



NEWSLETTER

4TH APRIL 2025

Dear Families,

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am thrilled to share with you the wonderful news about our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors confirmed that Laurance Haines School has "taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection," and we couldn't be prouder of our entire school community.

The report beautifully captures what makes our school special. Inspectors noted that our pupils "come to school each day ready to learn" and that they "are happy and feel safe at school." Our aspiration for every child to be "a good and happy person" was recognized, with inspectors observing that our pupils truly "live up to this" by being "kind, supportive and helping one another learn."

We were delighted that the inspectors commented on our "ambitious curriculum in all subjects" and the "calm and purposeful atmosphere felt throughout the school." They also highlighted how our educational visits enhance learning. We are proud of our unique curriculum and it has been carefully designed for our pupils.

The inspection team recognised our strong commitment to personal development, praising how pupils take on leadership roles and develop "a well-developed understanding of equality" that prepares them for life in modern Britain.

Look out for an article about our inspection in the Watford Observer! We've provided them with highlights from the report and expressed how proud we are of everyone's contributions to making Laurance Haines the nurturing and ambitious school it is today.

This achievement belongs to all of us – our dedicated staff, supportive families, trustees, governors, and most importantly, our wonderful pupils. Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our school values.

With pride and gratitude!

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50273733>

Jo Ball
Headteacher



**SAVE
THE DATE**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look on the school website for all term dates of the academic
year 2024-2025 and for the next year

<https://www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/termdates202122>

- **Friday 4th April – End of term EARLY FINISH 1:30pm - NO CLUBS**
- **Wednesday 16th April - Reception allocation email from Herts County Council**
- **Wednesday 23rd April - Back to School**
- **Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday - NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday 7th May - Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament (Parents not invited)**
- **Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 - SATS**
- **Monday 26th May - 31st May Half Term Break**
- **Monday 2nd June - Back to School**
- **Thursday 5th June - Year 2 - Whipsnade Zoo School Trip (Please remember to sign up)**
- **Tuesday 10th June - Portuguese Day**
- **Wednesday 11th - Friday 13 June - Year 5 - Phasels Wood Trip**
- **W/C Monday 16th June - Year 5 BIKEABILITY**
- **Friday 20th June - Teacher Training - NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday 23rd June - Occasional Day - NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday 24th June - Back to School**
- **Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July - Year 6 - Isle of Wight Trip**
- **Thursday 10th July - Secondary Transition Day**
- **Wednesday 23rd July - Last day of School**
- **Thursday 4th September - Back to School**





TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



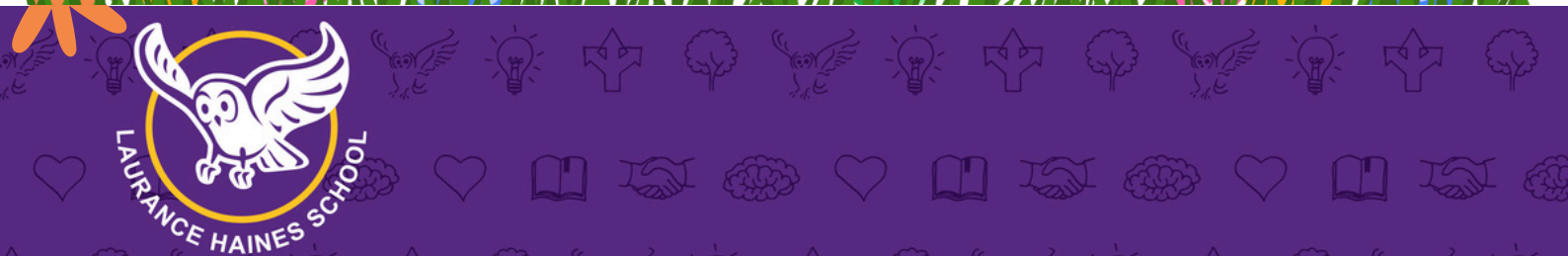
Laurance Haines School currently sits in 20th place on the national leadership for TTRockstars! Cherry Tree is 14th and Beechfield is 12th

Most active players of the week: YEAR 2

Daily minutes played of the week: YEAR 2

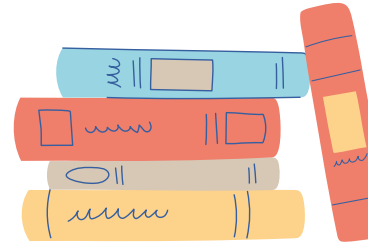
NURSERY CORNER

This week nursery children have been printing egg shapes for Easter





READING PAGE



As we come to the next break in the school year, please consider all the time you now have for reading! You have books you have borrowed from school and potentially books at home. Everyone also has a book from the book swap!

