



NEWSLETTER

13TH JUNE 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

We extend our heartfelt wishes of Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating this special time. May this joyous occasion bring peace, happiness, and love to you all. We hope you have had wonderful celebrations surrounded by loved ones, filled with delicious food, laughter, and precious memories together.

We know that family celebrations and special occasions are incredibly important, and we want to support you in honouring these meaningful times. However, we do need to ask that you please contact the school office to let us know if your child will be absent and provide a brief reason. This helps us keep accurate records and, most importantly, ensures we know that your child is safe and well.

We are absolutely thrilled to invite you all to our very first Portugal Day celebration on Tuesday, 10th June! This promises to be a truly special after school event for our entire school community. You can look forward to delicious Portuguese foods to taste and enjoy, exciting activities celebrating Portuguese culture and traditions, and what has become an incredibly popular raffle with wonderful prizes to be won!

This week we had our first Portugal Day at Laurance Haines, and we couldn't have been more excited. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Marco Eusébio and our wonderful Portuguese community members who have worked so hard to make this event possible. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and generous spirit have brought this celebration to life, and we are truly grateful for their efforts.

It was so lovely see so many families come along and support this special event. Whether you have Portuguese heritage or not, this was a beautiful opportunity for our whole school community to come together, learn about different cultures, and celebrate the diversity that makes our school so special. Finally, we have reflected on how we announce to the children who their upcoming teacher and class will be and we will introducing a longer transition period for all. With this in mind we will not be waiting for our open evening but we will be giving this information to the children and parents by Thursday 19th June.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

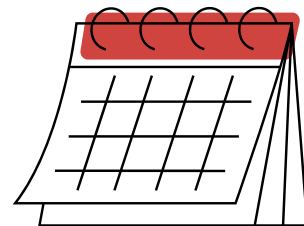
Jo Ball



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>



- 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)
- Thursday 26th June - International Day
- 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



SPORTS DAY

Reminder of sports day dates and locations

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



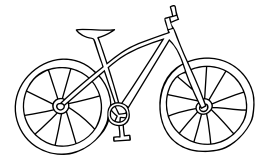
MISSING BIKE

A child's camouflage bike has gone missing from the bike shed. It was left on-site on May 14th, and it was noticed missing the following day.

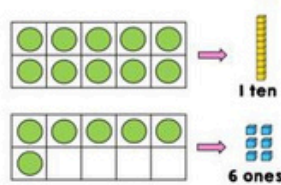
Please keep an eye out for it around the school.

If you have accidentally taken it, kindly return it to the bike shed.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



SEND NEWS



Making Maths Visual: Supporting Every Child's Learning

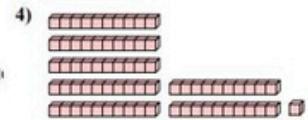
We use visual methods to help all children understand maths. Visual aids create memory hooks that make concepts stick better than words alone.

In school, we use counting bears, number lines, ten frames, fraction walls and all sorts of other things to make abstract numbers concrete and memorable.

Tips for home:

- Use everyday objects like pasta or buttons for counting
- Draw pictures to solve word problems
- Create number lines on paper for addition/subtraction
- Use coins to teach money and decimals
- Make patterns with household items

Visual learning builds confidence and ensures every child has pathways to mathematical success.



B. I have 5 books.



I buy 2 more books.



How many books do I have now?

$$5 + 2 = \boxed{} \text{ books}$$



HANDBALL COMPETITION

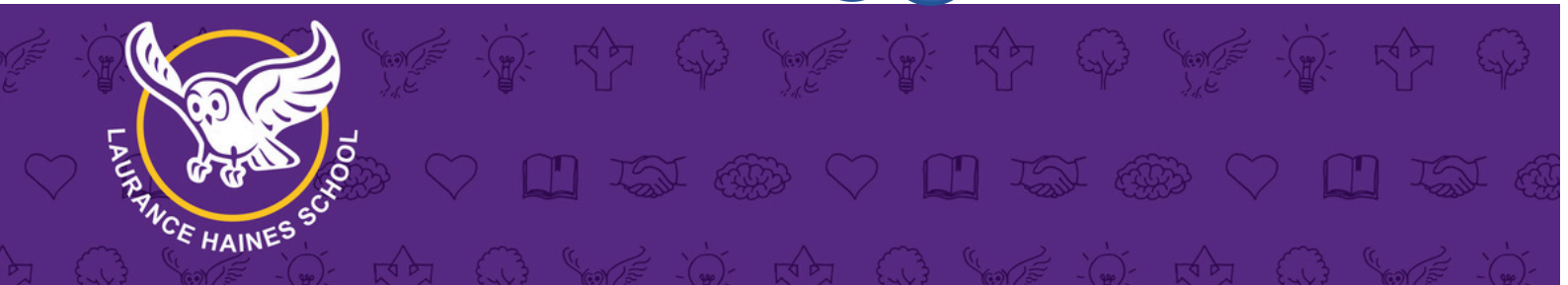
Congratulations to Our Year
2 Team!

