



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy



Plant, Grow, Flourish

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On Friday last week, Mrs Wooldridge, Mrs Golby and I had the pleasure of taking a group of children to sing as part of a Multi Academy Trust concert at Coventry Cathedral. The children sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors for the school. See Class Dojo for a video of two of the songs and some more photos. We were so proud of our children who were the youngest performers there. Well done everyone!

We enjoyed joining in with the 'Great Big Live Nativity' this week, joining in with a live assembly session that was streamed across the country. The children enjoyed joining in and learning the signs for "star", "donkey", "baby" and "welcome".

The children have been very busy preparing for our Nativity performance, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm they are showing. They have been practising their lines, learning the songs, and working hard on bringing the story to life. We look forward to sharing their wonderful efforts with you next week! Please do make sure that you bring your tickets with you when you come to attend the performance.

Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day this week, the children enjoyed getting into the festive spirit whilst also fundraising for charity.

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

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Arnie
Snowy Owls: Jacob

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Lara
Snowy Owls: Ava

FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

Eagle Owls: Leo, Lucas, Freddie, Arnie, Charlie, Isla, Sam, Millie, Joe, Ella, Isaac, Sophia O, Sophia L, James

Snowy Owls: Ava, Emily, Jude, Benjamin

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Benjamin
Snowy Owls: Benjamin

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Georgia, Ava, Emily, Jude, Sophia O, Isla, Millie, Archie, Max

Friendship: Corrin, Ruben, Lara, Leo, Sam, Joe, Will, Zara, Edith

Forgiveness: Benjamin (Rec), Lara, Sophia L, Isaac

Truthfulness: Millie, Freddie, Benjamin (Rec)

Generosity: Emily, Jacob, Edith x 2, Georgia

Thankfulness: Charlie, Ella, Freddie, Arnie, Sam P, James, Benjamin (Y2)

HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements this week include Rugby football, swimming, horse riding and gymnastics



Spotlight on

Reading for pleasure

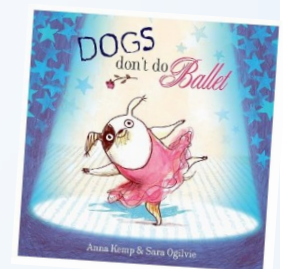
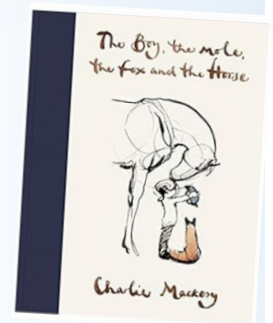
At Leamington Hastings, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We aim to support children to develop a love of reading and promote reading for pleasure. We promote reading through:

- A dedicated daily story time timetabled every day within each classroom, 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 each day e.g. bedtime stories.
- 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

Wednesday 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 have been sent home. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.</p> <p>Our lovely Friends committee will be selling refreshments during this event.</p>
Thursday 18th December	<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 have been sent home. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.</p> <p>Our lovely Friends committee will be selling refreshments during this event.</p>
Thursday 18th December	<p>Christmas lunch and a special visitor in school</p> <p>The children will have their Christmas lunch, and will have the opportunity to be visited by a very special visitor!</p>
Thursday 18th December	<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>
Thursday 8th January	<p>Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy Open Morning</p> <p>Year 2 parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action, meet the staff, and discover the exciting learning journey that awaits your child as they move up from the Infant Schools.</p>



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: 94% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
90%	100%	100%

PE Days

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

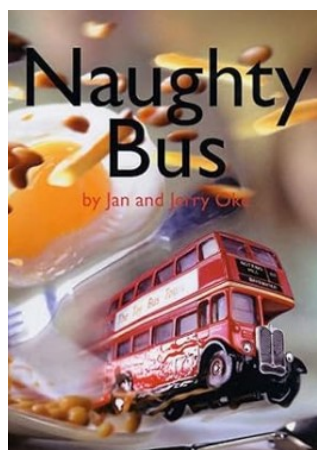


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Years KS1	-	-	-	Early Years KS1

After School Clubs: Autumn term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Pottery Club	Dodge Ball	Football	Cheerleading (excluding 19.12.25)

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Title: The Naughty Bus

Author: Jan & Jerry Oke

Recommended by: Arnie

Arnie recommended the book this week. He enjoys sharing the story where a naughty bus goes on a messy adventure driving through egg, chips and beans. His favourite part is when the bus drives into a cup, covers the bus in tea and leaves it smashed on the floor.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

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This week's

top tip for parents to keep children safe online.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have focused on what Christians believe the real meaning of Christmas to be—celebrating the birth of Jesus. We enjoyed joining in with the 'Great Big Live Nativity' this week, joining in with a live assembly session that was streamed across the country. The children enjoyed joining in and learning the signs for "star", "donkey", "baby" and "welcome".

