



NEWSLETTER

2ND MAY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rebekah Makinson as our new Assistant Headteacher. This is a momentous occasion for Laurance Haines School, and we couldn't be more excited about. Mrs Makinson is not just a new member of our team, but a cherished member of our school's extended family. Having been a pupil at Laurance Haines School herself, Mrs Makinson has grown up within these walls and has since served the school in numerous capacities. From her early days as a student to her recent roles within the school, she has developed an intimate understanding of our school's ethos, values, and community spirit. With this rich background, it makes her appointment as Assistant Headteacher particularly special. We are truly privileged to have someone with such a profound connection to our school step into a headship role, ready to support and nurture our school community.

As we head towards the end of yet another very busy half term I wish you all a really safe and happy break. Please do know that you can reach out to the school team should you need any support. We will always do what we can to help.

Please take note of any upcoming coffee mornings or events we have in school. We have our Portuguese day on the 20th June after school. Please put it in your diaries - there will be food, fun and lots to do!

We want to also say a huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who sat their SATs exams this week. Well done - we are all so very proud of you.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Ball



This week has been music week.

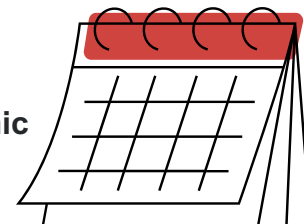
Music education plays a vital role here at Laurance Haines School, offering benefits far beyond enjoyment. When children engage with music

**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>



- Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 - SATS
- Monday 26th May - 31st May Half Term Break
- Monday 2nd June - Back to School
- Tuesday 3rd June - Class Photos
- Thursday 5th June - Year 2, Whipsnade Zoo School Trip
- (Please remember to sign up and pay on ARBOR)
- Friday 6th June - Reception, Wendover Woods School Trip
- (Please remember to sign up and pay on ARBOR)
- Tuesday 10th June - Portuguese Day
- Wednesday 11th - Friday 13 June - Year 5, Phasels Wood Trip
- W/C Monday 16th June - Year 5 and Year 6 BIKEABILITY
- [Friday 20th June - Teacher Training - NO SCHOOL](#)
- [Monday 23rd June - Occasional Day - NO SCHOOL](#)
- Tuesday 24th June - Back to School
- Wednesday 25th June - Year 1 - Natural History Museum School Trip
- (Please remember to sign up and pay on ARBOR)
- Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July - Year 6, Isle of Wight Trip
- (Please remember to sign up and pay on ARBOR)
- Monday 7th July - KS1 Sports Day @ Holywell School
- Tuesday 8th July - Years 3 and 4 Sports Day @ Holywell School
- Wednesday 9th July - Years 5 and 6 Sports Day @ Holywell School
- Tuesday 8th July - Open Evening
- Thursday 10th July - Secondary Transition Day
- Friday 11th July - Reception Sports Day KS2 Playground
- Wednesday 23rd July - Nursery Sports Day
- Wednesday 23rd July - Last day of School
- Thursday 4th September - Back to School



SPOTLIGHT

This week, Year 6 completed their Statutory End of Year Assessments - the SATs! It is always a week that comes with many different feelings: excitement, worry, a sense of achievement to name a few! The children have spent their entire year, if not their entire Primary School careers, building to this moment. We have worked the children so hard to ensure they are as prepared as they can be for this week; every minute of everyday was full of learning experiences and opportunities to ensure that they were as ready as possible. We utilised every resource we could lay our hands on - both electronically and on good old-fashioned paper - and worked these children very hard! Their resilience and determination should be commended if nothing else!

To the Y6 parents, we want to say thank you for supporting the children, giving them your time, getting the children to school, helping with prep, reminding about revision packs - everything has helped toward putting the children in the best position they can be for this week.

To the Staff of Laurance Haines - thank you too! What an incredible team of people we have here! Our LHS family has come together to ensure the children were catered for - personally and academically - every step of the way. You have nurtured them, taught them, given reassurance and praise, pointed them in the right direction if things were going wrong and been their strength when they've needed it. We can't do these weeks without you and the children couldn't have achieved how they have without you either.

And to our incredible children - we cannot put into words how immensely proud we are of each and every one of you. You have worked so, so hard and have achieved so much. Each and every one of you have made incredible progress across this year - whether that be a score increase, a personal goal achieved or mindset changed. You have each got so much to celebrate, no matter what the outcome of this week is. What a fantastic group of young people you have turned out to be - all the congratulations to you!

Thank you once again and roll on the long, hot summer!

Mrs Goss and Mrs Makinson



SPORTS DAY

Please find dates here for the upcoming Sports Days

Years 1 and 2 - 7th July AM - Holywell School

Years 3 and 4 - 8th July AM - Holywell School

Years 5 and 6 - 9th July AM - Holywell School

Reception - 11th July AM - LHS KS2 Playground

Nursery 23rd July AM - LHS KS2 Playground

More information to follow shortly



CELEBRATING PUPIL SUCCESS

A heartfelt congratulations to Brunel for winning the Gold medal at his judo competition! We are all incredibly proud of your achievement here at Laurance Haines.

Haines.



SEND NEWS



Playfulness

• Playfulness in interactions can diffuse conflict and promote connection
e.g. Maintaining a relaxed 'lightness' and can involve making a joke (though this has to be done carefully)



Acceptance

• Accepting needs and emotions that drive behaviour (not necessarily the behaviour) without judgement



Curiosity

• Being curious to where a behaviour has come from (in your head or out loud...)



Empathy

• Really connecting with how they are feeling and showing compassion



Sometimes our children can become cross and we can find to work out what is going on for them and how to help them.

Try this approach to support them in calming their emotions and opening up.

Further information can be found here

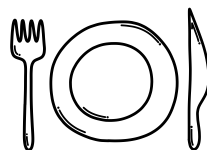
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RECEPTION NEWS

In Reception, the children have been learning all about David Attenborough and his incredible work with animals. Inspired by his adventures, they have been becoming animal experts themselves! They discovered fascinating facts about spinner dolphins and itchy bears, recalling key information and even writing down what they learned. Ask your child to share a fact with you—can they tell you something amazing about a spinner dolphin or an itchy bear?



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Laurance Haines School currently sits in 20th place on the national leadership for TTRockstars! Cherry Tree is 15th and Beechfield is 12th

Top of the leader board this week are

Katha - Year 4

Ibne - Year 6

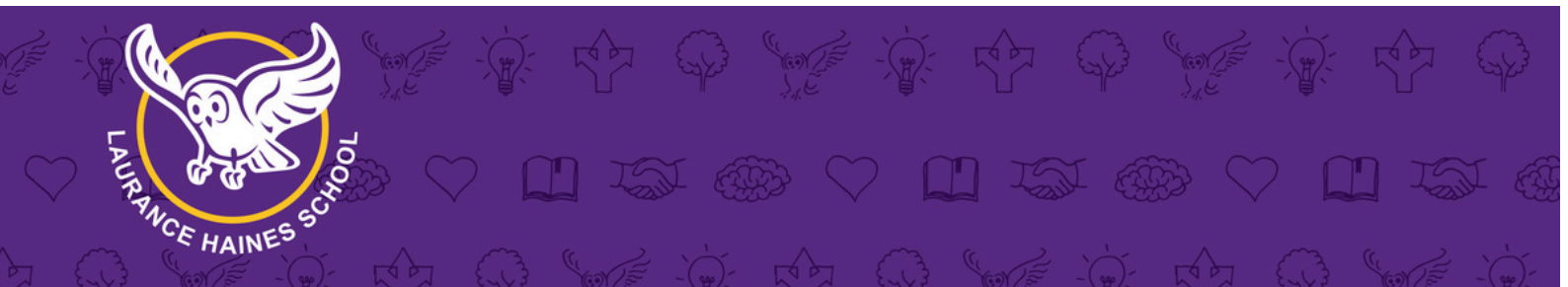
Coby - Year 6

SWIFT KITCHEN

Starting after Half Term on Monday 2nd June 2025, we will be switching to a new lunch ordering and payment system called Swift Kitchen; managed by our catering provider Aspens.

Swift Kitchen displays the weekly menu and allows you to pre-order your child's meals, helping to reduce food waste at our school. It also provides an easy way to manage payments, ensuring accounts stay up to date and debt-free.

LETTER TO FOLLOW WITH FULL INFORMATION



VE DAY



This week, our school has been commemorating VE Day, marking the conclusion of World War II. A group of Year 5 students, along with children from the Trust, had the honor of being invited to Watford Town Hall to celebrate this important event. The children recited a poem, while veterans laid flowers and flags were raised in tribute.

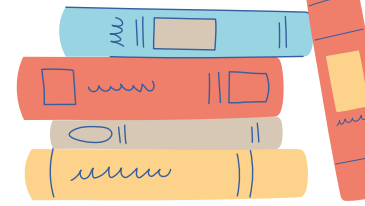


Nursery celebrated VE Day with a variety of activities throughout the week, ending the week with a delightful street party picnic.





READING CORNER



This week we continued to collect some pupil and staff voices about reading around the school

I like stories because they are funny. It makes me feel calm - Year 2 Pupil

I can learn different things. I have also improved my spellings and use of words - Year 4 Pupil

I like when we get to write about the stories we learn about - Year 1 Pupil

Reading improves my vocabulary and pronunciation - Year 6

I like that we always have a new book to read. I like spooky stories because they make you feel scared and then happy - Year 2 Pupil

Reading makes me feel relaxed and can transport me to magical worlds - Ms Player

Reading is very fun and I love adventure books because they are exciting. I like it when they leave you on a cliffhanger - Year 5 Pupil

I can express myself as i'm reading and i have been using better vocabulary - Year 4



I ♥ READING



Please join us to celebrate

PORTUGAL DAY

FOOD FESTIVAL
TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025
3.20PM - 5.30PM

AT LAURANCE HAINES SCHOOL

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT IMPORTANT
EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN INCLUDING
BIRTHDAY BOOKS, LEAVERS HOODIES AND
LEAVERS BOOKS.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS
SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF PORTUGUESE
FOOD AND CULTURE**



FOOD | MUSIC | RAFFLES

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;

**STAY
SAFE**

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



WELCOME

SEND COFFEE MORNING



You're warmly invited to join us in the
Community Room on
Friday, 6th June at 9:00am.



All parents are welcome to attend

We will be welcoming Emma Kardani, speech and
language therapist to come and talk to us about
child/parent interactions.

