



Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish



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This week has been a very busy week in school! The children are now fully settled into their new year groups and have been busy carrying out their learning. The children are immersed in their new topics of 'The Great Fire of London' in Key Stage One and 'All about me' in Early Years. Phonics lessons are underway, and the reception children are enjoying building their knowledge of phonemes. It is really important that when we pronounce phonemes across all year groups in school, that we do not insert an 'u' sound as it can cause misconceptions with reading and spelling. For example when saying 'm' we would say 'mmmmmmmm' (imagine mmmm that is tasty) rather than 'mu'. To watch some videos that cover how we pronounce the phonemes with the children, please see the [reading page](#) on the website.

All the children in reception have been taking part in the national reception baseline. More information about this can be found on our website [here](#).

As the weather is now starting to become more wet and a bit cooler, particularly in the mornings, please can we ask that children always have a named waterproof coat in school so that they do not get cold at playtime, lunchtime or when learning outside. If your child has pierced ears, please can all earrings be removed before school on a PE day.

On Monday 29th September, the wonderful Friends of Leamington Hastings group (our PTA) will be meeting online at 8pm. The Friends are a group who work exceptionally hard to raise funds, and have supported projects such as the playground markings, funding towards the large climbing frame and lots of new resources for the outdoor reception area. They help us to provide lots of opportunities for the children which we are very grateful for, such as subsidising the cost of school trips for parents and providing fun activities such as the annual pumpkin party. Each Friends meeting is held via Microsoft Teams and all parents and extended family members are welcome to join us—please see the diary dates for the September meeting link.

Thank you for your support, have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Isla
Snowy Owls: Will, Jacob

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Eagle Owls: Jack, Autumn
Snowy Owls: Ava, Edith

PRESENTATION AWARD:

Eagle Owls: Ella, Joe
Snowy Owls: Emily, Benjamin, Jude

CAUGHT SHOWING VALUES

Courage: Max, Lucas, Charlie
Forgiveness: Autumn, Sam, Freddie, Joeseeph
Generosity: Corrin, Jacob, Edith, Jude, Emily, Arnie, Isaac,
Will, Sophia O, Sam
Friendship: Millie, Benjamin Wo, Autumn, Freddie, Sophia L
Zara, Ava, Lara, Isla, Leo, Ella, Benjamin
Thankfulness: Will, Ella, Arnie, James
Truthfulness: Zara, Freddie

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Achievements this week include gymnastic,
musical theatre and street dancing.



Spotlight on

Leamington Hastings C of E Academy Christian vision

As part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust, we have a shared vision of 'Together, living life in all its fullness' (John 10.10).

Linked to this, we have an individual school vision of:

Plant, Grow, Flourish

Our theologically rooted vision is based on the Parable of the Sower, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, reflecting our local farming community.

Jesus told his followers the Parable of the Sower:

- A farmer sows some seed in a field
- Some seed falls onto the path, and the birds quickly eat it.
- Some seed falls where there are rocks, and not much soil. Plants grow quickly but soon the sun dries them. There is not enough soil, and the plants die.
- Some seeds begin to grow in a place where there are too many weeds. The weeds stop the growth of the plants, and the plants die.
- But other seed falls on rich soil and receives everything they need, so the plants grow and flourish.

The meaning of the parable can be interpreted as below:

- The seeds are the teachings of academic learning, values, learning behaviours, extra-curricular trip and visitors, character and personal development and, for Christians and those of faith, the word of God.
- If we are not open to new learning and experiences, the seeds may be picked up by the birds and carried away.
- We may be inspired to try something new or to make a difference in the world, but without courage and perseverance we give up. The ideas wither away like the plants that grew on the rocks.
- We may be distracted or influenced by things we shouldn't be e.g., the temptation to make the wrong choice. These choices may stop future growth, as in the example of the weeds.
- The adults, as farmers, tend to the seeds to enable them to grow and flourish, guiding the children through their school journey.
- The seeds that fall on the rich soil are those that are listened to and taken on board, leading to application of taught skills and values. These help us to grow and flourish into all that we can be.





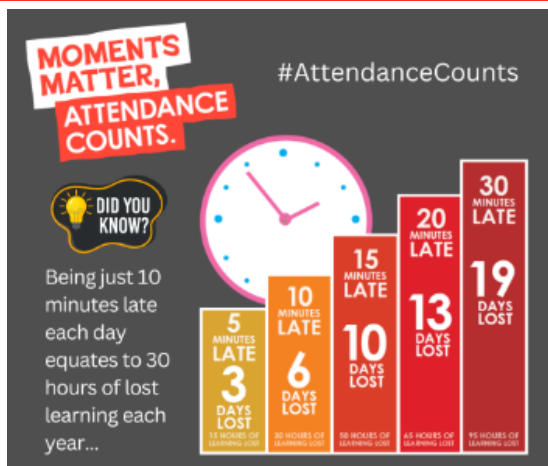
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W/C 22nd September	<p>Recycling Week</p> <p>Across the week we will be considering how we can recycle more of our waste.</p>
Tuesday 23rd Sep- tember	<p>Curriculum Evenings</p> <p>Parents are invited to come into school to find out what their children 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>Language Day</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>World Heart Day</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>Harvest Festival Collections</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>Parent's Evening Booking Opens</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>Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting</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: Join the meeting now</p>
Thursday 2nd Octo- ber	<p>Harvest Festival Service</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>National Poetry Day</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>Last day for Harvest Festival donations</p> <p>Last day of donations towards Rugby Foodbank as part of Harvest Festival.</p>
Monday 6th October	<p>Passport to world views afternoon</p> <p>Children will be learning about the festival of Sukkot during the afternoon.</p>
Friday 10th October	<p>World Mental Health Day</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 October	<p>Parent's evening session 1</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>
Wednesday 22nd October	<p>Parent's evening session 2</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 October	<p>Vocabulary day</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 Monday 10th November	<p>Antibullying week</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 Monday 10th November	<p>Interfaith week</p> <p>Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.</p>
Tuesday 11th November	<p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.</p>
Wednesday 12th November	<p>Flu Vaccines</p> <p>Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.</p>



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 92.44% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94%	84%	92%

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

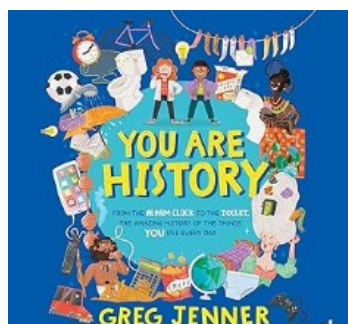
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Construction Club	Target Games	Multi Sport	Street Dance

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: You are History

Author: Greg Jenner

Recommended by: Edith



Edith recommended this non fiction book this week because she loves learning about history. She especially enjoys reading and sharing facts relating to the invention of the toilet.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

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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 we have learnt about our learning behaviour this half term: 'Team Meerkat'. We have discussed how we can listen to each other carefully and work together as a team in all aspects of school life.

We also learnt about our half termly value of 'Kindness', reading the story 'Meesha Makes Friends'. We talked about what we could do to support children who were feeling shy, or who wanted more friends to play with.



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



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 £7.50 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 www.truemusic.uk



Mind and Body

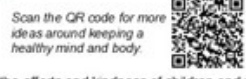
Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. In fact, the two are closely connected!

Most of us will know what it's like to feel worried, stressed or low from time to time. We might be affected by our relationships with friends and classmates or things we see on the news, and we might feel worried about school or our home lives (this is understandable!) Recognising how our mind health and physical health work together can keep us mentally healthy.

Our Tips for looking after your Mind and Body:

To ensure a healthy mind and body, why not try some of the activities below? Can you choose one from each category?

- 1. Physical-** healthy eating with plenty of water, time away from technology and get fresh air where you can, regular exercise every day (e.g. walk to school or get off the bus a stop earlier, dance, or stretch), a consistent sleep schedule (children aged 6-12 years should aim for 9-12 hours sleep per night, adolescents should aim for 8-10 hours).
- 2. Social-** spend quality time with friends and family, connect with others in person (as well as online), join a club or community group, reach out to others and don't be afraid to ask for help or offer support.
- 3. Practical-** keep a daily routine to create structure and stability, use checklists to act as reminders and to hold yourself accountable, get ready for the day each morning, set yourself small and achievable goals to stay motivated.
- 4. Emotional-** develop supportive friendships, write down three good things from your day, take time to do something relaxing every day, practise self-kindness (e.g. treat yourself how you would treat a friend!)



#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk. 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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- Improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



This school is NUT—FRE

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!



Please find the link to the Friends of Leamington Hastings parents group.

<https://www.facebook.com/>



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