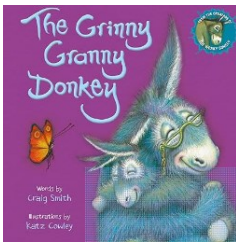
Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:



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 Grinny Granny Donkey

Author: Craig Smith

Recommended by: Zara

Zara recommended this beautifully illustrated and funny rhyming book. She was able to share her amazing sounding out of words including hee, haw and zonky. Her favourite character in this book is the butterfly.



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](#)



Please find the link to the Friends of Leamington Hastings parents group. Please contact Mel Bailey if you have any questions.

Leamington Hastings Academy Parents Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/284583758355805/>



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.

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

NSPCC

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we considered All Saints day and why this is important to many Christians. We made links with All Saints church at Leamington Hastings. We were also visited by Karen from Leamington Hastings church who told us how a penny could be used to pray.

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.

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness

Strength

13th November – World Kindness Day!

We all have a unique set of strengths and abilities that we can rely on to overcome challenges. Focusing on your strengths does not mean ignoring your weaknesses, but rather using your strengths to overcome them. This can also help you to build confidence, achieve your goals, and lead a more fulfilling life.

Kindness is a strength! World Kindness Day aims to acknowledge acts of kindness in the community, focusing on the positive power and influence this has. Regardless of our differences, kindness brings us together. Being kind to ourselves and others is a genuine strength that we possess, and it is important to remember how powerful it can be.

Our tips for strength:

1. **Appreciate your strength** – when you experience a difficult time, it's easy to forget how strong you are! Try and remember other times in your life when you've got through something challenging. Remember how strong you were to get through those circumstances and know you have the strength to get through other difficulties too.
2. **To practise kindness**, you could try...
 - Giving someone your time.
 - Listening to what others have to say.
 - Kindness can be choosing not to judge.
 - It can be a simple smile, or an understanding tone of voice.
 - Practise mindfulness.
 - Showing respect towards others.
3. **Remind yourself "all we can do is try our best" and "you are good enough".**
3. As a class, have a go at playing 'kindness bingo' by following the QR code:

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We currently have spaces available in Construction, archery, Xmas craft, cheerleading, pottery and football. Please contact the school office to reserve a space.

If you would like to be part of the Caterlink survey, we have provided the link and QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

Please complete by 30th November.

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

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.](#)

Remembrance Services

Sunday 10th November 2024
10.15am
St Leonard's, Birdingbury

10.30am
All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore
St. Peter's, Grandborough
All Saints, Leamington Hastings

Monday 11th November 2024
10.50am at
St. Nicholas' Frankton

Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice