



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy



## Plant, Grow, Flourish

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We have had another busy week. The word 'Christmas' has started to be mentioned around school. The stage will soon be put up, the children have started to learn their Christmas songs and we will celebrate the start of Advent with our Christingle service next week. Christingle is always a lovely time of year in school, and you are welcome to join us for this on Tuesday afternoon. Key Stage One are making Christmas decorations as part of Design and Technology, so make sure you leave some room when you put up your trees! We have lots of events planned over the festive season, so please keep an eye on the newsletter dates for upcoming events.

Warwickshire County Council has launched a public consultation on proposed changes to its Home to School Transport Policy, which could impact some of our children. Residents are invited to share their views on a series of updates aimed at improving fairness, consistency, and compliance with home to school national guidance. As part of the consultation, a series of information sessions are being held across the county, both in person and online. To view the consultation documents, book a session, or share your views, please visit - [Home to School Transport Consultation](#).

We held our open evening for prospective parents this week, and as part of this we had multiple comments made about how well our parents talk about us in the community. Thank you for always being so supportive.

Have a lovely weekend,

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



## **PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK**

### **LEARNING OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Max**

**Snowy Owls: Benjamin**

### **LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK**

**Eagle Owls: Isaac, Sam P**

**Snowy Owls: Zara**

### **FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:**

**Eagle Owls: Benjamin, Sophia L, Sophia O, Joe, Arnie, Charlie, Lucas, Ella, Millie, Leo, Lara, Sam, Isaac**

**Snowy Owls: Will, Ava, Jude, Benjamin**

### **PRESENTATION AWARD:**

**Eagle Owls: Sophia L, Corrin**

**Snowy Owls: Edith**

### **CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES**

**Courage: Sophia O, Millie, Benjamin (Rec), Leo, Charlie, Ava, Georgia**

**Forgiveness: Isaac, Sam H, Jacob**

**Generosity: Isla, Ella, Autumn, Corrin, Archie, Jude, Edith**

**Friendship: Emily, Zara, Lucas, Lara, Arnie, James, Ruben**

**Thankfulness: Sophia L, Sam P, Emily**

**Truthfulness: Max, Joe, Jack, Benjamin Y2, Will**

# Spotlight on .....

## Rewards

At Leamington Hastings, we recognise that children are motivated by 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**

28th November 2025	<p><b>Christmas Fair Tokens</b></p> <p>Please purchase tokens for all games, stalls and activities via ParentPay. Additional tokens can be purchased on the day at the token exchange point (cash only) £1 = 1 token.</p>
Monday 1st December	<p><b>Theatre trip</b></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 December	<p><b>Christingle service</b></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>
Wednesday 3rd December	<p><b>Cake Donations</b></p> <p>Parents are welcome to donate cakes to be sold at the Christmas fair to raise funds for the school from this date.</p>
Thursday 4th December	<p><b>Christmas Fair</b></p> <p>Come and join our Christmas Fair straight after school. To be held in the school hall.</p>
Friday 5th December	<p><b>Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust Choir Concert at Coventry Cathedral</b></p> <p>KS1. Each child will need to wear school uniform and bring a water bottle and packed tea with them (provided from home).</p>
Monday 8th December	<p><b>Christmas Wreath Making Evening—Fully Booked</b></p> <p>Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.</p>
Monday 8th December	<p><b>Christmas around the world</b></p> <p>Children will be learning about Christmas around the world during the afternoon.</p>
Thursday 11th December	<p><b>Christmas jumper and craft day</b></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>
Wednesday 17th December	<p><b>Christmas performance 1</b></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> <p>Our lovely Friends committee will be selling refreshments during this event.</p>
Thursday 18th December	<p><b>Christmas performance 2</b></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> <p>Our lovely Friends committee will be selling refreshments during this event.</p>
Thursday 18th December	<p><b>Christmas church service, All Saints Church</b></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><b>Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy Open Morning</b></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. Please see the poster on the final page of the newsletter.</p>





LEAMINGTON HASTINGS  
C of E ACADEMY



# CHRISTMAS FAIR



THURSDAY 4TH  
DECEMBER  
3:15-5:00PM



Festive games  
Tombola  
Face painting  
Refreshments



**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: 99.66% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
99%	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 Octonauts and the Only Lonely Monster  
**Author:** Vicki Wong and Michael Murphy  
**Recommended by:** Ruben



Ruben recommended this exciting book containing the Octonauts. They are a gang of eight animals who live in an Octopod underwater base. He enjoys sharing the book exploring the ocean with the Octonauts.

## ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

internet  
matters.org



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

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.](#)

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have continued to think about generosity this week, using stories to help us consider how we can be generous. We recapped that some ways we can be generous are through:

- Giving time
- Sharing
- Demonstrating kindness
- Helping someone who is hurt or upset
- Making donations

## CHRISTIAN VALUE



## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

### 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.

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

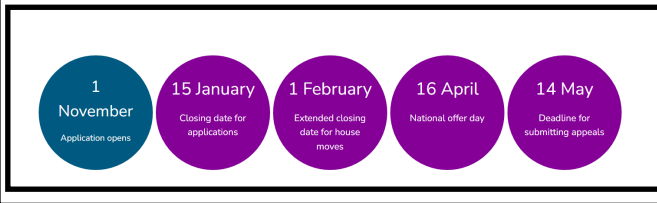
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



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).



### Inclusion and Belonging

Inclusion means making sure everyone feels welcome, accepted, and valued, no matter their differences. It's about creating a space where everyone feels like they belong—whether it's at school, at home, or with friends. Belonging means feeling like you are part of something and that you matter.

#### How to make others feel included:

1. **Be Friendly and Approachable**  
Smile and say hello to people to make them feel welcome.
2. **Invite Others to Join In**  
When you're playing a game or starting a conversation, invite others to join in. This could stop them from feeling left out.
3. **Listen to Everyone**  
Take the time to listen to others, showing them that you care about what they say, even if their opinions are different from yours.
4. **Celebrate Differences**  
Embrace everyone's differences and learn from them. It's what makes us all unique!
5. **Use Positive Words**  
Use words that make others feel good, rather than teasing or making fun of them.
6. **Be Open-Minded**  
Try to see things from someone else's point of view, to help build respect and connection.

#### Tips for feeling like you belong:

- **Be Yourself** – Don't try to change who you are to fit in. You belong just as you are!
- **Find Your Tribe** – Surround yourself with people who support and accept you. Finding people with similar interests to you can be a great place to start.
- **Take Care of Others** – When you make others feel like they belong, you help create a sense of belonging for yourself too.

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.



## Dunchurch Boughton

CofE Junior Academy  
Together we are stronger

We are delighted to invite Year 2 parents to our Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy Open Morning on **Thursday 8th January**. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action, meet the staff, and discover the exciting learning journey that awaits your child as they move up from the Infant Schools.

Choosing the right school is an important step, and we know how much it matters to feel confident about your decision. Our open morning will give you a real sense of the warm, welcoming environment we provide, as well as the opportunities for growth, independence, and achievement that our academy offers.

- \* Come and see the classrooms buzzing with learning
- \* Meet our dedicated teachers and staff
- \* Find out more about the wide range of activities and support available

To book a tour, please contact the school office either by either emailing [office.juniors@dunchurch.mat.org](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.mat.org) or calling **01788 811028**.

A reminder that **applications for school places close on Thursday 15th January**, so don't miss this chance to visit and secure your child's place.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the exciting next chapter of your child's education!

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



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year we will be using a **TOKEN SYSTEM** for all games, stalls and activities.

Tokens can be purchased in advance via **PARENTPAY** and given to your child before the fair starts.

Additional tokens can be bought on the day at our **TOKEN EXCHANGE POINT** (cash only)

**£1 = 1 token**

