



# Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

## *Plant, Grow, Flourish*



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What a busy week we have had! Sculptures, poetry and rhyme, maths, English, the list goes on! The children have been working very hard this week and we are very proud of them all.

We held our first governors meeting of the year this week. Our governors are a great group of people who support us in a strategic way to move the school forward. Later this term we will be advertising for a new parent governor to join the group. If this is something that may potentially interest you and you would like to discuss what the role entails, please get in touch.

Don't forget that it is our curriculum evening next week. This is your chance to meet the teacher, find out what the children will be learning this year and the methods that will be used to teach them. We hope to see many of you there!

As you may have seen on Dojo, we are part of a group of schools who work with the Mental Health in Schools Team. They are currently considering what parental support and workshops they can offer this year. They would be grateful if parents would fill in a survey via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/7N975gMPK1> to help them with their planning. The form will remain live until the 24th October.

Thank you for all your ongoing support, wishing you a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

### LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Sophia L

Snowy Owls: Jude, Zara

### LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Max

Snowy Owls: Georgia, Benjamin

### FIVE READS RAFFLE TICKET:

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

Snowy Owls: Will, Ava, Zara, Edith

### PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Corrin, Arnie

Snowy Owls: Zara, Edith

### CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

**Courage:** Leo, Sam, Sophia O x 3, Charlie x 3, Joe, Freddie x 2,  
Corrin x 2, Lucas, James x 2, Autumn, Emily, Zara,  
Georgia x 2, Lara, Benjamin, Millie, Lucas, Will, Jack,  
Isaac, Leo, Ella, Isla, Lara

**Forgiveness:** Sam

**Generosity:** Sophia L x 2, Arnie x 2, Ella, Corrin, Joe,  
Benajmin, Benjamin Y2, Edith x 2

**Friendship:** Will, Autumn, Max x 2, Benjamin, Millie, Jude,  
Autumn, Ava, Isla, Freddie, Lara

**Thankfulness:** Arnie, James, Ava, Georgia, Emily, Zara

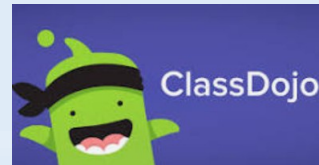
**Truthfulness:**

### ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include an award from Stagecoach



# Spotlight on .....



As you know, we use Class Dojo as our method of communication with parents. As we are now in a new academic year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of all the things that Dojo has to offer and how we use Dojo as a school.



It is possible for messages to be sent directly to your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team within Dojo. These are private messages that are between the sender and recipient. The leadership team cannot see any messages that you send to teachers, and we expect that any messages that you receive from school staff are kept private. Please note that staff have 48 hours to reply to any messages. Any urgent messages, or messages about appointments and illnesses, should continue to be sent via the school office.

Class Dojo is an APP that is **free of charge** for parents. We do not recommend that you sign up to pay for the additional features, as we will not use these features as a school.



Parents sign up to Dojo through an invitation that is sent home. This invitation only extends to the parents of the child; we do not allow anyone who is not a parent onto Dojo unless there are family situations which have already been discussed with us in advance.

Parent

The 'school story' is where you will find information about what is taking place across the whole school, including nursery. This includes the publication of the weekly newsletter. This area can be viewed by all parents across the school. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

The 'class story' is where you will find information about what is going on within your child's class. Only the parents of children in that class can see this page; it is not open to the whole school. Teachers are asked to share learning with you two to three times per week. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

Within both the school story and class story you can see 'events'. This acts as a calendar to show you what events are due to take place in the future. We endeavour to place all events from the newsletter onto Dojo to serve as a helpful reminder.



One feature within Dojo is 'Dojo points'. This is not something we currently use as a school. Instead, we use the rewards listed within our behaviour policy.



Whole Class



Any new dates will be added in red

W/C 22nd September	<p><b>Recycling Week</b></p> <p>Across the week we will be considering how we can recycle more of our waste.</p>
Tuesday 23rd Sep- tember	<p><b>Curriculum Evenings</b></p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school to find out what their children will be taught over the course of this academic year, including how we teach reading, writing and maths. Please enter and leave the school via the school office and make your way to the year group classrooms. There will be a session for each Key Stage to accommodate those who would like to attend both sessions. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session. Please arrive for a 4:30pm start in Key Stage One (years 1 and 2) and a 5:15pm start in EYFS (nursery and reception).</p>
Friday 26th Sep- tember	<p><b>Language Day</b></p> <p>To celebrate the rich diversity of our society, we challenge the children to come into school ready to answer the register with a greeting in any language of their choice.</p>
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	<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	<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>



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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>
Tuesday 21st Octo- ber	<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>
Wednes- day 22nd October	<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>
Thursday 23rd Octo- ber	<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>
W/C Mon- day 10th November	<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>
W/C Mon- day 10th November	<p><b>Interfaith week</b></p> <p>Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.</p>
Tuesday 11th No- vember	<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>
Wednes- day 12th November	<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>

**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	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST
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## Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 93.49% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94.86%	100%	80%

## PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days:

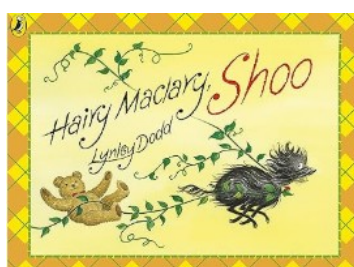


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Years KS1	-	-	-	Early Years KS1

## After School Clubs: Summer term 2

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

## BOOK OF THE WEEK



**Title:** Hairy Maclary, Shoo

**Author:** Lynley Dodd

**Recommended by:** Zara

Zara recommended this really funny fiction book. Hairy Maclary goes on an unexpected adventure which takes him to a toy shop, a school and a garden centre where he causes havoc.

## 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**

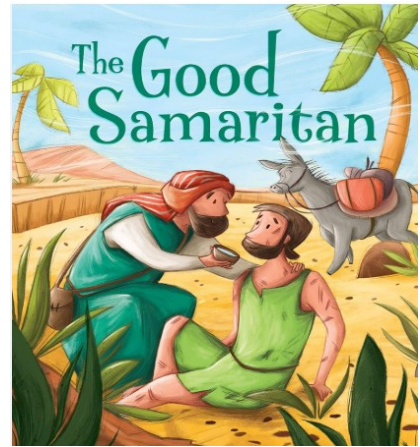
End of Term: Friday 17th July

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

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

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have learnt about our school rules of ready, safe and respect. We have also considered the story of The Good Samaritan, and how we can treat one another as we would like to be treated ourselves.



## 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



**TRU MUSIC**

## INTRO TO INSTRUMENTS

– A New Music Scheme For Y1 & Y2  
Starting September 2025

**What is it?**

Your child will try out lots of instruments!

These are weekly lessons in small groups of 2-5. Every half term the students will try a different instrument, giving them the opportunity to find out which one they like best.

**What are the instruments?**  
Ukulele, guitar, keyboard, recorder, drums & singing.


**How much does it cost?**  
Each session will cost £750 and lasts 20-25 minutes depending on group size.

**Do I need to buy these instruments?**  
No you do not. Smaller instruments like ukulele and recorder can be borrowed and taken home. Larger instruments like drums and guitar cannot be taken home but will be used in the lesson.

**Lessons are casual**  
These sessions are designed to explore each instrument and have fun.

**Moving Forward**  
From Y3+ your child can choose to have specialised lessons in their favourite instrument.

Register your interest : [chris@truemusic.uk](mailto:chris@truemusic.uk) [www.truemusic.uk](http://www.truemusic.uk)




## MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

### Strength

Each of us has a unique set of strengths and abilities that help us face life's challenges. Focusing on your strengths doesn't mean ignoring your weaknesses — it means using what you're naturally good at to help you grow, build confidence, and work through tough times. In doing so, you move closer to living a more fulfilling and resilient life.


**Our Tips for strength:**

- 1. Appreciate your strength** – when you experience a difficult time, it's easy to forget how strong you are! Try and remember other times in your life when you've got through something challenging. Remember how strong you were to get through those circumstances and know you have the strength to get through other difficulties too.
- 2. Remind yourself "all we can do is try our best" and "you are good enough".**
- 3. Be kind to others can help build our own strength as well as others!** As a class, have a go at playing **"kindness bingo"** by following the QR code: 
- 4. Take Time to Rest and Recharge** - your mind needs breaks just like your body. Take a few quiet minutes to breathe, read, draw, or go outside. That helps your brain feel strong and calm.
- 5. Ask for Help When You Need It** - being strong doesn't mean doing everything alone. It's *smart and brave* to ask for help — that's how we grow and learn!

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.**




**SPECIAL EDITION**

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

Click for the latest newsletter



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 Tesco to ensure no one needs a food bank to survive.

**Shopping list**

- Tinned meatfish
- Tinned snack meals
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Tinned tomatoes
- Rice
- Squash
- Tinned pudding
- Pot noodles
- Cooking oil

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

### Stratford Sharing Stories

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> Maz Evans The Last Bard £8.55   11.30am   Age 8+	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> Cat Weatherill A Visit from Mother Goose FREE   12pm   Age 3+	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> Ursula Jeakins Craft Workshop: Stationery and Bookmaking £16.04   2-4pm   Age 11+
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**Events for Families**

Box Office: 0333 666 3366 or online at [stratfest.co.uk](http://stratfest.co.uk)  
All ticket prices include a booking fee

Please note: Adults are also expected to buy a ticket to events unless otherwise stated.

\*Young people under 14 years can attend alone but a contact number for a responsible adult must be left. The Festival cannot be responsible for their care.

## This school is a no nuts school

Our school meals do not contain nuts or have any traces of nuts due to factory production.

Parents are asked to keep packed lunches free of nuts or traces of nuts.

Parents are asked not to send any foodstuffs into school for distribution to other children.

**Please help us to keep all of our children SAFE!**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Sammie Horton and Playbox Spooky Halloween Theatre Workshop £8.55   10.30am-12pm   Age 7+	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Spooky Drop In and Do Spooky Halloween FREE   11am-12.30pm   Age 4-11	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Thiago de Moraes Comic Workshop £10.69   12.30pm OR 2.30pm   Age 7+
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Join Becci Smith and get crafty with us this Halloween! With malevolent masks, peppy puppets and creepy colouring. Dive into spooky stories and ghostly tales through a blend of mime, movement, role play, and improvisation. This 30-minute session is perfect for boosting imagination, confidence, and creative energy.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Gaming Event  
£10.69 | 5pm-8.30pm | Age 11-16\*

Are you a budding young adventurer ready to slay? Come and play Dungeons & Dragons with our talented team of Dungeon Masters. Borrow some dice and a ready-made character from us and get stuck in! No experience necessary - we'll help you all the way.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Sara Johnson  
Children's Facepainting  
FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 3+

Sara Johnson will transform you into something ghoulish and glisty to terrify friends and family!

Box Office: 0333 666 3366 or online at [stratfest.co.uk](http://stratfest.co.uk)