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# UPPER KEY STAGE 2



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# WELCOME

Our aim is that during their time at Laurance Haines, your children fulfil their academic and social potential. In doing this, they can reap the rewards and benefits of being caring, confident, enquiring and independent individuals, able to take their place as active citizens in a multi-cultural society.

Our staff plan the curriculum with emphasis on the children's interests, to ensure the children make good progress towards their goals.

Pupils experience a range of activities, indoors, outdoors and off-site, to develop skills, knowledge and independence. They learn actively within a strong routine. Communication about learning will be through Preview Home Learning, newsletters and via Twitter. We treat every child as an individual and look forward to welcoming you to Upper Key Stage 2.

## UPPER KS2 TEACHERS

### MRS GOSS, UKS2 PHASE LEADER / Y5 TEACHER, TEAM BEECH

I graduated from Roehampton University in 2006 with a BA Hons in Primary Education (Art Specialism). I love art, music and anything creative; I inject creativity into all areas of my personal and school life. I am passionate about teaching and giving children the best start in life. I so enjoy teaching in upper key stage two and find that my strengths in curating strong relationships and rapports with the children are well utilised. My hopes for when my classes move on, are that they leave as more rounded learners and individuals, ready to face the challenges the wider world will bring.



### MISS DOS SANTOS, Y5 TEACHER, TEAM BIRCH



I have been teaching at Laurance Haines now for four years with eight years' experience working in schools. I am PE lead and am extremely passionate about this role, having had great successes in recent years with our Inter-trust Sports Competitions and Sports Day events. I hope this year to further progress the opportunities for our pupils and extend their interest in physical activities as a key aspect of their development. This year I am working towards an NPQ in Leading Teaching to further my professional development. I truly believe in a nurturing environment for all pupils to feel valued, cared for and safe; I aim to make my classroom an open and warmly welcoming space for every child each and every day and to inspire their own love for learning.

### MS WILSON, Y6 TEACHER, TEAM WALNUT

I graduated from the University of Bristol with a BA Hons Russian. Some years later, when my two children began Primary School, I began my journey into teaching, completing my PGCE at the University of Hertfordshire. Before arriving at Laurance Haines, I have gained experience teaching in all year groups, and in previous schools I have enjoyed being a Lower Key Stage Phase Leader and an Assistant Head. Now, I am very happily focusing my energies on being a class teacher and proud to be part of this school and part of a great Year 6 team! My main objective is to ensure that the children enjoy coming to school and that they feel safe and confident to take risks in their learning, so they can challenge themselves and feel proud of their achievements.



### MRS MAKINSON, Y6 TEACHER, TEAM WILLOW



I have taught at Laurance Haines for 6 years, however I have been a part of the school for much longer! When I was just 3 years old, I joined the Nursery here as a pupil. I learnt to play the recorder and violin, and music quickly became one of my passions. As a teacher now, I love sharing music with the children across the school in our singing assemblies, Harvest and Christmas celebrations and choir rehearsals. Teaching is an absolute privilege for me. Meeting each unique child and being a small part of their journey never ceases to thrill me.

## WHAT OUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

### CALM START

Our school day begins in class with a calm start, a time for children to do their emotion boards and engage in therapeutic activities such as mindfulness, yoga, reading for pleasure or to just have a quiet chat with their peers. It prepares the children and gets them in the right frame of mind for the active learning day ahead. Toast stations are situated in every classroom and can be accessed freely.



### CORE SUBJECTS

Each day children will engage in handwriting and spelling sessions, reading, English and mathematics. In addition to this PE, Jigsaw and Spanish is taught weekly.



### DAILY MILE

Children challenge themselves daily with their class peers to run a mile. It is not only daily exercise, it releases endorphins and builds resilience and self-esteem.



### CHILD-LED CURRICULUM

Our topics are led by the children's interests and cover a wide range of subjects, such as Science, Design and Technology, Art and Humanities.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What does my child need to bring every day?

Reading pack, water bottle and coat (pencil cases are optional).

## How do I communicate with the class teacher?

Via email, parent consultations or organising a meeting at the classroom door.

### Year 6 teachers:

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emmawilson@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

### Year 5 teachers:

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louisegoss@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

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## What time does school start and finish?

8:50 am – 3:20 pm. (Classroom doors open at 8:45am).

## Is there any homework in KS2?

We aim to prepare 'Preview Learning' every week on a Friday on Google Classroom with some optional tasks for your child to complete over the weekend, in preparation for the week ahead. We encourage the children to do as much reading in and out of school as possible.

## Medicines

Any medication needs to be given to the school office with a complete and up-to-date medical form. Please ensure medication is kept in-date.

## When do I need my PE kit?

We encourage you to send your child in on Monday with their PE kit and take it home on Friday for a wash.

## Mobile Phones

If your child absolutely must bring their mobile phone to school, please ensure it is switched off immediately as they enter school gates and only switched on again once they've exited the gates. Phones have an allocated space to be left in class during the day but as with all other property, is left at the owners risk.

# OUR SCHOOL VIDEO



# IN YEAR ADMISSIONS

[In-year Admissions will be managed by the Herts Admissions Team. To see if places are available at our school for this current school year, see here.](#)

[To apply for an in-year place, please see the Herts Admissions Website instructions.](#)

# KEY DATES YEAR 6

1 September 2023: Online application system opens for Secondary School Admissions

31 October 2023: Deadline for applications for Secondary School Admissions

1 March 2024: Secondary School Allocation Day. School places are offered.

13 May – 17 May 2024: Year 6 SATs Week