



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

*Plant, Grow, Flourish*



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We have had a great week in school. Key Stage One children are really enjoying their Great Fire of London topic, and were proud to share their history work. Early Years children have been making the most of the autumn sunshine, taking some of their learning outdoors. They were particularly proud to show me their climbing skills on Thursday!

This week has been recycling week, and we have been focussing on how we can recycle more in school. This has included discussing food waste, and how if we haven't eaten our food we can use some of it for composting.

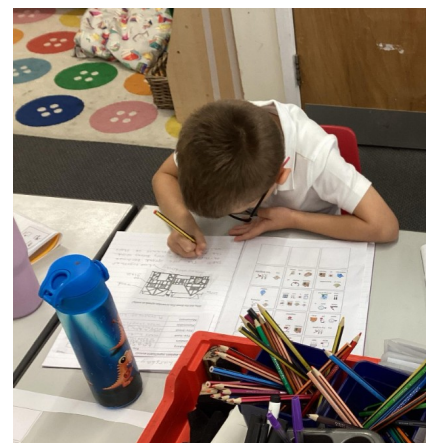
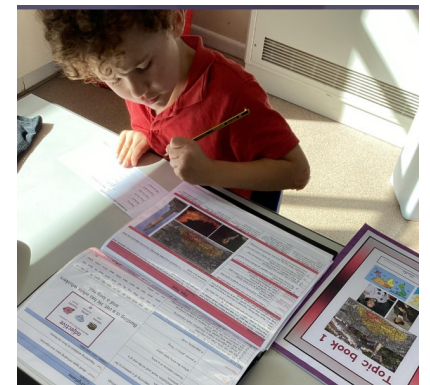
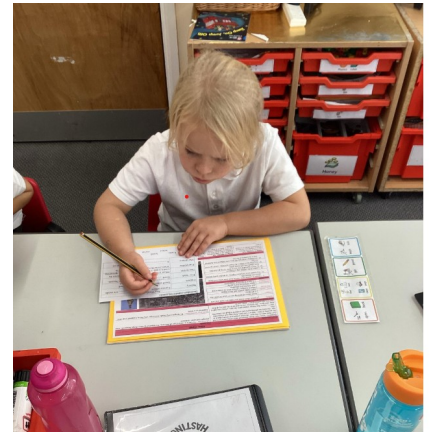
Thank you to everyone who attended the curriculum evenings this week; we hope that everyone found them useful. For those parents who were not able to attend, the slides will be uploaded to Dojo in due course.

Next week we have our Harvest Service and Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting. We would love to see many of you there—please see the diary dates for more information.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend,

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

### LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Millie

Snowy Owls: Edith, Ava

### LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Charlie

Snowy Owls: Will, Jacob

### FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

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

Snowy Owls: Will, Ava, Benjamin, Edith

### PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Sophia O

Snowy Owls: Georgia

### CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Charlie, James, Freddie, Leo, Arnie

Forgiveness: Benjamin Wo, Autumn

Generosity: Benjamin Wo, Sophia L, Joe, Jacob, Edith

Friendship: Sophia L, Isla, Sam, Lara, Sophia L, Millie

Thankfulness: Isaac

Truthfulness: Ella, Millie

### ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include horse riding



# Spotlight on .....

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Attendance

At Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, we are committed to ensuring that our children receive their full entitlement of teaching and learning opportunities, through working with parents and carers to overcome barriers to attendance and punctuality. We have a named senior leader who leads on attendance; this is Miss Scofield.

In each year group, lesson content is sequential and builds on prior learning. If children do not attend school regularly, this leads to lost learning opportunities and gaps in the children's learning.

Unless a child is unwell or has a medical appointment, we would expect children to be in school. Children are at school for 190 days per academic year, so we ask that events such as family holidays are taken outside of these times. We are unable to authorise absence requests for family holidays in term time.

We set a target of 97% for school attendance. If children have an attendance rate of below 90%, this means that they are classed as a persistent absentee, and steps will need to be taken to ensure better attendance. Twenty days of school will have been missed over the course of the academic year, leading to four weeks of lost learning opportunities.

From August 2024, new attendance expectations become statutory from the Department for Education. We work alongside Warwickshire Attendance to ensure these expectations are met, including making referrals for support where needed.

We are very happy to provide support to any family who are experiencing difficulties with attendance, please do contact the school office or Miss Scofield in confidence if this is the case.

Equates  
to the following  
number of days off  
each year:



**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 13 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST 26 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST 40 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST 53 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST 80 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST
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Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 29th Sep- tember	<p><b>World Heart Day</b></p> <p>We will be holding a fundraising day with proceeds to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation. Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red, for a voluntary donation.</p>
Monday 29th Sep- tember	<p><b>Harvest Festival Collections</b></p> <p>Children throughout the school are welcome to bring any donations of non-perishable goods into school before the end of this week as part of Harvest Festival. All donations will be delivered to Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.</p>
Monday 29th Sep- tember	<p><b>Parent's Evening Booking Opens</b></p> <p>Please contact the school office via telephone or email to book your child's parent's evening slot from today. Parent's evenings will take place on the 21st and 22nd of October, between 3:15pm and 6pm</p>
Monday 29th Sep- tember 8pm	<p><b>Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting</b></p> <p>Anyone in our school community is welcome to join our Friends of Leamington Hastings group (PTA). The meeting will be held at 8pm on Microsoft teams. Click here to join the meeting: <a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></p>
Thursday 2nd Octo- ber 2:30pm	<p><b>Harvest Festival Service</b></p> <p>Parents are invited to join us in the school hall for a Harvest Festival service. School staff, children and members of the church will lead the service. Please enter via the school office for a 2:30pm start.</p>
Thursday 2nd Octo- ber	<p><b>National Poetry Day</b></p> <p>Children will be learning about poetry within school. Children are invited to come into school having learnt a poem that they can recite to their classmates.</p>
Friday 3rd October	<p><b>Last day for Harvest Festival donations</b></p> <p>Last day of donations towards Rugby Foodbank as part of Harvest Festival.</p>
Monday 6th Octo- ber	<p><b>Passport to world views afternoon</b></p> <p>Children will be learning about the festival of Sukkot during the afternoon.</p>
Friday 10th Octo- ber	<p><b>World Mental Health Day</b></p> <p>Children are invited to wear non-uniform / yellow clothing on this day. A voluntary donation towards Young Minds can be made should parents wish to. During the school day, we will be teaching children about the Zones of Regulation, focusing on recognising and understanding feelings.</p>
Friday 17th Octo- ber AM	<p><b>Dunchurch Junior Open Morning</b></p> <p>Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy are running an open morning for anyone whose child is due to start year three in September 2026. Individual tours can also be provided - please contact the school office at <a href="mailto:office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org">office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org</a> to book an individual tour.</p>



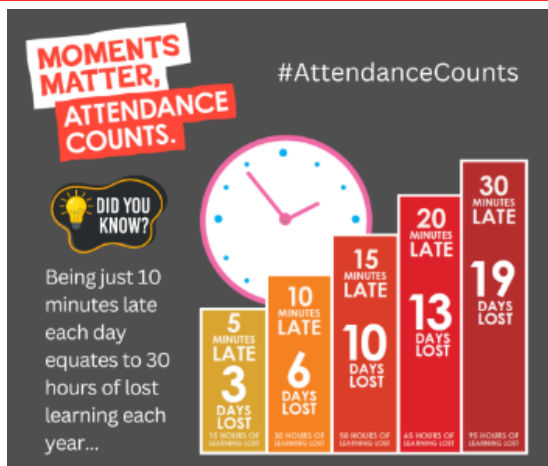
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<p>Tuesday 21st October</p>	<p><b>Parent's evening session 1</b></p> <p>You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd October</p>	<p><b>Parent's evening session 2</b></p> <p>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. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd October</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary day</b></p> <p>As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic.</p>
<p>W/C Monday 10th November</p>	<p><b>Antibullying week</b></p> <p>Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.</p>
<p>W/C Monday 10th November</p>	<p><b>Interfaith week</b></p> <p>Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th November</p>	<p><b>Remembrance Day</b></p> <p>Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th November</p>	<p><b>Flu Vaccines</b></p> <p>Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.</p>
<p>Thursday 13th November</p>	<p><b>World Kindness Day</b></p> <p>We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week.</p>
<p>Thursday 20th November 9:30am</p>	<p><b>Information session with Mrs Darragh for year two parents</b></p> <p>Mrs Darragh, Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy, will be available in the Dunchurch Infant school hall at 9:30am to talk to parents of children who are currently in year two at either Dunchurch Infants or Leamington Hastings. This is a chance to talk to Mrs Darragh and find out more about the Juniors, with information tailored to the two feeder schools.</p>



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Friday 21st November	<p><b>Children in Need</b></p> <p>Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.</p>
Tuesday 25th No- vember	<p><b>Open evening for prospective reception and nursery parents</b></p> <p>Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2026? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive via the school office for a 5pm start.</p>
Monday 1st De- cember	<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 De- cember	<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>
Monday 8th De- cember	<p><b>Christmas Wreath Making Evening</b></p> <p>Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.</p>
Tuesday 9th De- cember	<p><b>Christmas around the world</b></p> <p>Children will be learning about Christmas around the world during the afternoon.</p>
Thursday 11th De- cember	<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>
Wednes- day 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>
Thursday 18th De- cember	<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>
Thursday 18th De- cember	<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>



## Attendance Weekly Summary

### Whole school: 99.3% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	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: Autumn term 1

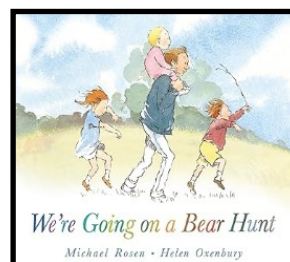
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Construction Club	Target Games	Multi Sport	Street Dance

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

**Title:** We're Going on a Bear Hunt

**Retold by:** Michael Rosen

**Recommended by:** Sophia O



Sophia recommended the book this week. She enjoyed sharing this book searching for a bear and participating in a swishing and splashing pe lesson based on the book.

## ONLINE 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.

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Autumn Term 2025

**Teacher Training Day Friday 24th October**

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

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](#)

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship we have focussed on International Day of Peace, learning about Noah's Ark.

We also considered how we can improve our recycling in school as part of recycling week.



## CHRISTIAN VALUE



## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

### Team Meerkat



- \*I can listen to a partner carefully.
- \*\*I can share my ideas with a small group.
- \*\*\* I can explain tasks to other people.

UK Health Security Agency **Diarrhoea and vomiting**

**Don't spread it. Stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear.**

**DO**

- Wash soiled clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

**DON'T**

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others



## Persistence

Persistence is all about keeping going, even when times are challenging. It is normal to want to give up when you are going through something difficult, but if you can stick with it and overcome the obstacles, you will be closer to achieving your goals.

Having a **growth mindset** will help us persist, which means you believe you can learn, grow and develop your skills by putting in the hard work and practise. This can be tricky, so make sure you reach out to friends and trusted adults to support you.

### Our tips for persistence:

1. **Break the goal down into smaller steps.** You can set yourself smaller goals that are more achievable, to help you reach your ultimate goal. Make sure the smaller goals are linked to your ultimate goal; this may help to encourage you to keep going, as you will be able to measure your progress.
2. **Try something new** – this could be a new hobby, sport, craft activity, or puzzle. Having a go at something new can help to develop your persistence, whilst also having fun. You might find it challenging at first, but you will receive a greater sense of reward and achievement by sticking with it!
3. **Positive self-talk** – instead of saying "I can't", add "yet" onto the end of the sentence. This tells your brain that it might be difficult, but you will get there in the end.
4. **Talk to yourself like a friend** – we are often kinder to our friends than we are to ourselves, when we go through challenging times. Practise talking to yourself like you would talk to a friend! What advice would you give if a friend told you they were rubbish at something? What would you say if they felt they wanted to give up?
5. **Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us. Think about sounds and smells around you, what can you see, and how does this make you feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

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.

## CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

ALL MATERIALS & DECORATIONS SUPPLIED

£30 - Includes Mulled wine & nibbles  
£10 deposit required & cash on the night.

MONDAY | 8TH DEC | AT 7 PM

Grandborough Village Hall

Spaces available from Hannah Mawby - 07738 147195

Hosted by Leamington Hastings School PTA. All proceeds will go towards new school equipment.

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

**Compass**

[Click for the latest newsletter](#)

**Rugby Foodbank Harvest Appeal**

Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people who without enough money to live on.

**Shopping list**

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned snack meals
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Tinned tomatoes
- Rice
- Squash
- Tinned pudding
- Pot noodles
- Cooking oil

**Rugby Foodbank**

Our food bank:

1. Provides emergency food and practical support to local people in their hardest moments.
2. Works with local partners to get people the right help, so they're less likely to need the food bank again.
3. Is part of a UK-wide community of food banks, working together with Trussard to ensure no one needs a food bank to survive.

Rugby Foodbank  
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Rugby Foodbank.org.uk

Scan QR code to find out more about our work and to make a financial donation.

### Playworker

EDV/2025/LHCEA/15401

An exciting opportunity to join a small village school, with a friendly, supportive and dedicated staff team.

📍 Birdingbury Road, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8EA

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £7,949.19 Annually (Actual)

[Click on the link for further information.](#)

**Apply Now**

New • Apply by Midnight, Monday 6th Oct, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Parents have until the end of this Sunday to take advantage of the £5 discount and to receive orders back into school next week

### Midday Supervisor

EDV/2025/LHCEA/40068

An exciting opportunity to join a small village school, with a friendly, supportive and dedicated staff.

📍 Birdingbury Road, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8EA

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £3,613.27 Annually (Actual)

[Click on the link for further information.](#)

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