



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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We have had another busy week in school and have enjoyed making the most of the weather! On Wednesday, we marked World Earth Day and were delighted to welcome a group of local residents into school to support a range of outdoor activities with the children. Together, they took part in planting, preparing compost and trying their hand at willow weaving. We are very grateful to our visitors for giving their time and sharing their knowledge. The children loved being involved and enjoyed learning about how we can all care for our Earth.



You may be aware from the news that there is a new Ofsted framework in place for schools from this academic year. Our Multi Academy Trust has created an information poster explaining the updated Ofsted inspection framework for parents, which you will find on the next page for your information. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about the Ofsted framework.

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

Suzanne Marson



OFSTED Information for Parents

Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades

As you have probably heard, Ofsted has changed how they report the findings of their education inspections. We appreciate these changes can be confusing to parents and carers so hope this one page guide helps you to better understand the report your child's school will receive.

New Ofsted grading system

The main change is that Ofsted no longer gives one overall judgement, such as 'good', 'outstanding' or 'requires improvement'.

Instead, the report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas, like 'attendance and behaviour', 'achievement', 'personal development and well-being', and 'inclusion' (meaning how well the school or other provider meets the needs of all children).

The New Grades

They grade these areas on a new scale:

Exceptional - they will only award this grade when they see practice that is among the very best nationally, which should be shared with other schools or providers to help them improve.

Strong standard - this marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children.

Expected standard - this is just that - it means the school is doing everything that it should be doing, so you'll see the green colour coding on the report card. It's a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve.

Needs attention - an indication that there is work to be done to reach the 'expected standard'. It's not a 'fail' but it highlights where issues can be addressed before they become bigger problems that need 'urgent improvement'. Think of it like an advisory note following a car's MOT.

Urgent improvement - this grade means there are big problems that need to be dealt with quickly.

Safeguarding - the new report tells you whether safeguarding responsibilities are met or not met.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE

- It's important to understand that the new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting to you.
- You may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible to achieve highly in some areas, and require a little more focus in others.
- Alongside the grades, you'll see detailed descriptions of what inspectors found.
- You'll see a new and hugely important section, the report tells you what it's like to be a child in this school.

Of course, you are always welcome to speak with school leaders if you would like to find out more about what the inspector said about your child's school.

Finally, we have created a QR code that will take you straight to a three minute video from Ofsted on their new report cards and grades. Simply scan the code below



Together, pursuing life in all its fullness



Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Sam H	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Matteo
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Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Corrin, Joseph	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Zara
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Five reads raffle tickets

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Sophia L, Millie, Lucas, Arnie, Leo, Lara, Isla, Joe, Isaac, Ella, Charlie, Benjamin, Autumn	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Will, Zara, Jude, Edith
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Caught showing values slips

Courage:	Sam H, Isaac, Benjamin, Corrin, Lucas, Isla, Logan (Y2), Max, Jack, Logan (N), Archie, Sam P, Autumn, Emily, Edith, Jude, Will, Jacob	Generosity:	Finlay, Oscar, Ella, Millie, Lara, Isaac, Georgia, All KS1	Truthfulness:	Ruben, Joe, Freddie, Ava
Friendship:	Sophia L, Charlie, All KS1, Benjamin (Y2), Matteo	Forgiveness:	Arnie, James, Sophia O, Zara, Isla	Thankfulness:	Freddie

Achievement & Raffle Winners

Achievements from home include gymnastics and a tree top adventure



Diary Dates

Any new dates will
be added in red

1 st May	Passport to world views afternoon- Purim Children will be learning about the festival of Purim during the afternoon.
11-15 th May	Mental Health Week During collective worship, children will be learning how to keep themselves mentally healthy.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Parent's meeting at the Junior School (year 2 parents only) If your child is due to start Juniors in September 2026, there is a meeting for parents in the Junior hall at 5pm. Please see the letter sent home from Mrs Darragh.
8 th – 12 th June	Phonics screening check Children in year one and some children in year two will be taking part in the national phonics screening check.
8 th – 19 th June	Year 2 Assessments Year two assessments will be taking place over the course of these two weeks.
Wednesday 10 th June	Key Stage One trip to Coventry Cathedral Look out for more information coming home.
15 th – 21 st June	Sports week All children will take part in a daily mile this week. (Usual arrangements for school uniform / PE kit days please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports afternoon (all year groups) Parents are invited to join us for a sports afternoon from 2pm. See the children take part in a carousel of sports activities, followed by some sports day activities. If you would like to sit down, please bring a blanket or chair. When taking part in sport's day activities, parents will be on the playground facing the grass, with the children on the grassy area. All children to come to school in PE kits on this day.
Friday 12 th June	Pyjamarama A day to promote a love of reading and bedtime stories with the children. Children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or comfy clothing for the day. Children are invited to bring their favourite bedtime story to school to share with a friend, and a voluntary donation of £1 to support the work of the Booktrust who provide books for disadvantaged children is welcome, should you wish to do so.
Thursday 18 th June	Father's Day service We would like to invite Dad's, or a male representative, to come into school to join in with a Father's Day service. Only one representative per family please. Please arrive for a 2:30pm start via the School Office entrance.

