



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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Welcome back to school! We all hope that everyone had a good half term break; the children have been keen to share what they did during this time. We are looking forward to a great half term ahead, full of learning, play and experiences for the children.

Thank you to those who have booked their Parent's Evening appointments so far. Please do book your slot so that you can discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher.

If you have a child in Key Stage One, you will know that Miss Goodwin currently teaches the class on a Monday whilst Miss Scofield is on maternity leave. Due to Miss Goodwin's job share partner at Dunchurch Infants becoming pregnant and about to start maternity leave, Miss Goodwin will move to teach full time at Dunchurch from the 15th April. We would like to thank Miss Goodwin for all of her hard work during her time with us, and we will make the most of having her with us over the next five school weeks. We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Helen Everitt has agreed to teach the Key Stage One class at Leamington Hastings on a Monday. This will be every week from the 15th April until the end of the academic year other than an occasional Monday, during which times Mrs Golby will also work on a Monday that week. We are sorry for the midyear disruption, but we are pleased to welcome Mrs Everitt back as a known face for the children, and hopefully it will provide additional transitional support as the children move to Dunchurch Juniors. For those of you who are unaware, Mrs Everitt currently teaches in year three at the junior school.

The children had a fantastic time visiting the CBSO centre on Thursday to take part in a children's concert with Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, providing them with the opportunity to listen to live music performed by professionals. The children represented the school brilliantly, as they always do, and reported that they had a great time. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the children on the trip, we couldn't do it without you!



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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Leo	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Emily
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Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Oscar, Isla	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Jude
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Five reads raffle tickets

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Isla, Charlie, Lara, Millie, Joe, Freddie, Lucas, Sophia O, Sophia L, Autumn, James, Ella, Isaac, Leo	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Ava, Zara, Benjamin
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Caught showing values slips

Courage:	Oscar, Corrin, Archie, Everyone on the trip, Jacob, Ava	Generosity:	Ruben, Georgia, Benjamin KS1, Edith	Truthfulness:	Isla
Friendship:	Emily, Will, Jude, Benjamin KS1, Jude, Sam P, Nursery	Forgiveness:	Zara	Thankfulness:	Leo, Emily

Achievements from home

Achievements this week include swimming and gymnastics



Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

Wednesday 4 th March	Leicester Space Centre Trip KS1 class trip to the National Space Centre.
Thursday 5 th 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 9 th 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 9th March from 2:15pm.
Tuesday 10 th March	Class Photographs Star Vison Photography will be on site to take class photographs on this day.
Thursday 12 th 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 20 th March	Passport to world views afternoon Children will learn about the festival of Eid al Fitr
Tuesday 24 th 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 MCAS or the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.
Wednesday 25 th 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. Please consent to this trip via MCAS.

Wednesday 25 th 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 MCAS or the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.
Thursday 26 th March	EYFS Easter Fun day EYFS will be taking part in a variety of Easter fun activities on this day.
Friday 27 th March	Passport to world views afternoon—Rama Navami Children will learn about the festival of Rama Navami during the afternoon.
Wednesday 15 th April	World Art Day
Wednesday 22 nd April	Earth Day

Current Lunch Menu

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 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 Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese		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	Slicky 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	Caribbean Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chef's 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	Comflake 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

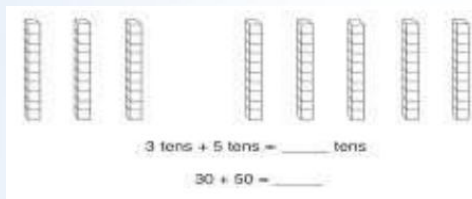
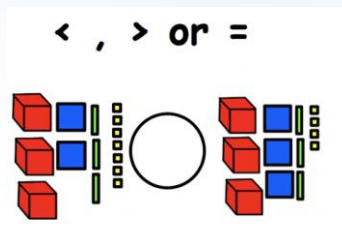
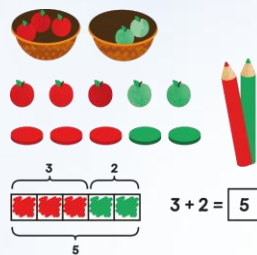
ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater 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.