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2025

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 here.](#)

CHRISTIAN VALUE



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

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

BARNARDOS Useful Contact Information **CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE**

Family Information Service
Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1558
Tel: 01926 742274
Email: fi@warwickshires.gov.uk
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Warwickshire Family Connect
For concerns about a child's wellbeing
Tel: 01926 414144

Early Support
Drop ins at the CFCs
Long Lawford Tues - 2.00-4.00pm
Claremont Weds - 2.15-4.15pm
Family Support Help Line
Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm
Tel: 01926 412412
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Warwickshire's Child and Family Well-being Service
Tel 0300 247 0072
or email: wcfw.contact@hcrgragroup.com

Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic
Tuesdays: 9:30am to 11:00am
Claremont Children & Family Centre

Breastfeeding Support Drop-in Group for Babies and Toddlers
Wednesdays: 10:00am to 11:30am
Claremont Children & Family Centre

Citizens Advice Bureau
Tel: 0808 250 5715
Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre
Drop in: Monday 22nd December
9:00am - 1:00pm

ROSA Drop in Clinic for those impacted by sexual violence
Contact Claremont Children & Family Centre for more details.
Tel: 01788579488

Midwives
Maternity advice,
The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital
Tel: 01788 663184

Adult and Community Learning
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/ac/>
Tel: 01926 736392

Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team
Tel: 01788 555107

HCRG Sexual Health & Contraception Drop-in
2nd Wednesday of the month at Claremont CFC
4th Monday of the month at Boughton Leigh CFC
9.30-11.30am

Interested in volunteering? please contact sarena.langan@barnardos.org.uk

WHAT'S ON GUIDE
Rugby Children & Family Centres
Christmas 2025

Rugby Children & Family Centres (CFC)
Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre
Wetherell Way, Rugby,
CV21 1LT Tel: 01788 570347
Claremont Children & Family Centre
Claremont Road, Rugby,
CV21 3LU Tel: 01788 579488
Long Lawford Children & Family Centre
Holbrook Road, Long Lawford,
Rugby, CV23 9AL Tel: 01788 561313
Email: rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk
Website: <https://coventryandwarwickshire.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/rugby/>

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please note the changes in times to a lot of the groups from our regular term time timetable
On the 2nd January Boughton Leigh will be closed. Please contact one of the other centres if you require any information.

You need to apply for September 2026 if your child:

- was born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022** (for a place in Reception).
- If your child will be in Year 2 at an infant school in September 2025 (for a place in a junior school).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2025 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2026**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026).

Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC)
Christmas Timetable 22nd December 2025 to 2nd January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am Toy Library 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC 22nd December only	Family Time Aimed at 0-8years 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC 23rd and 30 th December	Little Stars For children with additional needs 10.00am to 11.00am Claremont CFC 24th and 31 st December	 BANK HOLIDAYS ALL CENTRES CLOSED BOTH CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY	BOXING DAY 26 th December BANK HOLIDAY ALL CENTRES CLOSED
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10.00-11.00 am Claremont CFC 22nd and 29 th December	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL) 23rd December Only	Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 10-11.30 am Long Lawford CFC 31 st December only		2nd January Claremont and Long Lawford CFCs open for enquiries only.
Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC 22nd December only	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1:30pm-2:30pm Boughton Leigh CFC 23rd and 30 th December	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC 31 st December only	Saturday	
Family Time Aimed at 0-8yrs 1.30-3.00pm Claremont CFC 22nd and 29 th December			Saturdays Next Saturdays is the 10 th January	
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC 22nd December only			TO BOOK a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link: https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com	



Please click on the link [Allsorts](#) to view the online magazine

MHST Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness
Setting Future Goals

Setting goals helps you stay focused, motivated, and positive. They give you something to look forward to and remind you that you're in charge of your own journey. It's normal to feel a bit nervous when you think about the future, but looking forward can actually help your mental health. Looking to the future helps to build confidence, can give you direction and encourages optimism. Thinking about what's ahead reminds you that good things can still happen — even when times feel tough.

Our Top Tips For Setting Goals:

- 1. Start Small**
Big dreams start with small steps. Pick one thing you'd like to improve—like sleeping better or spending more time outdoors.
- 2. Make It Realistic**
Choose goals that feel possible, not perfect. For example, "I'll talk to a friend once a week" is easier than "I'll never feel lonely again."
- 3. Be Kind to Yourself**
Progress takes time! Celebrate small wins and don't be hard on yourself if things don't go perfectly.
- 4. Write It Down**
Keep a journal or use your phone to track how you're doing. Seeing your progress boosts confidence!
- 5. Ask for Support**
You don't have to do it alone. Talk to someone you trust — a friend, teacher or family member—about your goals.
- 6. Balance Is Key**
Make time for fun, rest, and creativity. Mental health goals should make life feel better, not busier.

More information about goal-setting!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the Children and Young People's Mental Health Crisis support 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.

Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice

Advent Services 2025

30th November
9am Blue Christmas at St Peter's Grandborough
11am Christingle at St Nicholas' Willoughby

7th December
11am Family Carols at St Leonards, Birdingbury

14th December
4pm Family Carols at St Nicholas' Willoughby
6pm Carols by Candlelight at St Mark's Flecknoe

19th December
6pm Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's Bourton-on-Dunsmore

20th December
6pm Community Carols at the Birdingbury Club

21st December
2.45pm Building Church Christmas at All Saints Leamington Hastings
6pm Carols by Candlelight at All Saint Stretton-on-Dunsmore

23rd December
6pm Family Carols at St Nicholas, Frankton

www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com

After School Clubs Notice

Please be reminded that there are no after school clubs running on Friday 19th December.