We are going to try and organise trips for all the children at Laurance Haines to visit Watford Central Library next term and it would be fabulous if the children could use the library while we are there. In order to do this, they will need to be signed up so you might want to take a trip and register your child (unless you are registered already). It is completely free and then gives you access to borrow books, audiobooks, comics, magazine and more! Children are allowed to take up to 20 books on their account, for three weeks! It is a fabulous, free resource to use and a great activity if you are looking to fill some time in the break.

We are hoping to host a number of exciting reading events in the Summer Term including a travelling book fair, another bedtime stories event, a parental reading engagement meeting and excitingly, a Festival of Reading! Please get in touch if you would like to be involved and help with any of these - Mrs Goss and Miss McNamara would love to hear from you.

We are also planning on setting up a more robust volunteer reading programme for our parents come read with our children regularly and support their fluency and progression. Please look out for the application form and get it back to us if you are interested. We are also looking for volunteer librarians which will utilise the same application form - let us know if you are looking to support LHS this way too.

Many thanks for all your support with reading so far this year, onto the next term!
Happy reading!

Mrs Goss and Miss McNamara!



I ♥ READING



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ADD-vance - Managing Everyday Transitions webinar

This webinar from ADD-vance aims to help parents and carers understand more about why transitions can be difficult for neurodivergent children and young people, and explores strategies to help you support your child with everyday transitions.


[Watch the ADD-vance Managing Everyday Transitions webinar on YouTube \(46 mins\)](#)



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Community Iftaar

Last Friday, our school came together for a truly special Iftaar, bringing students, families, and staff together in a spirit of unity and reflection. It was a beautiful evening filled with warmth, delicious food, and a strong sense of togetherness. Seeing everyone share this moment was a reminder of the power of community and the importance of coming together to celebrate.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended, contributed food, and helped make the event such a success. Your kindness and generosity were truly appreciated.

As part of this gathering, we are also raising money for charity to build hand pumps in a less privileged countries, providing access to clean water for those in need. This is a vital cause that will make a real difference in people's lives. If you would like to contribute, donations are still welcome

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lhspumps?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=WA

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

Miss Chaudry
Year 2 Class Teacher
Religious Education Lead

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/resources-for-parents-and-professionals/send-documents-and-resources.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=card>

GOODBYE

This term, we will sadly bid farewell to some cherished members of our staff. Miss Dos Santos and Miss Khatun will be embarking on new journeys. We will greatly miss their remarkable dedication to Laurance Haines and wish them all the best in their new roles.



KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

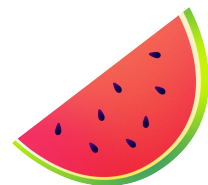
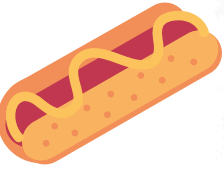
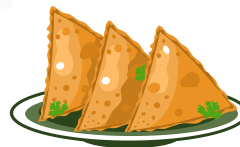
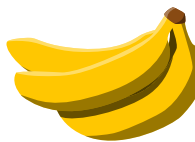
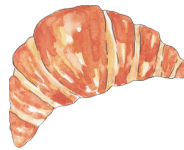
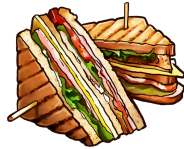
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



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SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Laurance Haines School has received a number of letters from local residents living in 'Rose Gardens' expressing their on going safety concerns for irresponsible and unsafe parking around our school.



A few reminders for our school community;

DO NOT PARK ON PAVEMENTS

DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS

DO NOT PARK ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Please be more considerate when parking for drop off before school and after school and use designated parking spaces over the bridge

The best solution is to
WALK TO SCHOOL



Herts Haven Cafés

**Do you need someone to talk to?
Our Herts Haven Cafe is open for
anyone aged 10-18.
Drop by and get the support you
need for anything on your mind.**

**It's free, and you don't
need a referral!**

Mondays 3:30pm - 8pm

Watford Palace Theatre,
20 Clarendon Road,
Watford, WD17 1JZ

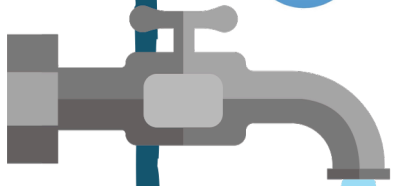


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