We extend our heartfelt
congratulations to our Year
2 students for their
impressive victory in
Handball against Cherry
Tree and Beechfield
School. A special thank you
goes to Mr. C for his
unwavering support and for
guiding the children to
success!



NURSERY NEWS

Before the half-term break, our nursery
children enjoyed a delightful activity of
melting chocolate and dipping various
fruits into it.



READING CORNER

Travelling Books will be coming to Laurance Haines on Thursday 27th June.

There will be something for every pocket

You will be able to purchase books while at the fair using a QR Code, please bring your mobile phones and credit/debit card to the fair.

There will be something for every pocket and approximately 25% of titles are under £5 and with book packs starting from £1.99!

I ♥ READING



LOCAL CHURCH

Group

New Church Group on Vicarage Road

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

JAM

EVERY THURSDAY

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

AGES 6-10

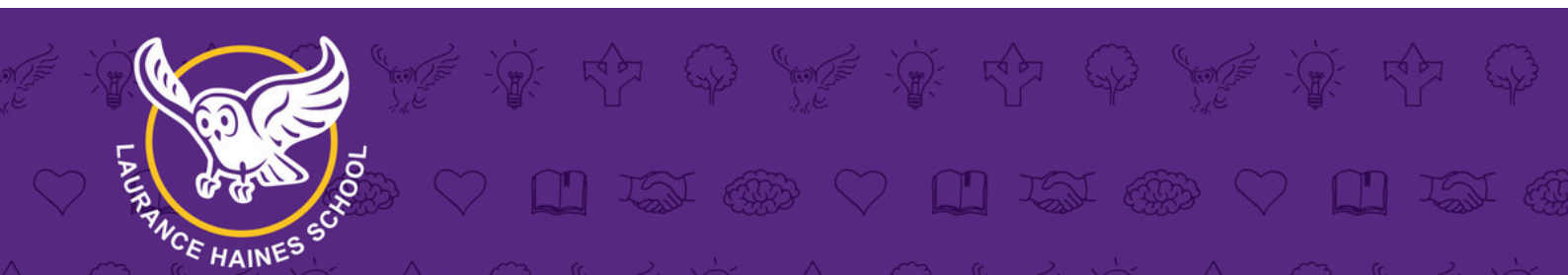
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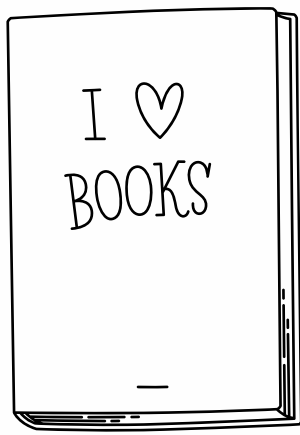
ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- FUN GAMES
- SNACKS
- MUSIC & DANCE

Register here

or hit us up on @cornerstone Instagram churchwatford





LIBRARY VISIT

Throughout this week, our children had the opportunity to visit the Watford Library. They were introduced to and informed about the various services the library offers, in addition to lending books.



CURRENT VACANCIES

Would you like to be part of an inspiring team who genuinely make a difference everyday?

Are you passionate about working with children?

We have some very rewarding roles within our school, if you are interested in applying please see the school website careers where you will find the link to apply.

SEND Teaching Assistant - 20 Hours per week

Nursery Teaching Assistant - 19.5 hours per week (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Class Teacher for SEN Provision - Part Time (Mornings) Fixed Term



PORTUGAL DAY



On Tuesday 10th June we celebrated Portugal Day at Laurance Haines School, a national day in which we celebrate and remember a famous Portuguese poet who shared and extended the Portuguese language across all continents of the world. Luis De Camões forever immortalised the history and bravery of the Portugueses people in his poems. Since, Portugal Day has been about celebrating our language, culture and tradition with all the communities that surround us. To celebrate this day at Laurance Haines, the children across the whole school created some beautiful flowers which were displayed outside.

We would like to thank all the parents within the Portuguese community who came together and organised such a special event for our whole school community. Their organisation skills and fantastic team work created the amazing food, drinks, raffles and the stunning history and culture table.

We would also like thank all of the people who came and joined us in our celebration.

It was a honour to be able to share our country and culture with all of you.

The joy, smiles, laughter and the overall atmosphere was something truly special.

Thank You Very Much!

Mr. Eusébio



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