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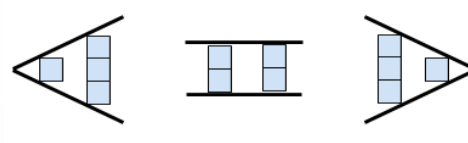
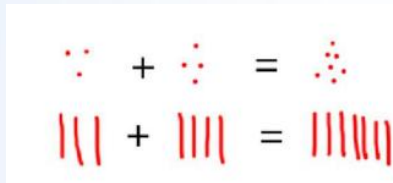
Spotlight on

Maths – Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract

Following on from using equipment, we may use pictorial representations to support children within maths. Children will recognise and use pictures of objects, mathematical equipment and representations, as well as creating their own pictorial representations. As a bridge, children may manipulate actual resources alongside the pictorial representation. Once the children are secure, there may be lessons where children are no longer manipulating the physical resources but will benefit from the support that the pictorial representations provide. Some examples of pictorial representations that may be used throughout the school can be seen below.



Array	Columns	Rows	Adding
	<u>3</u> columns	<u>6</u> rows	$6 + 6 + 6 = 18$
	<u>6</u> balls in each column	<u>3</u> balls in each row	$3 + 3 + 3 = 9$ $+ 3 + 3 = 6$ $+ 3 = 18$



Once children are secure, abstract representations may be used. This is where children will encounter questions made up of numbers and symbols, or key vocabulary, alone such as in the examples below. This does not mean that children do not have access to physical manipulatives of pictorial methods. We teach the children how we can use the previously taught methods to support them when answering abstract questions.

$$30 + 40 + 10 = \boxed{}$$

$$80 - \boxed{} = 50$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 40 = \boxed{}$$

Amy's number has **8 tens** and **7 ones**.

Write her number.

A puzzle has **40** pieces.

Ben places **6** pieces into the puzzle.

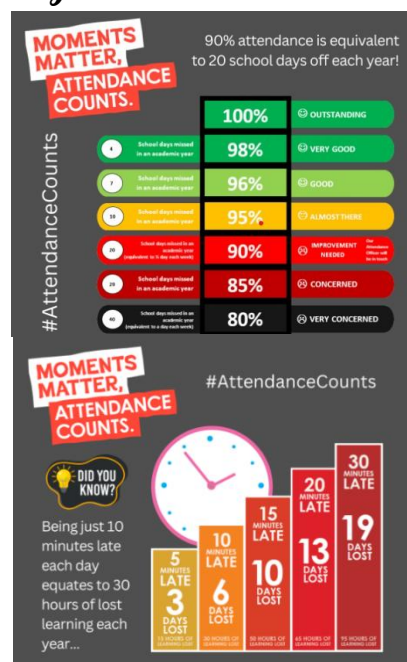
Amy places **19** pieces into the puzzle.

How many pieces are **left** to finish the puzzle?

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 96.03 % (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
93%	100%	100%



PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal school uniform should be worn.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception KS1				Reception KS1

After-School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Gardening Club	Multi Sport	Tennis	Street Dance

To book a place in an after-school club, please book via the school office.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025/2026

Spring term 2026

End of term: Friday 27th March

Easter holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Start of term: Monday 13th April

Bank holiday: Monday 4th May

Half term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Training Day: Monday 1st June

End of term: Friday 17th July

Training Day (Disaggregated): Monday 20th July

Summer holiday: Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Start of term: Tuesday 1st September

Half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring term 2027

Start of term: Monday 4th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

End of term: Thursday 25th March

Easter holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

Summer term 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

(Training day dates for 2026/2027 are yet to be set)

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

* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

In Collective Worship

this week ...

In collective worship this week we have taken part in a live Picture News assembly linked to Lunar New Year.

We have also considered Shrove Tuesday as this occurred over the half term holiday, and St David's day in advance of this weekend.

Did you know that Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins in the Christian calendar? Traditionally, it was a time for people to reflect, say sorry for things they wanted to put right, and prepare for the season of Lent. It also became a practical day for using up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting period started — which is why many people enjoy making pancakes!

Christian Value this

half term



Learning Behaviour this

half term

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.

Mental Health Support



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Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

Our Tips for Relaxation:

- 1- Try some **breathing exercises**, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try flower and candle breathing!



2- **Drawing or colouring** can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

- 3- Practice **mindfulness** by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.



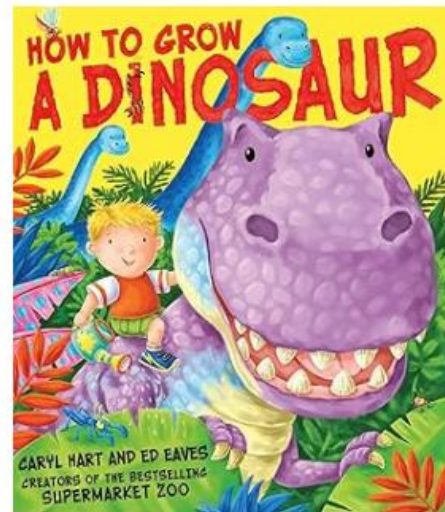
4- **Stretch** it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

- 5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

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.

