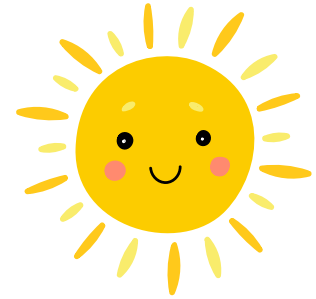




NEWSLETTER

23RD JULY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Families,

What a year it has been! As we reach the end of another school year, we can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown by. It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back in September, and here we are preparing to say goodbye for the summer holidays.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible support throughout this year. Your partnership with the school has been invaluable, and we could not have achieved what we have without your continued encouragement and involvement in your children's education.

We are delighted to share that this has been a truly successful year for Laurance Haines Primary School. We received a wonderful Ofsted result, which recognised the hard work of our dedicated staff and the wonderful achievements of our pupils. Additionally, our Year 6 children have produced some excellent SATs results that we are incredibly proud of.

However, whilst these formal results are important, we know that they don't measure the other successes that Laurance Haines holds most dear – the qualities that truly matter for our children to live happy, fulfilled lives full of achievement.

What makes us most proud is seeing how our children have grown as individuals this year. Our pupils are kind and compassionate; they genuinely care for one another and are always ready to help a friend in need. They show respect to adults and demonstrate a genuine love for both learning and play. These are the achievements that fill our hearts with pride and remind us why we do what we do.

As we break up for the summer holidays, we hope that you and your families have the most wonderful time together. Please stay safe, enjoy making precious memories, and take the opportunity to rest and recharge.

We cannot wait to welcome you all back on 4th September 2025, ready for another exciting year of learning, growing, and achieving together.

With warmest wishes for a fantastic summer - stay safe.

Jo Ball
Headteacher



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Over the past, Laurance Haines school have been taking part in the annual sports day. The children showcased some fantastic skills they have been learning in PE throughout the summer term. We started off with the lower KS2 sports day, this was held at Holywell school for the first time and the children loved the races in particular. Years 5 and 6 the next day took part in their sports day, again at Holywell school and they thoroughly enjoyed their time at the event. Seeing the children's faces and their smiles when participating was just a pleasure to watch.

The Laurance Haines sports day winners for 2025 were COLNE, in 2nd place was GADE, in 3rd place was EBURY and in 4th place was CHESS. All the children no matter the result should be proud of their efforts and their dedication towards sport this year.

Special shout out to our Year 6s who won the IMAT Trust sports day 2025, taking on Beechfield School and Cherry Tree School, it was a fantastic morning with a great Result.

I hope you all enjoy your summer break and a well-deserved rest.

Mr C

SEND NEWS

Where for some the summer holidays can feel like a real blessing for a more relaxed routine, for others, this can be extremely challenging and the time away from school can feel long.

If you do need any support, there are places to access help while the school is shut;

- Your GP
- The Neurodiversity Hub helpline 01727 833963

More information can always be found on the Herts Local Offer

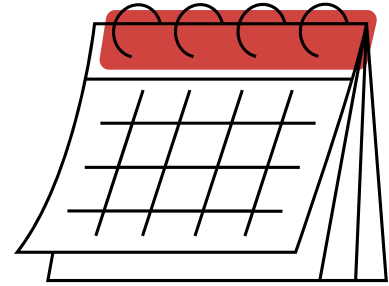
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services-for-parents-carers-and-families/services-for-parents-carers-and-families.aspx>

If, when we return in September, you have noticed any changes in your child or would like to have a chat about their development, please do reach out senco@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

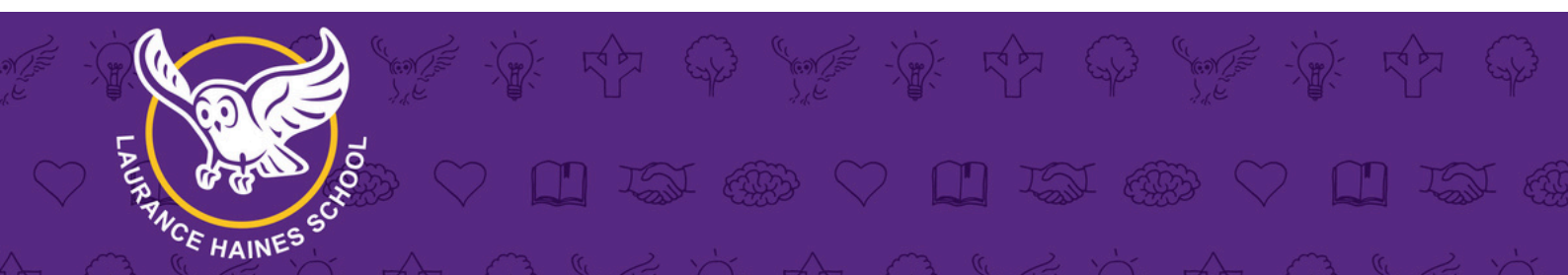
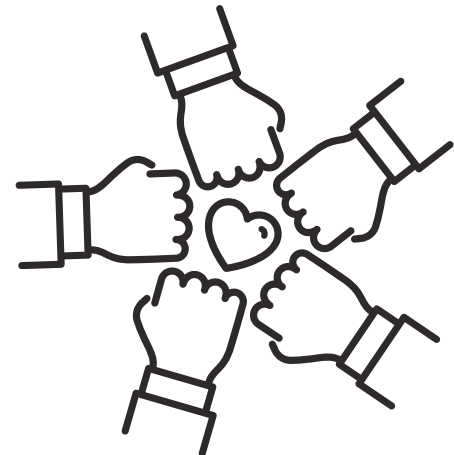


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look on the school website for all term dates of the
academic year 2025/2026



Wednesday 3rd September – INSET Day - NO SCHOOL
Thursday 4th September - Back to School
Monday 8th September - Nurture Day
Thursday 11th September – Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6
Wednesday 24th October – Harvest Festival
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term
Monday 3rd November - Staff Training - NO SCHOOL
Thursday 6th November – Celebrating SEND day
Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day
10th - 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 12th November – Safer Internet Day
Friday 28th November - Deco Day PM
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 16th December – KS1 Nativity AM & PM Performances
Friday 19th December – Carol Concert KS1+ KS2
Friday 19th December – End of term finish at 1:30pm



SPORTS DAY

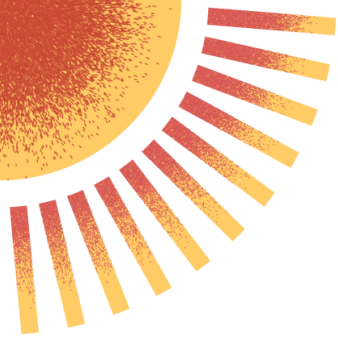
What an incredible week we've experienced celebrating sports! The children displayed fantastic sportsmanship and truly enjoyed participating in all the various activities. A big thank you to Mr. C for creating such a delightful experience for our kids.



READING BUDDIES

This term, Year 5 students have been delighting in reading to the children in Year 1. It's heartwarming to witness the relationships blossoming through a shared passion for reading, creating a fulfilling experience for both year groups.





GOODBYE

We are so sad to bid farewell to some remarkable staff members who have played an integral role at LHS. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

We will be saying goodbye to

Miss Allen

Ms Al-Alousi

Mrs Gunner

Mrs Butler (Nursery)

Miss Smart

Mrs Ridout

Mrs Butler (Trust SEND co-ordinator)

Thank You

WELCOME

We are looking forward to welcoming some new staff members to LHS.

