



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

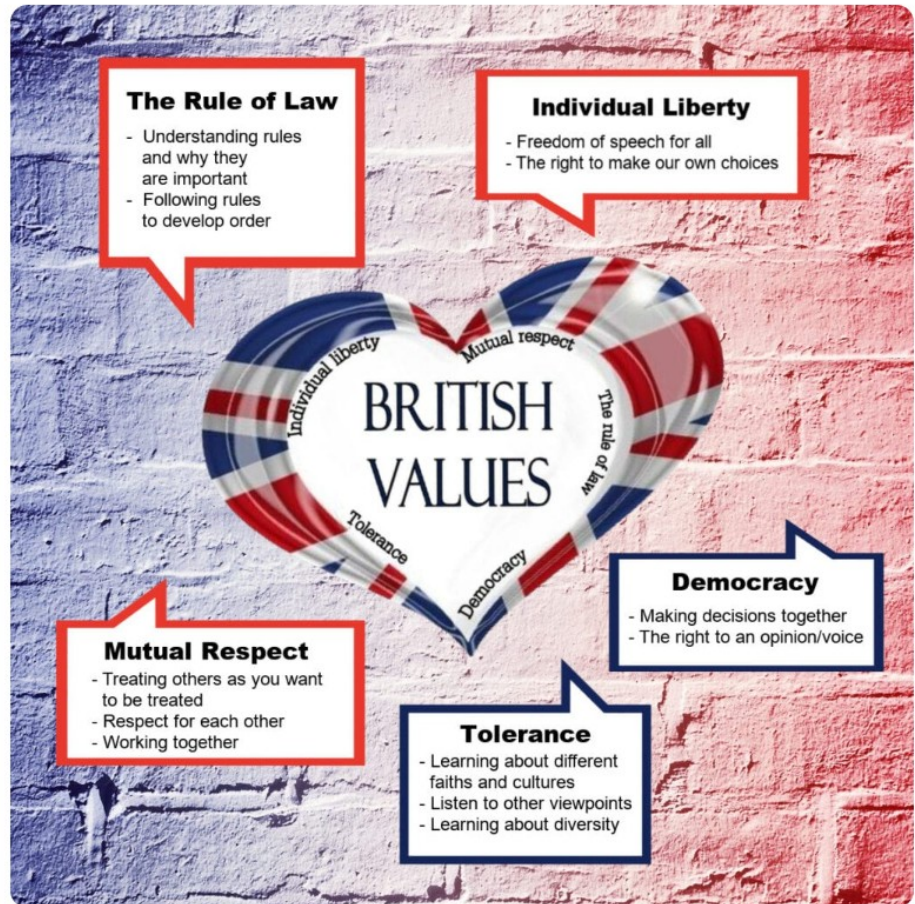


Plant, Grow, Flourish

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Over the past two weeks, we have been working together to update how we promote the fundamental British Values within school, along with refreshing our personal development offer, considering the trips and experiences that we offer the children. Fundamental British Values are something that all schools are required to promote, helping children grow into safe, respectful and responsible members of society. The values and their meanings can be seen in the image to the right. We look forward to sharing our document with you once it is completed.



All Warwickshire parents have access to a wide range of parenting courses. These courses are completely free to access (ask a senior leader for the code to access them for free) and cover a variety of helpful topics, including understanding your child from toddler to teenager, understanding your child's feelings, and understanding your child with additional needs. The courses can be viewed here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Autumn
Snowy Owls: Jude

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Ruben, Lara
Snowy Owls: Ava

FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

**Eagle Owls: Sophia L, Sophia O, Joe, Isla, Lucas,
Autumn, Charlie, Ella, Millie, Isaac, Arnie,
Leo, Lara**
Snowy Owls: Will, Zara, Emily, Ava, Edith

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Benjamin, Archie
Snowy Owls: Will

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

**Courage: Emily, Georgia, Benjamin Y2, Zara, Charlie,
Max, Ruben, Sophia, Jude, Isla Y1, Corrin,
Oscar, Isla**

**Friendship: Leo, James 2 x, Joe, Max, Lara, Autumn,
Will, Edith, Ava, Freddie, Lucas**

**Generosity: Will, Edith, Isaac, Benjamin (Rec) x 2,
Max, Millie, Georgia, Arnie, Autumn,
Sophia O x 2, Joe x 2, Isla, Isla (Y1)
Arnie, Ella, Lara, Corrin**

Truthfulness: Freddie, Autumn

Thankfulness: Zara, Emily, Georgia, Sam P

Forgiveness Jacob, Sam

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME

Achievements from home include swimming, gymnastics and rugby football



Spotlight on

Attendance

At Leamington Hastings, we aim to develop the gifts and talents of all our pupils. To help children to reach their full potential, a good level of attendance and punctuality is crucial.

Attendance	Lessons Missed	Days Missed
95%	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

We take school attendance seriously, and are bound by the statutory document 'Working together to improve school attendance' published by the Department for Education. We monitor attendance for all children on a half termly basis. A good level of attendance is at least 96% over an academic year. Once an absence level of 90% is reached, this meets the threshold for persistent absenteeism.

