



# NEWSLETTER

6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

## WELCOME

Welcome Back!

I do hope that our families had a safe and happy summer break. I certainly enjoyed the slower pace and time with friends and family. It has been so wonderful to see all of our children back at school and enjoying their first few days re connecting with friends and getting to know their new teachers.

As a proud nurture school, at this time of year, we spend a few days working on a social and emotional curriculum that supports regulation, fosters strong relationships and gives the children space to find their new rhythm for the year ahead. We know that this valuable time will mean that come next week, the children will be ready to start their academic learning with much more ease and this in turn will encourage rapid progress.

We know that the summer break isn't always a happy time for everyone. Please know that school is here to support in anyway we can. We have a variety of different options to give families what they need in times of hardships or distress. Please speak to whomever you feel most comfortable but know that Nicola Furey, our pastoral lead, myself and the senior leadership team are here for you.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and seeing all the incredible learning opportunities for our children.

Jo Ball  
Headteacher

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Welcome back to a new school year!

It has been fantastic to see our children happily returning to school with huge smiles and an infectious enthusiasm. Walking around school this week, it has struck me how very quickly the children have settled into their new class teams after the summer break.

As always, we strive to grow and improve as a school community and offer the best for our children, as they deserve. As such, we have made some changes to our curriculum for this year. In geography, history and science, there are new units of learning, which we hope will engage and inspire the children. We want to ensure the children are provided with the key knowledge and skills they require to be successful learners and to set them up for bright futures. In these subjects, children will have knowledge organisers that will detail key information and vocabulary for each unit. Over the coming weeks, these will be available for you to view on the school website so you can speak to your children about their learning. Additionally, we are pleased to be introducing retrieval weeks each half term. These will provide valuable opportunities for children to participate in exciting activities that allow them to revisit prior learning and make connections in their learning, which will support their retention.

We are really looking forward to getting started and seeing the positive change for the children.

Simon Englander  
Assistant Headteacher

## ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENTS

Each year we have to ask Parents and Carers to give consent for trips.

Please log on to the Arbor App and read through the Annual Parental Consent form 2024/25 which appears under "Notices".

You will then need to scroll down and click on the green "consent" icon at the bottom of the page.

Please remember to do this for all your children in the school.

## ARBOR APP

As a school, we use Arbor for many things such as consent forms, before and after school clubs, milk and school trips.

You can download the app on the Google Playstore/Apple store or alternatively you may login on an internet browser at the following website: [ARBOR](#)

Please do make sure you login using the email address you have provided the school. If you require support in logging into Arbor, please contact the school office.

# Welcome!

As our new school year starts, we would like to welcome our new members of staff:

- Mrs Lewis - Admin Assistant
- Miss Solomou - Class Teacher

Welcome to Laurance Haines!

## READING CORNER

We would love to know what your children have been reading over the summer holidays. Our reading leads, Mrs Goss (Year 6 Walnut) and Miss McNamara (Reception Pear) would love you to share your favourite read of the summer with them when you see them around school!



## REPORTING A CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the office on 01923 233146 or send an email to [admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk) by 9am on the morning of their absence.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

During their time in Reception to Year 2, the children enjoyed school dinners free of charge under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. Unfortunately, this scheme does not include children in Key Stage 2. Therefore, if you would like your child to continue having school meals from Year 3, you will need to pay for them. School meals are to be paid using Arbor (details below).

However, your child may be able to continue to eat for free if you are in receipt of any of benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To register you can apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

It only takes 5 minutes, and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. You will need to have your National Insurance number when you apply.

## PE KITS

All children should bring their PE kit to school on a Monday morning, regardless of when their PE day will be. These can be stored on the child's peg when not in use and taken home to be washed when needed.



## AUTUMN TERM MENU

Please see our Autumn term lunch menu. Meals cost £2.65 per day for children in Year 3 and above. Meals are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Meals must be paid for on Arbor. Please ensure that there are enough funds in your account at the start of the school week.

## ASPENS AUTUMN TERM MENU

# Aspens



## LOST PROPERTY

Starting from Monday 9th September, lost property will be placed on a table outside (weather permitting) for parents to collect any items. There will also be books and donated uniform for parents to take if they wish.

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

Please see our term dates for this academic year. These can also be found on our website by clicking this link below:

### 2024/25 TERM DATES

We also now have the following years term dates available on our website which you may find by clicking the link below:

### 2025/256 TERM DATES



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 17th September - Meet the Teacher time to be confirmed

Monday 23rd September - Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

Thursday 10th October - Hello Yellow Day

Friday 25th October - Harvest Festival

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November - Half Term

Monday 4th November - Back to School

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying week



### TERM DATES 2024/2025

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The Term Dates for the Academic Year 2024 - 2025 are as follows: (These dates are inclusive)

Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October 2024 Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December 2024 at 1.30pm Half term holiday Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024 Staff training Monday 2 September & Tuesday 3 September 2024	Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February 2025 Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April 2025 at 1.30pm Half term holiday Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Summer Term 2024	Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June to Tuesday 23 July 2025 at 1.30pm Half term holiday Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 Staff training Tuesday 22 April & Friday 20 June 2025 Occasional day Friday 23 June 2025	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p><span style="color: red;">■</span> Occasional Day (no school)</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Teacher Training (no school)</p> <p><span style="color: grey;">■</span> Secondary Transition Day</p> </div> <div> <p><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Holiday (no school)</p> <p><span style="color: pink;">■</span> Bank &amp; Public Holiday</p> </div> </div>	



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