



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy



Plant, Grow, Flourish

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Happy New Year! We all hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break, and that you were able to spend some time together as a family.

The children have been keen to share stories about their Christmas, presents and time spent together as a family. The children (and staff) have all returned to school with enthusiasm and have quickly got stuck into their new topics for the year. We have made the most of the wintery weather this week, with the children having the chance to experience the joyfulness of having snow on the ground.

Thank you for bearing with us on Monday when we didn't have any heating. It was great that we were able to accommodate the children at Dunchurch Infants so that the children didn't have to miss a day of school. We know how much it can impact working parents when children can't come to school for the day. The texting service did not work on Monday, but thankfully almost all parents received the message.

Hopefully we will see the back of the wintery weather over the weekend! Just in case we do have an excessive amount of snow at any point in the coming weeks, the school closure procedure is below.

- Any decision to close the school will be made at the earliest opportunity. We will always aim to be open and make every effort to do so, but decisions will be made taking into account the health and safety of the school site and the number of staff who are able to travel into school
- In the case of closure, we will post on Class Dojo and send a text message to the first contact that has been listed for each child.
- If you have not heard from us, this means that the school is open.

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Lucas
Snowy Owls: Georgia

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Jack, Sam
Snowy Owls: Jacob

FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

**Eagle Owls: Ella, James, Isla, Lucas, Sophia L, Milie,
Lara, Isaac, Charlie, Benjamin Rec, Arnie**

Snowy Owls: Emily, Ava, Zara, Will, Jude, BenjaminY2

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Corrin, Isla

Snowy Owls: Emily

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

**Courage: Isla Y1, Emily, Zara, Jude, Edith, Ruben,
Oscar, All of the children who went to Dun
church Infant School**

**Friendship: Ava, Eagle Owls, All of the children who
went to Dunchurch Infant School**

Generosity: Will, Georgia, Freddie

Truthfulness: Jacob, Benjamin Y2

Spotlight on



Safer schools APP

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times, but it is important that we understand what our children are doing online so that we can keep them safe. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

We invite you to download our Safer Schools App, provided through the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust.



About the App

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering families with regards to E-Safety. Through your log-in, you will have access to information that is relevant to the age of your child, and receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

Download and login instructions:

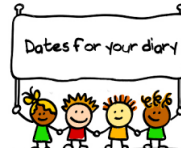
1. Search 'Safer Schools' and download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play
2. When you open the Safer Schools App, you will be presented with the login screen. You can use one of the following two options to log in:

Via a QR code:

- ◇ Tap the option of 'scan QR code'.
- ◇ Scan the QR code image on the left (you may need to give permission for the app to use the camera).
- ◇ You will automatically be logged in.

Using a numeric code:

- ◇ Use the drop-down list to select the school's name and click continue.
- ◇ Enter the four-digit access code of 7440 as shown above.

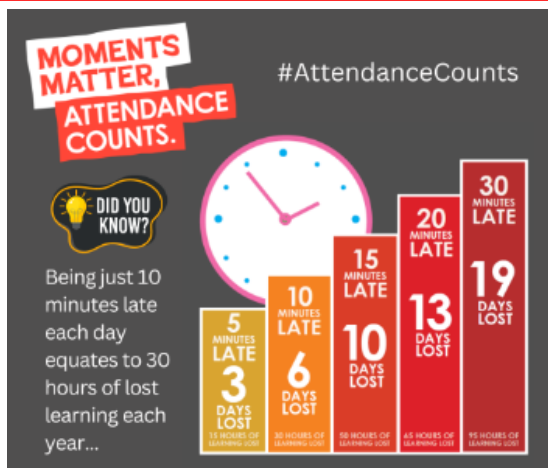


Any new dates will be added in red

Friday 6th February	National Number Day Children will take part in a day of maths activities to promote problem solving and a love of maths in a fun and creative way. Children are invited to come into school dressed as a number themed costume which can be as simple or as imaginative as you like. Some ideas include: Wearing a T-shirt with a number Dressing up as a calculator or clock Creating a costume that represents a shape, dice, or number line Becoming their favourite number! There is no need to buy anything new – homemade or recycled costumes are more than welcome. The aim is to have fun and enjoy a day full of number-related activities across the school.
WC 9th February	Children’s Mental Health Week During collective worships, and within some classroom learning, children will be learning how to keep themselves mentally healthy.
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day Children will be learning about keep safe online during the day.
Friday 13th February	Passport to world views afternoon – Losar Children will be learning about the festival of Losar during the afternoon.
Friday 13th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Children across the school will be making pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday which takes place over the half term break. Please provide the school office any details of allergies prior to this date.
Tuesday 24th February	Stand up to Bullying Day Children will be learning about what bullying is and isn’t as part of collective worship.
Thursday 26th February	Parent’s Evening Booking Opens Book your parent’s evening slot by emailing or telephoning the school office
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Competition for those who would like to take part—As we love reading at Leamington Hastings, we have decided to run an exciting 'story jar' competition to showcase favourite books. Children are invited to think about how their favourite book could be represented in a jar or box, for example, by using certain items, quotes or clues about the story. If your child would like to take part in the competition, please send the completed items into school on book day. Prizes will be awarded for the best creations!
Monday 9th March	Science Week Throughout science week, the children will take part in a variety of hands-on experiments, exciting investigations, and themed activities tailored to their year group. We’ll also be focusing on the importance of asking questions and thinking like scientists. We would like to invite parents to join us for an afternoon of science on Monday 9 th March from 2:15pm.

Thursday 12th March	Mother's Day service Mums, or a female representative, are invited to attend a Mother's Day service within school. One adult per family please. Please arrive in school via the School Office for a 2:30pm start.
Friday 20th March	Passport to world views afternoon Children will learn about the festival of Eid al Fitr
Tuesday 24th March	Parent's evening night 1 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.
Wednes- day 25th March	Easter Church Service, All Saints Church All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for an Easter church service to start at approximately 1:45pm. We will be walking to church through the fields, please send your children to school with appropriate footwear on this day (you may want to provide wellies or walking boots). We would be grateful for any parent volunteers to help us to walk the children to and from church - please let the school office know if you are able to help.
Wednes- day 25th March	Parent's evening night 2 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.
Friday 27th March	Passport to world views afternoon—Rama Navami Children will learn about the festival of Rama Navami during the afternoon.

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 03.11.25 24.11.25 15.12.25 05.01.26 26.01.26 16.02.26 09.03.26	Option One	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Salmon Fish Fingers Available)
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge with Custard
WEEK TWO 10.11.25 01.12.25 22.12.25 12.01.26 02.02.26 23.02.26 16.03.26	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	NEW Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 17.11.25 08.12.25 29.12.25 19.01.26 09.02.26 02.03.26 23.03.26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	NEW Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of filling - Fresh Bread - Daily salad selection - Fruit						
						ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.
						caterlink feeding the imagination



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 98.29% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
98%	96%	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: Spring term 1

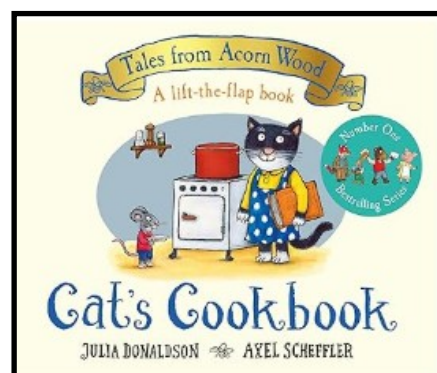
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Drama Club	Construction Club	Dodgeball	Gymnastics

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Cat's Cookbook

Author: Julia Donaldson

Recommended by: Millie



Millie enjoyed this rhyming book where there are flaps to lift. Cat visits the library to find a cookery book and makes yummy macaroni cheese in the red pot for all of her friends to eat.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

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This week's

top tip for parents to keep children safe online.

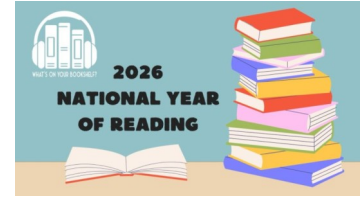
Please find the [link](#) to the online safety tips.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have learnt about the Christian festival of Epiphany and the 12 day journey of the Wise Men.

We also learnt about the year of reading, and thought about why books are important to us. We considered how the an important book to Christians is the bible, and how other religions also have books that are important to them.



TERM DATES 2024/2025

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



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.