We will be in close contact with any family whose child's attendance drops into the persistent absenteeism range. Unless there have been exceptional circumstances, where attendance is not improving we will invite you into school to discuss how we can provide support to help your child's attendance improve. It is important that parents/carers and school work together to support the children to access their entitlement to a full time education.

We understand that sometimes there are genuine reasons for attendance difficulties such as persistent illness or a medical condition, and there are times where it is inevitable that small children become ill. The NHS webpage '[Is my child too ill for school](#)' provides useful guidance with regards to illness. Please always inform the school office if your child is too ill to attend school.

Punctuality

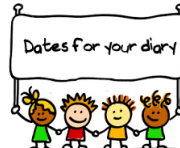
Arriving at school on time is important as late arrivals can be unsettling for children when they walk into a classroom that has already started their learning for the day. Children also miss important information provided in registration time, where they find out what the plans are for the day ahead.

Holidays and absence during term time

Absence will not be authorised during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances, and we will be unable to authorise these type of absence requests.

For our full attendance policy, please see the [policies page](#) on the school website.





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 <small>(Salmon Fish Fingers Available)</small>
	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 Bolognaise	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 Bolognaise		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	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						

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: 96.86% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
97%	100%	85%

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

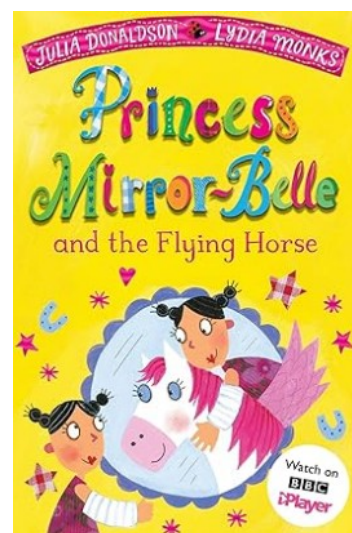
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Drama Club	Construction Club	Dodgeball	Gymnastics

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Princess Mirror-Belle and the Flying Horse

Author: Julia Donaldson

Recommended by: Emily



Emily recommended the book she enjoys reading this week containing the character Princess Mirror-Belle from fairy tale land and her magical flying horse Little Lord Lightning.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

 UK Safer Internet Centre



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

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

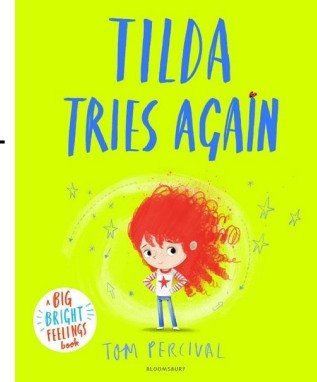
End of Term: Friday 17th July

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

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

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have considered our learning behaviour this half term which is based on perseverance and resilience—tough tortoise. We have discussed how this links with our value of courage. We have also discussed having the courage to stand up for your beliefs. The children particularly enjoyed reading the story 'Tilda tries again'.



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

Bouncing Back

Bouncing back is all about 'having another go' after we are faced with challenges, this is also called **resilience!** There are times when things will not go how we planned, so being resilient will help us keep going and try again. We can all develop our ability to bounce back, so it is important to maintain a growth mindset and practise this skill by trying the following tips:

Our tips for bouncing back:

1. Watch this **short video** introducing resilience and 'bouncebackability'. Scan the QR code to load the video and other lesson resources:



Young Minds resources

2. Practise **problem solving** as a strategy to overcome practical difficulties and help you bounce back! Follow the steps below, you may want to write the answers down to help you.

1. What is the problem?
2. How does it make you feel?
3. What are the possible solutions?
4. What are the positives and negatives of each solution?
5. Select the best solution and make a plan to try out!

3. Think about a time when you have faced a challenge in the past... how did you overcome it? Would you do anything differently if you came across the same challenge again? You could discuss this with a friend to share ideas.

4. Build your **support network**. Having people that you trust around you through difficult times can help you to bounce back! Try to share how you are feeling with friends, family, teachers and other trusted adults in your life. You can also contact the services below if you struggle talking to people you know.



Young Minds



Samaritans

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.

After School Clubs

Spring Term 2

Monday	Art & Craft
Tuesday	Gardening
Wednesday	Multi Sport
Thursday	Tennis
Friday	Street Dance

Please find above the available clubs for the second half of the Spring Term. Completed forms must be emailed directly to the school office please.

Childcare funding for working parents reminder

To keep Tax-Free Childcare & early years childcare funding for working parents, you must reconfirm your details are correct every 3 months.

HMRC will send you a reminder email or letter when you are due to reconfirm. [Sign in to your childcare account](#) and follow the instructions.

If you are having any problems reconfirming your details, please contact HMRC on 0300 123 4097.

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BUILDING CHURCH

WEDS 11TH FEB 3.45PM

ALL SAINTS LEAMINGTON HASTINGS



Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice