



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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We have come to the end of the first half term of this academic year! After such a busy half term with lots of learning, the children are now ready for a rest. Thank you to the staff for all the opportunities that they have provided for the children this academic year.

This week, we held our first Passport to World Views days of the academic year. The children enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, exploring the story of Rama and Sita and celebration of light.



Thank you to all the parents that came into school for the phonics workshops this week; we hope that you found your workshop useful and that it enables you to support your child with their phonics and reading. More information about phonics is included in our spotlight this week.

We have ended the half term day with an exciting vocabulary day. Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for this and enabling them to share their ambitious word with everyone. As you can see from the photo below, all the children looked amazing.

Have a lovely half term everyone, we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th November.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Emily

Snowy Owls: Jonas, Leela

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Zara, Micaiah

Snowy Owls: Edith, Theo

5 READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Will, Georgia

Snowy Owls: Benjamin, Theo, Sadie, Evelyn, Arthur

LUNCH TABLE OF THE WEEK

Red Table

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Emily

Forgiveness: Sam, Joe

Generosity: Matthew, Sadie, Theo, Lilia, Emily, Sam, Gregory, Emily, Alasdair,

Evie, Jonas, Freddie, Edith, Jude, Evelyn, Leela, Barney

Friendship: Georgia, Will, Zara, Evie, Arthur, Barney x 2, Alasdair, James, Benjamin

Thankfulness: Sam, Sophia, Jude, Jacob

Truthfulness: Sophia

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include swimming and gymnastics.



We're teaching every child to read with



Spotlight on

Phonics

At Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, we use the Little Wandle approach to teach phonics throughout nursery (phase 1), reception (phase 2, 3 & 4) and year 1 (phase 5). This systematic, structured approach features on the DfE's list of validated phonics schemes and takes cognitive science research into account. All phonics teaching throughout school is well paced to ensure that children quickly learn to read by learning sounds and tricky words in a systematic and consistent way. This means that children are able to start reading words and sentences quickly – even as soon as learning their first four sounds. Children learn that sounds can be represented by graphemes (written representation of sounds) and how to blend sounds together to read words. You may hear your children refer to digraphs and trigraphs. Digraphs are two letters that make one sound e.g. the ck in clock or brick. Trigraphs are three letters that make one sound e.g. the igh in sigh or night. The graphemes taught in school, including digraphs and trigraphs, can be seen to the right.

Grow the code grapheme mat				Phase 2, 3 and 5					
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Grow the code grapheme mat				Phase 2, 3 and 5			
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In year 2, children revisit some of the year 1 graphemes during their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lessons, focusing on using their phonetic knowledge for spelling and learning spelling rules.

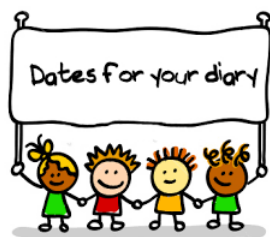
To reinforce the children's phonics learning, children in reception and year one will bring home a homework sheet each week, providing them with words and sentences to practise reading and writing.

Children's phonics knowledge across the school is assessed half termly in order to inform teachers planning and to check that all children are making progress; those children who need support to keep up with their peers will receive interventions that may involve them working in a small group or individually with a designated adult in addition to their phonics lessons.

It is very important that letter sounds are pronounced correctly by the children, so that they don't encounter problems when blending to read words. You can find out how to pronounce the phones correctly by viewing videos on our [school website](#), or by viewing the [Little Wandle parents page](#). You will also find a wide range of resources on both pages.

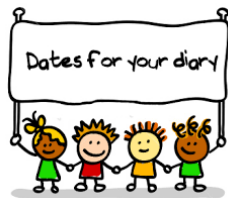
There are home learning phonic card packs that can be purchased to enable you to practise phonics at home, should you wish to do so. There are two different reception packs, and a year 1 pack. The year 1 pack is also suitable for year 2 to rehearse their knowledge. These packs can be purchased from Amazon or from book shops.





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, 3:15pm—5pm. Further details to follow.
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: 97.7% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94.9%	97.1%	95%

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 Programming Club	Cheerleading Pottery (Excluding 19.12.24)	Football

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Beginners Bible

Published by: Lion Hudson Limited

Recommended by: Leela

Leela recommended the book this week because she is a Christian and enjoys reading the bible.



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



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/>



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.



WEDNESDAY
30TH OCTOBER
2024
10.00AM - 4.00PM

Come and sing with us! For Children and Young People age 7-18.

All you need to bring is your singing voice! Whether it's your first time or if you've loads of experience.

EXPERT TUITION DIFFERENT GROUPS FOR DIFFERENT ABILITIES. PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED JOIN US AT THE END OF THE DAY TO HEAR ALL THE HARD WORK!



FOLLOW THE LINK TO FIND OUT MORE!
[HTTPS://WWW.STANDREWRUGBY.ORG.UK/EVENT-DETAILS/COME-AND-SING-DAY](https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/event-details/come-and-sing-day)

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 for children with SEND.

NSPCC

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have focused on how we can be a good friend to others by reading the book 'Will you be my friend?' We also read the book 'The curious garden' where a small action eventually leads to a big impact. We considered actions that we can take that can have a positive impact on others such as being kind, treating people as we would want to be treated ourselves, looking after our local area and sharing toys with others.

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

Team Meerkat



*I can listen to a partner carefully.

**I can share my ideas with a small group.

*** I can explain tasks to other people.

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.



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN



If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a street-light so that traffic can see you more easily.

X (previously Twitter) - @WCCSafe_Active
Facebook - @WCCSafeActiveTravel
Email roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness

Persistence

Persistence is a fancy way of describing our ability to stick with something until we achieve what we want to do and continue even if it doesn't quite work the first time. In fact, sometimes when things don't go as planned, it can help us learn what we do need to do.

Some people say that **FAIL** is the **F**irst **A**ction **I**n **L**earning and that mistakes are needed to help us work out what went wrong and where we need to go next. Persistence helps us to believe in ourselves and see that we can learn and grow!

Many famous faces we know and love had to show persistence to get where they are today...did you know? The 'Harry Potter' author, J.K. Rowling, had her first book rejected 12 times before it became published!

Our tips for persistence:

- The power of the word 'yet'** - when we are trying to persist at something we really want to do, we may have automatic thoughts that pop into our mind and make us believe we can't do it. Next time this happens, try adding 'yet' onto the end of your thought. For example, 'I can't do this...YET!'
- Trying something new!** The best way of learning persistence is to try something new; it could be a new sport you are interested in, or a hobby you would like to try out. It takes time and practice to develop new skills, just like persistence, and hopefully you have some fun too!
- Reflect** on the journey you took when you learnt a new skill - you could try keeping a diary or a journal as your skill develops, so you can see the steps you took to get there. This can help you to see how you persisted when things were feeling a bit harder. Being able to see your improvement from the beginning is also a powerful way of encouraging you to persist in the future!
- Create an achievement jar** - when you have achieved something that you really wanted to do and tried hard at, write it on paper and put it in the jar. On days where you feel like things are difficult, take one of the achievements out and remind yourself of how far you have come!

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 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

Applying for a primary school place

1 November Application opens	15 January Closing date for applications	1 February Extended closing date for house moves	16 April National offer day	2 June Deadline for submitting appeals
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