



NEWSLETTER

29TH NOVEMBER 2024

WELCOME

Dear Families,

Keeping our children safe in the digital world is becoming an ever-increasing challenge. In today's interconnected age, online safety has become just as crucial as teaching road safety or stranger awareness.

Our children are growing up in a world where technology is everywhere, and while it offers incredible opportunities for learning and connection, it also comes with potential risks. I encourage each family to have open, honest conversations about internet use. Talk to your children about the websites they visit, the games they play, and the people they interact with online.

Here are a few gentle reminders to help keep your children safe:

1. Set clear boundaries for screen time and online activities. Create designated 'tech-free' times where families can connect without digital distractions.
2. Use parental controls and privacy settings on devices and apps. These tools can help filter inappropriate content and protect your child's personal information.
3. Encourage your children to come to you if they encounter anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or confused. Reassure them that they won't be in trouble for being honest.
4. Consider placing computers and tablets in shared family spaces where online activity can be gently monitored.

Here at Laurance Haines, we do allow the children to bring in their phones in but they must be handed in to their teachers at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. We have had some children wear smart watches. The watches are treated in the same way as the phones so if your child wishes to bring one to school then they must hand them in at the beginning of the day. I must stress that the school does not take any responsibility for the damage or loss of such items. They are brought in at the owner's risk.

By staying informed, communicating openly, and supporting one another, we can help our children navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

Jo Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Anti- Bullying Week

In Anti-bullying week the children's learning was focussed on understanding the difference between what is 'on purpose' and what is 'an accident'. The children were given different scenarios to discuss in their teams and then create posters to support their understanding.

All the year groups work was presented at our Inclusive Multi Academy Trust assembly by Rehan and Mustafa from Year 5 along with our other schools Beechfield and Cherry Tree. The learning was so important and impressive that Mrs Ball asked the children to present at the school governors meeting that week.

Anti-bullying week is not just an isolated week. The learning is daily as we support your children to understand kindness is an attribute to be celebrated and bullying will not be tolerated.

Please do speak to your child about their recent learning and if you do have any concerns or worries, please speak to their class teacher or myself.

Nicola Furey
Pastoral Lead

CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

We have a new class in the lead for the termly attendance award! Huge congratulations to Year 2 Hazel who are now leading the way with 98.2% - outstanding!

Registration form	
Year 2 Hazel	98.20%
Year 3 Yew	97.90%
Year 4 Palm	97.70%
Year 5 Birch	97.60%
Year 6 Walnut	97.50%
Year 5 Beech	96.90%
Year 3 Oak	96.20%
Year 4 Pine	96.20%
Year 1 Elm	95.40%
Year 6 Willow	94.90%
Year 2 Holly	94.80%
Year 1 Elder	93.10%
Reception Plum	92.40%
Reception Pear	89.90%

Several classes can catch them at this point though and there is fierce competition to win the end of term prize for the best attendance! Good attendance really does matter.

Wendy Gunning
School Administrator/Attendance Manager

CHRISTMAS DINNER SPECIAL MENU

Aspens have created a special menu for our annual Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday December 11th. You can find the menu on our website or by clicking the link below

[FESTIVE MENU](#)

SEND NEWS

Wanting to know more about the SEND processes at our school? Take a look at our SEND information report, published on our website and updated every year. It outlines the identification process and includes flowcharts that explain the process of support for a variety of needs. Click on the link: <https://www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/send>

SEND Coffee morning – Save the date Thursday 12th December 9:00-10:00 All Welcome. We will be joined by Lynn Turnbull, PINS Officer, Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) where we will share further information about our current project to better support our neurodiverse children in school.

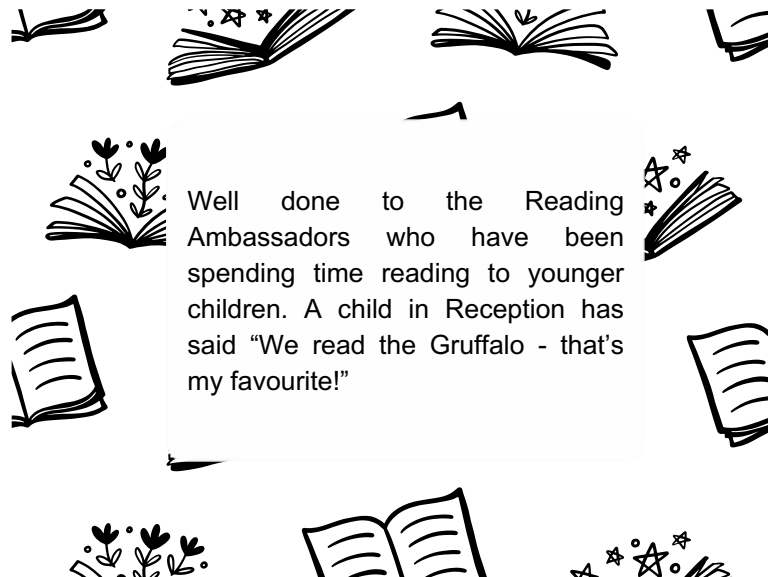
DSPL9 Local SEND Newsletter. Stay informed, connected, and supported with DSPL9's SEND Newsletter. It is an informative resource for local families with support and networking opportunities. It can include:

- Comprehensive local support network details
- Practical advice for navigating SEND services
- The latest training and workshop opportunities
- Community resources and support group information
- Information tailored specifically to our local area's SEND community
- The newsletter comes out fortnightly in term time.

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If you do have any concerns regarding your child's development or learning needs, please do let Mrs Connell know at senco@lhaines.herts.sch.uk. Her working days are Tuesday to Friday

READING CORNER



Well done to the Reading Ambassadors who have been spending time reading to younger children. A child in Reception has said "We read the Gruffalo - that's my favourite!"

MILK FOR SPRING TERM 2025



The cost of milk for the Spring Term is £23.01.

Please note that the introduction of free school meals to all KS1 children does not include free milk. The following arrangements apply:

Milk is free for all children in Nursery, and those in Reception who were born after 4th April 2020.

Milk is also free for children in KS2 who receive free school meals.

For all other children you will need to pay if you wish for them to have milk.

Payment must be made online via Arbor by Tuesday 17th December 2024, BUT IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE that on Arbor you will now need to:

- 1)Go to "School Shop"
- 2)Select "School Shop Products"
- 3)Select "Milk for Spring 2025"
- 4)Click on the quantity and select "1"
- 5)Select "Buy Product"
- 6)Select "Pay Now" and then make payment.

Please contact the school office if you have any problems.

ROOM ON THE BROOM

After reading Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, some of our Reception children made their very own potions - just like the witch in the story. What an excellent way to bring a book to life!

What would you choose to put in your potion?



WINTER COATS

After enjoying a mild autumn, the weather has now become much colder. Please ensure that children are being sent to school with appropriate clothing for the weather.



If you have any coats, hats or gloves which you no longer need and wish to donate to the school, please bring these to the school office. They will be gratefully received.



STAYING SAFE ONLINE - TIKTOK



Please click the link below for more information about TikTok and the dangers of using this app. There is relevant information about age restrictions and advice for parents and educators.

[TIKTOK INFORMATION](#)

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN

Parent/Carers of children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

Just a reminder, if you wish your child to have a Reception place in September 2025, you need to be applying directly to Hertfordshire County Council.

'Under 11s 2025 leaflets' were posted week commencing 21st October 2024 directly to all families of nursery age children in Hertfordshire who should apply for a reception place for September 2025. The leaflet informed parents/carers about how to make an application, provide key dates and give further information about the process.

Please find a copy of the leaflet attached, and the link to admissions below. This leaflet explains how to apply for a reception place for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

Admissions information is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Closing date for applying for a place is 15 January 2025.

ADMIN VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity to join our busy, friendly admin team in the school office. The job will have a staff and HR focus and the vacancy is for 20 hours a week.

Please click the link below for more information about the job and to apply.

ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY



Welcome

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to our team at Laurance Haines. Welcome to:

Mr Eusebio -SEND Teaching Assistant and Mrs lenci - Middy Supervisory Assistant.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



Please keep an eye out for a letter coming home next week with information about our annual Christmas Carol Concert happening at St Michaels and All Angels Church on Friday 20th December. The children have been busy preparing songs to sing and they sound wonderful!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 2nd December - 3:30PM Y5 Phasels Wood Parents Meeting
- Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 11th December - Flu Vaccine Mop Up Session
- Monday 16th December AM & PM - Reception Nativity
- Tuesday 17th December AM & PM - Nursery Carols
- Friday 20th December - 1:30PM End of term - Early finish
- Monday 6th January - INSET Day - No school
- Tuesday 7th January - Back to School

PLAY LEADERS



Our new play leaders have Hi-Viz jackets to wear when on the lower playground. The Hi-Viz jackets are a big hit and the Year 6 children are now more easily recognisable to our younger children. Our play leaders help model good behaviour on the playground and in the lunch hall. The younger children love seeing the play leaders around the playground



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