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

Emotion Regulation

Emotional regulation means helping children understand, express, and manage their feelings in healthy ways. When children can manage strong emotions, they're better able to learn, build relationships, and feel safe.

Our tips to support emotion regulation at home

1. **Stay calm first** – children co-regulate through your tone and body language.
2. **Name the feeling** – "I can see you're feeling angry" helps children feel understood. You could try using an emotions wheel as a whole family to keep the conversation familiar.
3. **Pause before reacting** – give space for emotions to settle.
4. **Reflect later** – when calm, talk about what happened and what could help next time.
5. **Celebrate progress** – small steps make a big difference!
6. **Calm activities** – Simple strategies like deep breathing, counting to 10 or squeezing a stress ball give young people ways to calm themselves. Practice these when they are feeling calm, so they are easier to use during big emotions. Ensure you are also modeling these strategies!
7. **Keep a 'calm corner'** - Create a cozy space with pillows, books, or fidget toys where children can self-regulate safely.

Use this QR code to watch a video explaining why we lose control of our emotions!



The Incredible Years Parenting Programme

A supportive, evidence-based programme for parents and carers focusing on:

- Strengthening positive relationships
- Promoting social and emotional skills
- Managing challenging behaviour with confidence

Available with MHST – ask your school for more information!

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.

1 November

Application opens

15 January

Closing date for applications

1 February

Extended closing date for house moves

16 April

National offer day

14 May

Deadline for submitting appeals

Please remember the deadline to apply is **15 January 2026** for your reception or junior school place.



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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact:

freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



Useful Contact Information

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@warwickshire.gov.uk
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

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

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

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

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
Boughton Leigh Thurs - 9:30-11:30am
Family Support Help Line
Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm
Tel: 01926 412412
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Midwives
Maternity advice,
The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital
Tel: 01788 663154

Adult and Community Learning
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/ad>
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

WHAT'S ON GUIDE
Rugby Children & Family Centres
5th January - 13th February 2026

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
Holtbrook 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/>

Volunteering with Barnardo's
Volunteer with us to help us make sure more children, young people and families feel safe, happy, healthy and hopeful.
Contact Serena via email
serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk
FIND OUT MORE

Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC)
Spring Term Timetable 5th January - 13th February 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	Toddler Time Drop-in, no booking Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Little Stars For children with additional needs 10.00am to 11.00am Claremont CFC	Baby REAL Aimed at 20mths to 4yrs Booking essential* 10:00am - 11:00am Long Lawford CFC Starting 15 th January 2026	Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10:00-11:00 am Claremont CFC	Baby Chatter Matters Booking essential* 10:00am - 11:00am BEC @ Woodlands CV22 6JZ starting 13 th January 2026	Baby Signing Booking essential* 10:00am - 11:00am Boughton Leigh CFC starting 14 th January 2026	Toddler Time Maximum capacity 20 Families Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.00am Rogers Hall (CV21 4EN)
Toddler Time Drop-in, no booking Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC	Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL)	Baby & Toddler Time Non-walkers to 5yrs 2.00-3.00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	Toddler Chatter Matters Booking essential* 1.30-2.30pm Claremont CFC starting 22 nd January 2026	Family ESOL Aimed at 20mths to 4yrs Booking Essential* 1.00-2.00pm Claremont CFC Starting 12 th January 2026
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC	Story Explorers Non-walkers up to 10mths Booking essential* 1:00pm - 2:00pm Claremont CFC Starting 13 th January 2026	Baby Massage Booking essential* 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC Starting 14 th January 2026	Computer Explorers Tech Club Booking essential (see flyer)* 3:45-4:45pm 5-11yrs Claremont CFC Starting 6 th January 2026	Saturdays Stay and Play session for dads and male carers 2 nd Saturday of the month 10.00-11.30am Monthly dates: 10th January 2026 14th February 2026 Claremont CFC
Baby Time Non-walkers from birth 1:30pm-2:30pm Boughton Leigh CFC	Toddler Time Aimed at 0-5 years 1:30pm - 2:30pm Overlade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	Winter Wellness Workshops Future-proofing your family and home Winter Illness and Prevention - 4 th February 12.45-2.45 Home Readiness for Winter - 14 th February 12.45-2.45 Contact Claremont CFC for more information	AK Coaching Booking essential* 3:45-4:45pm 5-11yrs Claremont CFC	