



NEWSLETTER

2ND MAY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we enjoy this glorious sunny weather, the summer term is well underway and full of energy! It's a busy and exciting period in the school calendar, with a wide range of activities taking place. From much-anticipated school trips to fun learning opportunities and the important SATs assessments, there's lots happening for our children to look forward to and be proud of.

With the warmer weather upon us, we'd like to remind parents and carers to ensure children come to school prepared for the heat. Please apply suncream before school, and make sure your child brings a named water bottle and a named sun hat each day to help them stay safe and comfortable while enjoying outdoor activities.

We know how quickly this term can fly by, so we kindly remind all parents and carers to keep an eye on newsletters, emails, and the school website for updates and key dates. Staying informed will help ensure your child is fully prepared and doesn't miss out on any of the fantastic opportunities ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the extended weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend

Jo Ball

SPOTLIGHT

Music education plays a vital role here at Laurance Haines School, offering benefits far beyond enjoyment. When children engage with music, they develop the same brain areas used for language skills. Regular music activities help students improve their vocabulary, pronunciation, and understanding of language patterns. Music also makes learning easier through its natural patterns. Children remember songs much better than spoken information. This helps them retain knowledge in all subjects, from math facts to history lessons. At our school, music creates opportunities for all students to succeed. For children struggling with language or speech, music offers another way to communicate and build confidence that helps them in other areas.

Music activities also teach important social skills. When performing together, students learn cooperation, listening, and respect - skills that improve classroom behaviour and future success.

As we develop our music program at Laurance Haines, we recognise these benefits reach across all subjects. By investing in music education, we're not just teaching songs we're strengthening brain connections, boosting language development and providing memory tools that support all learning areas in our curriculum.

Becky Makinson

Year 6 Clas Teacher



This week has been music week.

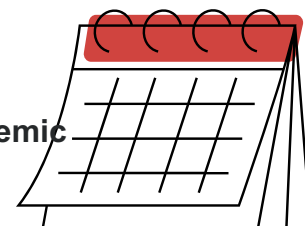
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**SAVE
THE DATE**

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 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 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)
- Tuesday 8th July - Open Evening
- Thursday 10th July - Secondary Transition Day
- Wednesday 23rd July - Last day of School
- Thursday 4th September - Back to School





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
- Deon - Year 6
- Ibne- Ali - Year 6

SAFETY WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD

Mr. Sharkey has been informed by the local authority that he is no longer permitted to 'high five' the children when crossing the road. While we know how much both the children and Mr. Sharkey enjoy this cheerful gesture, the safety and wellbeing of our children must remain our top priority.

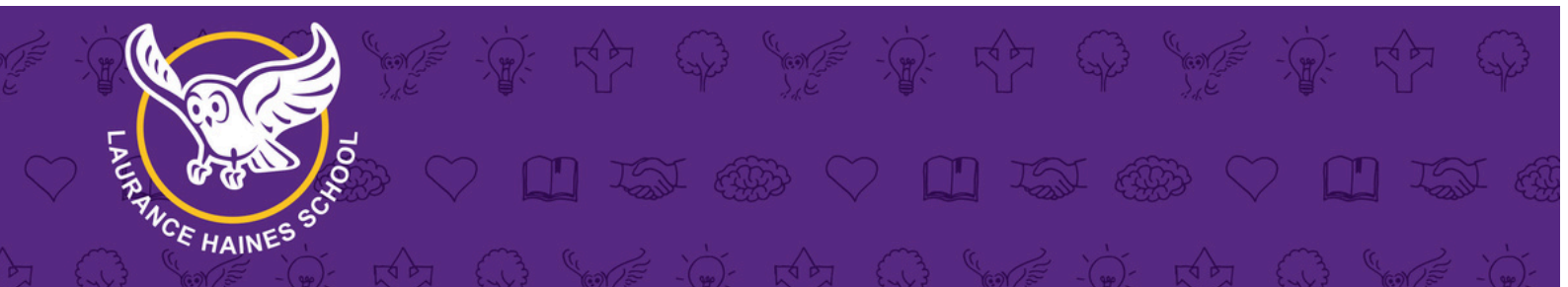
We kindly ask for your support in encouraging the children to greet Mr. Sharkey with a warm 'good morning' and a beautiful smile instead.



We would like to wish a warm welcome to the newest member of our team, Mrs Nachiu will be joining our lunchtime MSA team.

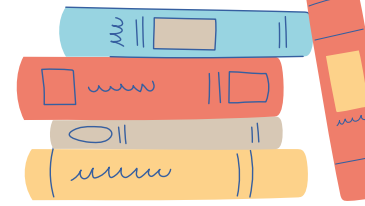
STAFF VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies available for the position of HLTA. If you are interested in applying, please visit the school website and navigate to the careers section to submit your application through Mynewterm website.





READING CORNER



This week we collected some pupil and staff voices about reading around the school

Reading for pleasure is my favourite time of day!
Mrs Goss

It's fun and there are lots of adventures in different types of books. You can learn different things from non-fiction books
Year 3 Pupil

Reading The Gruffalo makes me feel calm -
Reception Pupil

Reading is very therapeutic -
Year 6 Pupil

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

It makes me go to my happy place and learn new things -
Mrs Wilson

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

It helps me learn. My favourite are non-fiction books. Reading makes me feel happy -
Year 1 Pupil



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

Water Pumps

During the month of Ramadan, our wonderful school community came together to support a meaningful cause, raising money to build hand pumps in areas where clean water is needed most around the world. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we raised an incredible £438 and have now helped to build 7 hand pumps!

We are so proud of our children and families for showing such compassion and unity. Thank you for making a real difference in the lives of others.



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.





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