Joining us in September will be

Mrs Wharton - Year 1 Class Teacher

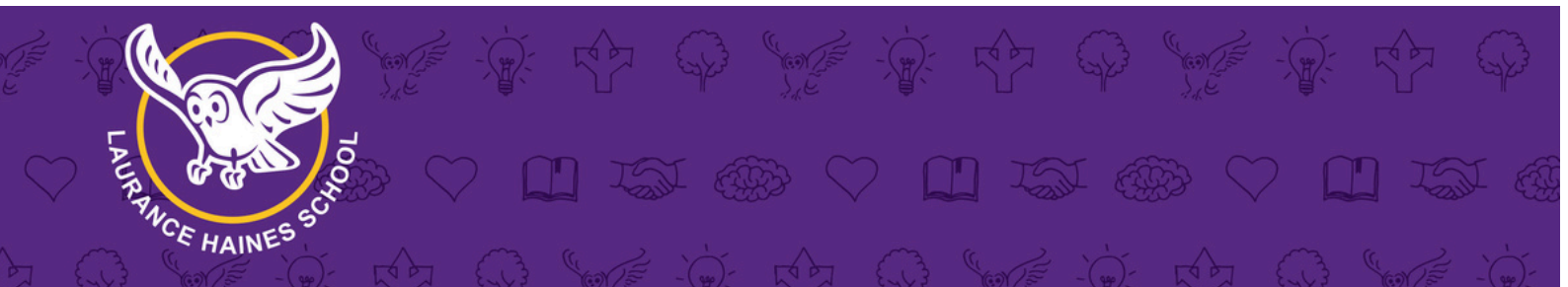
Miss Karim - Year 1 Class Teacher

Mrs Bygrave - Year 3 Class Teacher

Mrs Wood - Early Years Leader

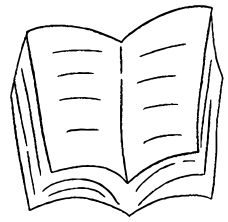
Mr Confait - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Soma - Woodland Teacher





READING CORNER



Reading Challenges

Can you complete your classes reading challenge over the summer

Year 1 & 2 - Colour in a colour of the rainbow every time you read a book 



Year 3 - Genre Explorer Badge - You can earn badges for reading books from different genres (mystery, adventure, fantasy, non-fiction, poetry)

Year 4 - Children are invited to take part in a fun and flexible Reading Challenge! With a range of creative tasks - from reading outside to following a recipe - pupils can use books and materials they already have at home. Keep a simple record of short reviews or drawings to celebrate and share their reading in September. Find the details on Google classroom!



Year 5 - Write a book review for a book you read over the summer holidays

Year 6 - 'Read my Height' Measure the width of the spine of the book and add their widths together and we will add the will add all the widths together

Can you match these heights?

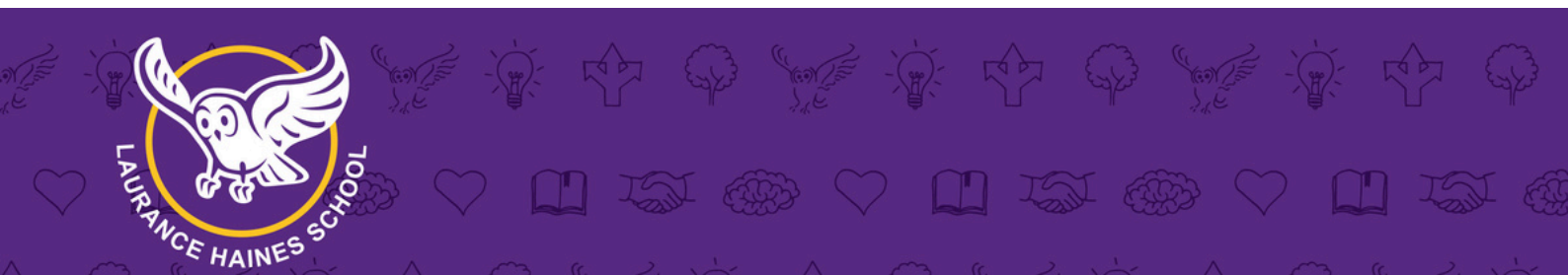
- Mrs Goss - 164cm
- Mrs Woodroffe - 166cm
- for a real challenge Mr Banks - 187cm!



The children have also this week been given leaflets regarding the summer reading challenge set by Watford Library.

You can find further information on the Watford Library website.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

School Meals for children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3

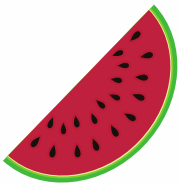
During their time in reception to year 2, the children enjoyed school dinners free of charge under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. Unfortunately, this scheme does not include children in KS2. Therefore, if you would like your child to continue having school meals you will need to pay for them.



School meals are to be paid using Swift Kitchen



However, your child may be able to continue to eat for free if you receive any of the following:



Income Support

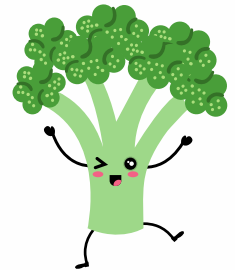
Income Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and don't get more than £16,190 a year)



Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit (with annual earned income of more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To register you can apply online at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> It only takes 5 minutes, and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. You will need to have your National Insurance number when you apply.



KIDS EAT FREE

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



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

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

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

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

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

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

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)



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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;

**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

