



# NEWSLETTER

21ST MARCH 2025

Dear Families,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who contributed to our recent Ofsted inspection. Your engagement, particularly in completing the parent survey, has been invaluable. Your honest feedback and insights provide a crucial perspective on our school community.

We are currently awaiting the final report from Ofsted and promise to share it with you as soon as we are permitted to do so. Your continued support and partnership in your children's education is what makes Laurance Haines the special place it is.

Community Iftar Tonight!

Following the tremendous success of last year's event, we are delighted to be hosting our second Community Iftar tonight. Last year's gathering was truly a wonderful evening of togetherness, and we are confident that this year will be even more special.

We would love to see as many members of our school community as possible joining us for this celebration. The Iftar provides a beautiful opportunity for us all to come together, share a meal, and strengthen the bonds that make our diverse community so vibrant.

Whether you observe Ramadan or not, everyone is welcome to attend and participate in this meaningful cultural event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Jo Ball

Headteacher

Laurance Haines School

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

It has been a successful few weeks for our Physical Education at LHS, from Football Tournaments to Trust Competitions. We would like to give a huge thank you to our Sports Coach, Mr C for all of his hard work and determination with our children. The Year 5/6 mixed football team have worked tirelessly for their recent tournaments and should be proud of their performance. This week our Year 4s took part in a Trust Rounders Competition, which they showed incredible sportsmanship and resilience.

They definitely deserved the win, but we take pride in upholding our behaviours for learning and commitment.

A huge well done to everyone involved!

Amber Dos Santos

Year 3 Teacher



# SEND NEWS

A full day at school can leave children feeling overwhelmed, tired and in need of help switching off. Try some of these to support their regulation and help them to calm



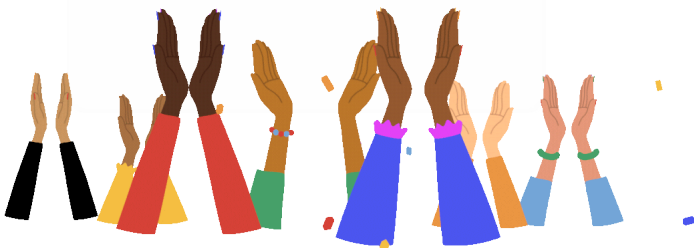
- Create a sensory bottle
  - Build a den
- Deep pressure activities
- A warm bath or shower
- Finger breathing
  - Calm music
  - Soft lights



## CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

A big 'Thank You' to all parents who are working with us to improve our attendance. We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday this week, we had a school average of 98% which is well above our 96% target.

Just to remind you that we are here to help so please do come into the school office to speak to us if there are any issues affecting your child's attendance that we may be able to help with.



## FOOTBALL MATCH

On March the 10th Laurance Haines had a football match against Beechfield School. Unfortunatley Laurance Haines just fell short losign the game 2-1. We couldn't be more proud of the team for the effort they put into the game.



# BIKEABILITY

Year 5 children are invited to take part in Bikeability cycle training at school during the week commencing Monday 16th June 2025. The course is designed to improve cycle control, not to teach children to ride.

Children must have their own correctly sized bicycle in full working order and must wear their own cycle helmet as these are not provided.

Due to Government funding and a subsidy from the school, the cost of the course is excellent value at £12.50 per child. If your child is eligible for pupil premium grant, then please choose this payment option when booking. Booking closes on Friday 4th April 2025.



Save the Date

≡ Welcome ≡

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 21st Mar - Whole school iftar
- 24th Mar – Purim Jewish celebration
- 31st/1st - Eid al-Fitr Islam
- 3rd April – Eid Picnic
- 18th – 21st - Easter Weekend
- 4th April – End of term at 1:30pm
- 23rd April - Back to School
- 5th May - Bank Holiday
- 26th May - 30th May - Half Term Break
- 20th June - Teacher Training No School
- 23rd June - Occasional Day - No School
- 10th July - Secondary Transition Day
- 23rd July - Last day of School

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the newest members of our team

Ms Ristea  
Mrs Yakovenko  
Mrs Aljuneidi

They will be joining us as our new SEN Teaching Assistants.



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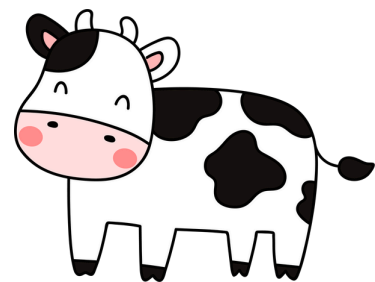
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## MILK SUMMER TERM 2025



The cost of milk for the Summer Term is £23.01

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 and who were born after 22nd 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 Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 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 Summer 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.



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# READING PAGE



Across the school, we have been doing our assessments and reading is looking really strong!

Keep doing what you're doing and read, read, read - it's working!



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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**



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