Book of the week



Title: How to Grow a Dinosaur

Author: Caryl Hart & Ed Eaves

Recommended by: Early Years

EYFS are currently reading this beautifully illustrated book within the class.

E-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.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Warwickshire Local Authority monthly SEND newsletter can be found here. [Click link](#)

The Warwickshire SEND local offer can be found here. [Click link](#)

Families can request free advice and support through Warwickshire SENDIASS [Click link](#)

Family Support

Families can access free parenting courses through Eventbrite [here](#).

Click on [Family Information Service](#) for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.



COMMUNITY MATERIALS KIT

Lent Reflection & Craft

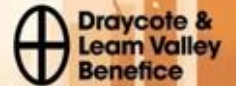
TUESDAYS | 10:15 - 12:00

24th Feb - 31 Mar

All Saints, Leamington Hastings



Gentle, welcoming time including crafts, journaling, prayers & drinks.
All welcome, no experience needed. Come as you are.



Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Spring Term Timetable 23rd February to 27th March 2026



Monday

Walk-in Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
9.30am to 11.30am
Toy Library
9.30am to 11.30am
Claremont CFC

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
10.00-11.00 am
Claremont CFC

Toddler Time
Drop-in, no booking
Aimed at 0-5 years
10.00am to 11.30am
Long Lawford CFC

Family ESOL Stay and Play
Aimed at 20mths to 4yrs
1.00-2.00pm
Claremont CFC

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
1.30-2.30pm
Long Lawford CFC

Toddler Chatter Matters
Booking essential*
1.30-2.30pm
The Barn @ Houlton
starting 23rd February 2026

Tuesday

Toddler Time
Drop-in, no booking
Aimed at 0-5 years
10.00am to 11.30am
Boughton Leigh CFC

Baby Massage
Booking essential*
10:00am - 11:00am
BEC @ Woodlands CV22 6JZ
starting 24th February 2026

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
10.00am to 11.00am
The Barn @ Houlton
(CV23 1AL)

Baby REAL
Non-movers up to 10 months
Booking essential*
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Claremont CFC
Starting 24th February 2026

Toddler Time
Aimed at 0-5 years
1:30pm - 2:30pm
Overslade Community Centre
(CV22 6AZ)

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
1:30pm-2:30pm
Boughton Leigh CFC

Wednesday

Little Stars
For children with additional needs
10.00am to 11.00am
Claremont CFC

Baby Signing
Booking essential*
10:00am - 11:00am
Wolston Village Hall
starting 25th February 2026

Walk-in Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
12-2pm
Claremont CFC

Baby & Toddler Time
Non-walkers to 5yrs
2.00-3.00pm
Cawston Community Hall
(CV22 7GU)

Baby Chatter Matters
Booking essential*
1.30-2.30pm
Long Lawford CFC
starting 25th February 2026

Winter Workshops
Lunch and Learn
Empowering Dads and Male Carers
25th February 12.45-2.45pm
at Claremont CFC
Contact Claremont CFC for more information

AK Coaching - Booking essential*
3:45-4.45pm (5- 11yrs)
Claremont CFC

Thursday

Number Explorers
Aimed at 20 months -4yrs
Booking essential*
9.30am - 11:00am
Boughton Leigh CFC
Starting 26th February 2026

Toddler Time
Maximum capacity 20 Families
Aimed at 0-5 years
10.00am to 11.30am
Claremont CFC

Tweenie Time
For those standing, cruising round furniture and just starting to walk
1.30-2.30pm
Claremont CFC

Computer Xplorers
Tech Club
Booking essential (see flyer)*
3:45-4:45pm
5- 11yrs
Claremont CFC
Starting 26th February 2026

Friday

Toddler Time
Aimed at 0-5 years
10.00am to 11.00am
Rogers Hall
(CV21 4EN)

All courses in these blue boxes need to be booked in advance. If you are interested in attending one please contact any of our centres to book on.

To view our sessions on our website please scan this QR code.



Saturday

Saturdays
Stay and Play session for dads and male carers
2nd Saturday of the month
10.00-11.30am
Monthly dates:
14th March 2026
Claremont CFC