Thursday 18 th June	<p>Information evening for new reception parents</p> <p>If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, you are invited to join us for an information session from 5pm to see the classroom and find out about starting school.</p>
Saturday 20 th June	<p>Willougby Church Festival</p> <p>The children will be invited to dance around the maypole as part of the festival. More information to follow.</p>
Monday 22 nd June	<p>World Music Day</p> <p>Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite rock star or musician as part of developing a love of music.</p>
Tuesday 23 rd June	<p>Reserve sports afternoon</p> <p>A reserve slot in case we have to postpone sports afternoon on the 16th due to the weather</p>
Thursday 2 nd July	<p>Year 2 to spend the day at the Juniors (those moving to Juniors in September 2026)</p> <p>Children will be taken to spend a day at the Juniors as part of transition. This will include a teddy bear's picnic and a sports afternoon - school will provide a picnic lunch. Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school with them. All children to wear PE kits on this day please. Further information to follow about travel arrangements.</p>
Sunday 5 th July	<p>Rose Queen Day</p> <p>Save the date – more details to follow!</p>
Wednesday 8 th July	<p>Country Transfer Day</p> <p>Children will be spending time in their new classes. If your child is in year 2, they should spend the day at their new school (for children moving to Dunchurch Juniors, please take them directly to the Juniors on this day). If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, they are invited to join us for the morning and lunchtime session (further details will be sent home in a letter). All other children should attend school as normal.</p>
Friday 10 th July	<p>National Teddy Bear's Picnic raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital</p> <p>Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school for a picnic lunch, along with a donation towards Birmingham Children's Hospital. We have families in school who have been supported by Birmingham Children's Hospital and would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthy cause.</p>
Monday 13 th July	<p>Reports home to parents</p> <p>An end of year report for each child will be emailed home by the end of the day today.</p>

<p>Tuesday 14th July</p>	<p>End of year performance 1</p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 2:15pm. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances (the tickets will be sent home from the school office nearer the time). Please enter and leave via the School Office.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th July</p>	<p>Open evening</p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school with their children to view their children's work and to visit classrooms from 3:30pm—5pm. Class teachers will be available to speak to about reports if you would like to.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th July</p>	<p>End of year performance 2</p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 9:15am. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances (the tickets will be sent home from the school office nearer the time). Please enter and leave via the School Office. Booking information will follow.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th July</p>	<p>Year 3 classrooms open at Dunchurch Juniors</p> <p>If your child is moving into year 3 at Dunchurch Juniors in September, the classrooms will be open from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for you to view if you would like to.</p>
<p>Thursday 16th July</p>	<p>End of year church service</p> <p>All parents are welcome to join us in All Saints Church for an end of year church service to start at approximately 1:45pm.</p> <p>We will be walking to church through the fields, please send your children to school with appropriate footwear on this day. 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.</p>

Current Lunch Menu

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026



		Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MEN KEY
WEEK ONE 13/04/26 04/05/26 25/05/26 15/06/26 06/07/26	Option One	Chef's Special Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce (V)	 Whole grain Plant based Add plant protein Chef Special
	Option Two	Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
WEEK TWO 20/04/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	
	Option One	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Spaghetti & Planet Friendly Tomato Saucy Meatballs (VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad (V)	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips (V)	
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad (V)	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge (V)	Peaches & Ice Cream (V)	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad (VE)	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)	Oaty Cookie (VE)	
	Option One	Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw (VE)	Hearty Garden Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	All Day Planet Friendly Breakfast (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage and Bean Hotpot (VE)	
Option Two	NEW Chinese-Style Rainbow Noodles (V)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce		
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)	Cheese & Crackers (V)	Fruit Medley (VE)	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard (V)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)		

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit.



Spotlight on

Year 1 and 2 phonics screening check

In June, all year 1 children will take part in a national phonics screening check. The purpose of this is to ensure that the children have learnt to decode words to an age appropriate standard. The phonics check involves reading 40 phonetically decodable words to a class teacher on an individual basis. The words consist of 20 real words and 20 nonsense words—the nonsense words have an alien picture next to them to show the children that those words are not real. The check is not stressful for the children and takes around 5 minutes per child to complete. The children usually love the opportunity to spend some one to one time with their class teacher.



Since the phonics check was introduced, the expectation nationally has been that children have reached the age appropriate standard if they read 32 out of 40 words correctly. The standard is set yearly by the Department for Education after the phonics results have been submitted.

If a child does not reach the standard of scoring 32 out of 40, or if they were absent during the time period of the phonics check, they will take part in the check the following year when they are in year 2. They will then take part in the check in June in year 2 during the same time period as the year 1 children.

If you would like to view screening checks from previous years so that you can see the type of words that the children are asked to read, examples of these can be found on the school website: <https://www.dunchurchinfant.covmat.org/key-stage-one-phonics-check/> A parental leaflet regarding the phonics check from the Department for Education can also be found on the web page.

This academic year, the time period for the phonics check to take place is the week commencing the 8th of June. If a child is absent during this week, there is a further opportunity to take the check the following week.

The children's phonics check score will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

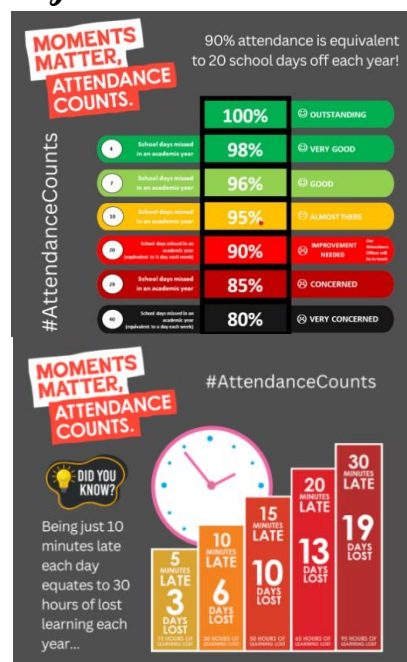
If you have any questions about the phonics check, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Marson.



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 96.9% (Target 97%)

		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
87%	100%	90%



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	Sewing & Textiles	Cricket	Cheerleading

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

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

Training days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts for children: Thursday 3rd September

Training day: Friday 23rd October

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

Training day: Monday 4th January

Start of term for children: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Training day: Monday 22nd 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

Training day: Monday 7th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

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

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 considered Earth Day and how we can look after the Earth. We have also learnt about St George's Day and how St George is considered the patron saint of many countries.

We explored the idea that we are never old to try new things, and learnt about Eileen, an 82 year old woman who ran the London Marathon.

Christian Value this

half term



Learning Behaviour this

half term

Effort Elephant






* I put effort into completing my work.

** I select tasks that challenge me.

*** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Mental Health Support



Dimensions tool

Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Get Outdoors

Spending time outdoors is great for your body and mind! It can improve your mood, reduce feelings of stress, improve your confidence, helps you to be more active and can reduce loneliness.

How to get outside more:

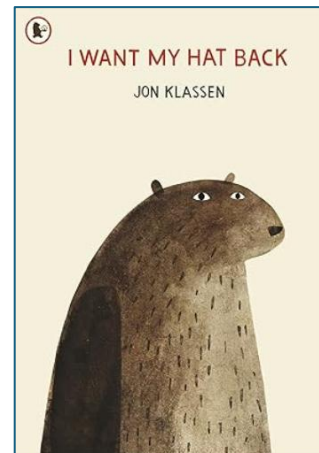
- 1. Take a Nature Walk**
Find a park, trail, or even your garden and take a walk. Look around for birds, trees, and flowers that you can spot. You could try taking photographs and share them with a friend.
- 2. Play a Sport or Game**
Whether it's football, netball or running, outdoor sports are a great way to get moving. They also help us develop our communication skills when we play as part of a team!
- 3. Do a Scavenger Hunt**
Make a list of things to find outside—like a particular leaf or a butterfly—and go on a hunt to find them!
- 4. Bring Your Hobby Outside**
Do you like drawing, reading, or listening to music? Try doing it outside! Find a comfy spot on the grass and enjoy your favourite activities in the fresh air.
- 5. Have a snack outside**
Try taking a snack outside and eating it while focusing on the food and what is going on around you.
- 6. Watch the Stars**
On a clear night, lie on a blanket and look up at the stars. You might even see a shooting star or spot constellations.
- 7. Meet up with a friend outside**

It can be helpful to get outdoors every day, even if only for a short time. You could try walking to a friend's house or to the shop instead of travelling by car or getting public transport. You could try to make getting outside part of your daily routine, whether it is riding a bike or sitting in a garden or park while you listen to music.

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: I Want My Hat Back

Author: Jon Klassen

Millie recommended the book this week from the EYFS library. She enjoys listening to Mrs Wooldridge read the story to the whole class at the end of the day.

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.

