



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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We have had a great week this week. As part of our 'Passport to world views afternoon', the children learnt about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, including the story when Moses led the Jewish people across the desert. Some of the children built a Sukkah (shelter) and thought about what they were thankful for, along with exploring how many people with a Jewish worldview celebrate today. This week, the Key Stage One children have also created some beautiful art work as part of their RE lessons, considering how angels might be thought to guide or comfort people.

This week we have also thought about how we can be mentally healthy, focussing on this in collective worship yesterday and as part of 'hello yellow' today.

It is the time of year where it is time to start applying for school places if your child is in pre-school or year two. If you are a year two parent, don't forget that Dun-church Boughton C of E Junior Academy have their open morning next week, please see the diary dates for more information. If you are a pre-school parent, you are welcome to attend our open evening on Tuesday 25th November.



Applications for a parental governor are now open. If you are interested in the position, please use the details on the poster to make contact with the Trust Governance Manager. All application forms must be received in the school office by Friday 24th October.

Have a lovely weekend, Suzanne Marson



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: James

Snowy Owls: Emily

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Corrin, Lucas

Snowy Owls: Zara

FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Arnie, Leo, Charlie, Sophia O, Sophia L, Ella, Autumn,
James, Lara, Benjamin (Rec), Millie, Max, Joe, Lucas,
Freddie, Isla, Sam, Isaac

Snowy Owls: Edith, Benjamin (Y2)

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Charlie

Snowy Owls: Jacob

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Millie x 3, Isaac, Isla, Lara, Charlie, Leo, Arnie,
Autumn, Zara, Will, Benjamin (Y2), Edith, Jude,
Benjamin (Rec), Emily

Forgiveness: Sam

Generosity: Georgia, Benjamin (Rec), Corrin, Ella, Edith, Joe
Jude, Benjamin (Y2), Will, Edith, Zara, Sophia

Friendship: Georgia, Arnie, Jacob, Corrin, Max, Autumn,
Ella, Millie

Thankfulness: Freddie, Lucas, Ava, Sophia

Truthfulness: James

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include swimming awards.



Spotlight on

Learning Behaviours

At Leamington Hastings, we have a set of six learning behaviours which can be seen below. These learning behaviours reflect the key learning dispositions that we feel the children need to develop at an infant level, supporting the children to become successful lifelong learners. We have one focus learning behaviour each half term, which is shown within the newsletter, and is promoted as part of collective worship sessions and around school.

To make the learning behaviours appealing to the children, they are paired with an animal and broken down into child friendly statements that demonstrate what this may look like in practice.

The learning behaviours are woven throughout our rewards systems. Children can earn stickers

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.

Effort Elephant



- * I put effort into completing my work.
- ** I select tasks that challenge me.
- *** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Tough Tortoise



- *I am brave and have a go at different things.
- **I can persevere and keep going even when it is difficult.
- ***I can show resilience. I bounce back and try again to learn from my mistakes.

Recap Rabbit



- * I can read through my work with an adult and correct a mistake.
- ** I can read through my work independently to make corrections.
- *** I can make additions to my work to make improvements.

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.

Concentrating Crocodile



- *I carefully listen to others.
- ** I can carefully practise tasks to help me get better.
- *** I can manage my distractions and concentrate on my learning.



Show you care, get involved



Become an Academy Governance Committee member
(‘school governor’) as a parent* or a member of the
local community

Provide
support, monitoring
& challenge
around educational
experience &
performance

Receive
reports, attend
meetings &
carry out
monitoring visits
to school

Support
Church, community
& stakeholder
engagement &
Trust strategy,
approach, ethos
& values

Experience
strategic
leadership for
great personal
development &
work within a code
of conduct

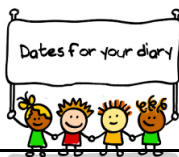


Training is an
ongoing &
essential part of
the role & is
provided free of
charge

Contact
[samantha.janaway@
covmat.org](mailto:samantha.janaway@covmat.org) or scan the
QR code to register
your interest



* representative parents rather than
representatives of parents - it's not about
gathering views but being able to present a
balanced and impartial view from a parental
perspective.



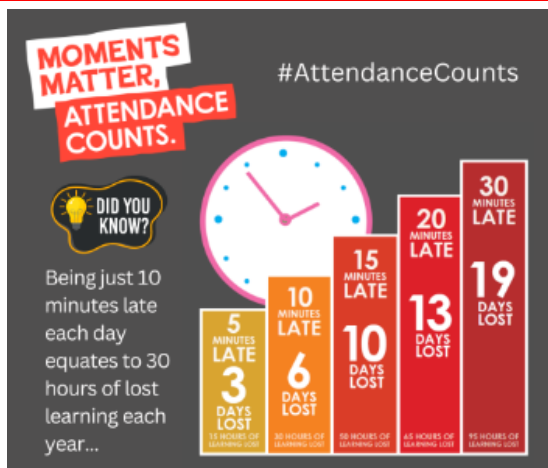
Any new dates will be added in red

<p>Wednesday 15th October</p>	<p>Friends of Leamington Hastings Autumn activity bags deadline</p> <p>See poster later in the newsletter</p>
<p>Friday 17th October AM</p>	<p>Dunchurch Junior Open Morning</p> <p>Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy are running an open morning for anyone whose child is due to start year three in September 2026. Individual tours can also be provided. Please contact the school office at office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org to book onto the open evening or an individual tour.</p>
<p>Monday 20th October</p>	<p>Pumpkin party</p> <p>The Friends have arranged for a pumpkin party from 3:30—5. Please see the Friends poster later in the newsletter for further information.</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st October</p>	<p>Parent's evening session 1</p> <p>You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd October</p>	<p>Parent's evening session 2</p> <p>You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd October</p>	<p>Vocabulary day</p> <p>As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic.</p>
<p>W/C Monday 10th November</p>	<p>Antibullying week</p> <p>Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.</p>
<p>W/C Monday 10th November</p>	<p>Interfaith week</p> <p>Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th November</p>	<p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th November</p>	<p>Flu Vaccines</p> <p>Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.</p>
<p>Thursday 13th November</p>	<p>World Kindness Day</p> <p>We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week.</p>



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Thursday 20th No- vember 9:30am	<p>Information session with Mrs Darragh for year two parents</p> <p>Mrs Darragh, Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy, will be available in the Dunchurch Infant school hall at 9:30am to talk to parents of children who are currently in year two at either Dunchurch Infants or Leamington Hastings. This is a chance to talk to Mrs Darragh and find out more about the Juniors, with information tailored to the two feeder schools.</p>
Friday 21st November	<p>Children in Need</p> <p>Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.</p>
Tuesday 25th No- vember	<p>Open evening for prospective reception and nursery parents</p> <p>Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2026? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive via the school office for a 5pm start.</p>
Monday 1st De- cember	<p>Theatre trip</p> <p>The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Tiger Who Came To Tea as a theatre performance. More details to follow.</p>
Tuesday 2nd De- cember	<p>Christingle service</p> <p>Parents are welcome to come into school to join the children for a Christingle service. Please arrive via the school office for a 2:30pm start.</p>
Monday 8th De- cember	<p>Christmas Wreath Making Evening</p> <p>Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.</p>
Tuesday 9th De- cember	<p>Christmas around the world</p> <p>Children will be learning about Christmas around the world during the afternoon.</p>
Thursday 11th De- cember	<p>Christmas jumper and craft day</p> <p>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.</p>
Wednes- day 17th December	<p>Christmas performance 1</p> <p>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. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.</p>
Thursday 18th De- cember	<p>Christmas performance 2</p> <p>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. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.</p>
Thursday 18th De- cember	<p>Christmas church service, All Saints Church</p> <p>All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for a Christmas church service to start at approximately 1:45pm.</p> <p>We will be travelling to church via minibus as the fields are too muddy to walk the whole school at this time of year. We would be grateful for any volunteers to accompany the children on the minibus. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.</p>



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 94.4% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
93%	100%	83%

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 1

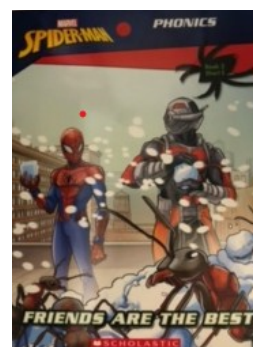
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Construction Club	Target Games	Multi Sport	Street Dance

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Friends are the Best (Spiderman)

Published by: Scholastic

Recommended by: Lucas



Lucas recommended the book this week. He enjoys sharing this book containing his favourite character Spiderman. Spiderman and Ant man get the bad men who smash up the city.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK



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

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

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2025

Teacher Training Day Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st
October

End of Term Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Start of Term: Monday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th
February

Teacher Training Day: Monday 23rd February

End of term: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Start of Term Monday 13th April

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Teacher Training Day: Monday 1st June

End of Term: Friday 17th July

**Disaggregated Teacher Training Day: Monday
20th July**

For Warwickshire school term dates please [click](#)

Click on [Family Information Service](#) for further information



Compass

[Click for the latest newsletter](#)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have used children's stories to support our understanding of the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance.

We have also focussed on how we can be mentally healthy, ready for mental health day today.

We are going to be learning about
British values
Mutual Respect
We might not always agree with
other people, but we try to show
respect for their thoughts and
feelings.
We can give respect to others and we
can expect other people to show us
respect.

CHRISTIAN VALUE



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

Team Meerkat



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Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Tips for helping your child with sleep

A healthy sleep routine is essential for children's growth, development, concentration, emotion regulation, immune system, memory and problem-solving abilities. Consistent, quality sleep can also reduce the risk of behavioural issues, anxiety and depression. The recommended hours of sleep per night are:

School age children
 (6-12 years)
 9-12 hours

Adolescents
 (13-18 years)
 8-10 hours

Our top tips:

- 1. Establish a consistent sleep schedule:** Encourage going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even on weekends, to regulate your child's internal clock.
- 2. Create a calming bedtime routine:** Activities like reading, a warm bath, or quiet music can help signal that it's time to wind down.
- 3. Limit screen time before bed:** Turn off TVs, phones, and tablets at least an hour before bedtime, as blue light interferes with melatonin production and sleep quality.
- 4. Make the bedroom sleep-friendly:** Keep it cool, dark, and quiet. Consider blackout curtains or white noise if needed.
- 5. Encourage physical activity during the day:** Regular exercise can help children fall asleep faster but avoid vigorous activity close to bedtime.
- 6. Watch what they eat and drink:** Avoid caffeine, energy drinks and chocolate in the afternoon and evening, and try not to eat a big meal close to bedtime.
- 7. Model healthy sleep habits:** Children often mimic their parents, so prioritise your own sleep and show that it's an important part of a healthy lifestyle.
- 8. Talk about stress or worries:** Create a safe space to discuss anything that might be keeping them up at night.

Top tips for improving
 your child's sleep:



Sleep guide for
 parents:



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.

PORTAL THROUGH TIME

Night At Your Museum

Friday 10th October
 From 5.30pm

Adults & children £4.00, under 2s FREE

Book now at
www.ragm.co.uk/NightAtYourMuseum

RUGBY
 Art Gallery & Museum

Autumn Activity Bags

Keep the kids busy this Half Term!

Crafts Games
 Fun Activities

Perfect for cosy autumn days

Only £5 each

All profits go to the PTA

Order by 15th Oct

Payment via ParentPay

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

ALL MATERIALS & DECORATIONS SUPPLIED

£30 - Includes Mulled wine & nibbles
 £10 deposit required & cash on the night.

MONDAY | 8TH 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.



AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES


Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Understanding Children's Behaviour	18th November 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	21st November 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Understanding your teenager	27th November 10:00-12:00	Virtual
Sleep and Routines	28th November 09:30 - 11: 30	virtual
Parenting Together	1st December 17:30 - 19:30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	9th December 10:00 - 12:00	virtual



Book your free place


For Warwickshire parents only.

For further information about this programme please email ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



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Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	10th October 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	15th October 10:00 - 12:00	Virtual
Routines	16th October 12:45-14:45	Virtual
Keeping your child in mind	16th October 17:30 - 19: 30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	23rd October 12:45 - 14:45	virtual
Parenting Together	28th October 10:00- 12:00	virtual
Sleep and Routines	6th November 09:30 - 11:30	virtual
Boundaries and Rules	6th November 12:30 -14:30	virtual
Routines	12th November 12:30 - 14:30	virtual
Understanding your teenager	14th November 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual



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SCHOOL PUMPKIN PARTY

Monday 20th October
15:15 - 17:00

Games, Dancing and lots more!
Pre-Carved Pumpkin Competition
(battery operated lights only!)
£6 EACH
(INCLUDES SNACKS, GLITTER TATTOOS & GLOW STICKS)
PROCEEDS TO THE PTA
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
LH SCHOOL & NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
PAYMENT VIA PARENTPAY



Diarrhoea and vomiting

Don't spread it. Stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear.

DO

- Wash soiled clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants




DON'T

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others




Any parents/carers purchasing school photographs have until midnight on Sunday to take advantage of free shipping back to school on all photo orders. After this time there will be a price increase and all orders will be delivery to home only.

