



NEWSLETTER

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Laurance Haines families,

What a joy it has been to welcome everyone back to school this September! Our school is once again filled with the wonderful sounds of children's laughter, excited chatter, and the energy that only comes when our school community comes together.

In our recent assembly, we talked about 'firsts' – those special moments that mark new chapters in our lives. This time of year is particularly magical as it's brimming with these precious firsts. Whether it's a child's very first day at school, their first time in a new year group, or making their first new friend, September is a month where memories are made. We spoke about how important it is to be grateful for these special times, and our children have embraced these moments with the enthusiasm and resilience that makes us so proud.

We know that this time of year can be particularly emotional for our families, especially those experiencing their own 'first' – saying goodbye to your child at the classroom door for the very first time. To our new parents, we want you to know that we understand. Those tears at the classroom door are completely natural and show the relationship between you and your children. Please be assured that however many tears are shed – yours or theirs – your children will be loved, nurtured, and kept safe in our care.

In addition, your commitment to getting your children to school on time has been outstanding and sets a positive tone for learning. Thank you also for following our school one-way system during drop-off and collection times – your cooperation has made arrival and departure safer and more pleasant for everyone. We are continuously discussing this and reviewing it but for now the one way system will remain in place.

As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, we're excited about all the learning adventures that lie ahead. Remember, at Laurance Haines, we believe that "You see me, you hear me, I belong." Every child in our school is valued, and every family is an important part of our community.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and lots more special 'firsts' to celebrate together.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend

Jo Ball



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had during our special Nurture Week! It has been truly heartwarming to watch our children settle so beautifully into their new teams and year groups, bringing enthusiasm and curiosity to everything they do.

Throughout the week, our pupils have been busy creating vibrant team flags that represent their unique identities, whilst thoughtfully setting their personal goals for the year ahead. We have explored together the nurturing principles that form the foundation of our school community, discovering the power of a growth mindset over a fixed mindset, and learning practical pathways to wellbeing.

Most importantly, we have focused on ensuring every child feels genuinely seen, heard, and knows they truly belong here at Laurance Haines. As we move forward into this exciting academic year, we are delighted to welcome everyone – both new faces and familiar friends – into our caring school family, where every child can flourish and grow.

Becky Makinson
Deputy Head

SEND NEWS

Hello, I am Michelle Connell, the school SENCO. If you have any concerns

regarding your child's development (academically, socially or physically), please do pop me an email to make an appointment senco@lhaines.herts.sch.uk Keep an eye out in the newsletter for updates of SEN events in school, parent training courses and other useful tips.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 17th September - Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting

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 - School Photos

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

10th - 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November – Safer Internet Day

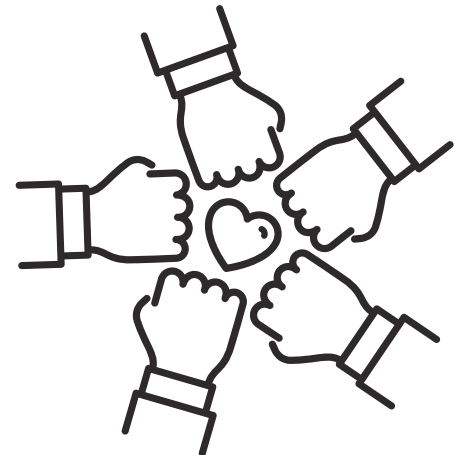
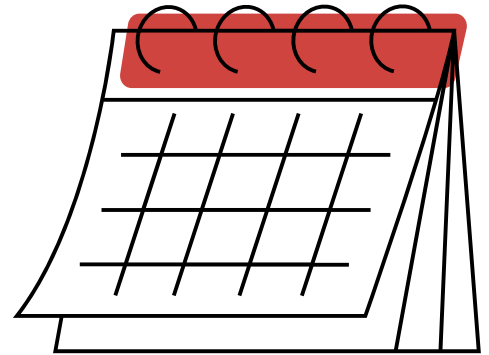
Friday 28th November - Deco Day PM

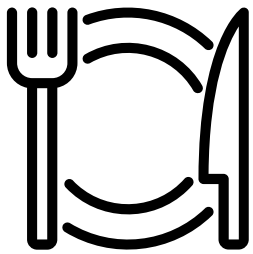
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day

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





PARENT INFORMATION



SwiftKitchen

As you know we use an app called Swift Kitchen to order your child's school meal choice. You will have already received your 'swift kitchen key' along with instructions on how to order.

This is a polite reminder to sit with your child and order their meal, please remember you can order right up until the end of the school year - should you wish too. When selecting your child's choice it is important you DO NOT select the school trip option.

Please also note if you DO NOT order a school meal for your child they will be given tomato pasta.

Even if your child receives FREE SCHOOL MEALS you STILL NEED TO ORDER.

ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT 2025/26 FOR ALL CHILDREN

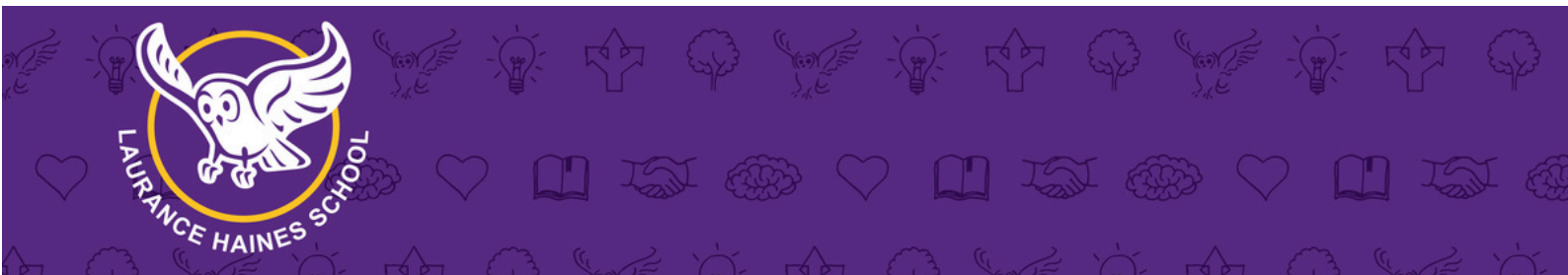
Each year we have to ask Parents and Carers to give consent for trips.

Please log on to the Arbor App and read through the Annual Parental Consent form 2025/26 which appears under 'Notices'

You will then need to scroll down and click on the green 'consent' icon at the bottom of the page.

Please remember to do this for all your children in the school.

If you are having any difficulties with using Arbor or completing the annual parental consent, please contact the office for further assistance.





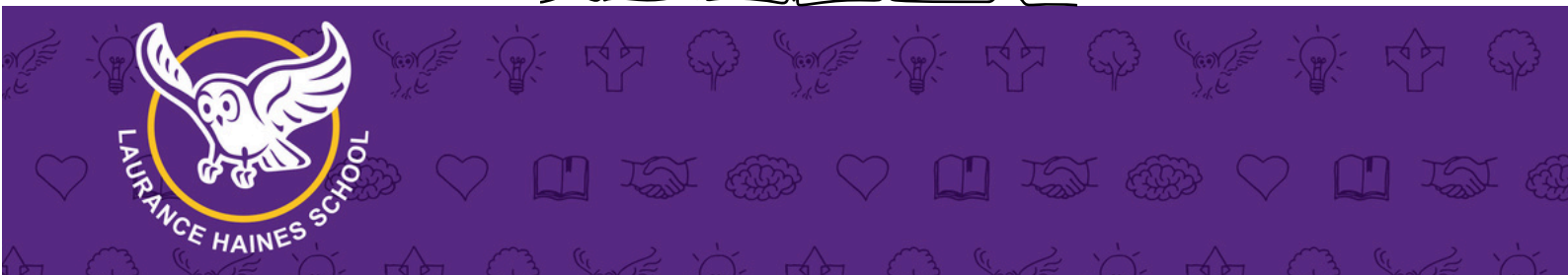
RECEPTION

It has been a very exciting week this week in EYFS, where we welcomed many new children to Laurance Haines School. All of EYFS team are so proud of the way the children have settled into school life. We are excited to see how they continue to grow throughout their Laurance Haines Journey!

The EYFS team would like to celebrate one of those children who completed a Library challenge over the school holidays! We are very proud of this Reception child who received a special reading award from the local library over the summer holidays. This is a wonderful achievement and a great start to their reading journey.

SEEDLINGS

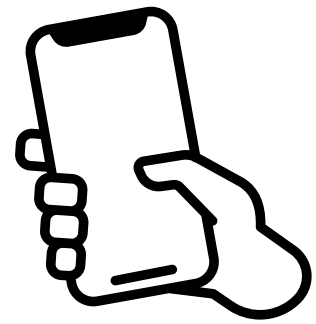
Seedlings have been settling into their brand new classroom and have been working hard at their English and Maths. They have also been enjoying creative subjects including Art, in which they created a display of themselves decorating their photo frames using different materials. We look forward to continued progress in the year ahead!



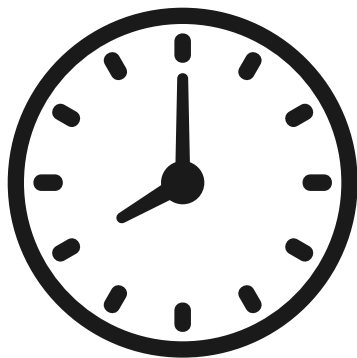


REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the office on 01923 233146 or send an email to admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk by 9am on morning of their absence to explain the reason why.



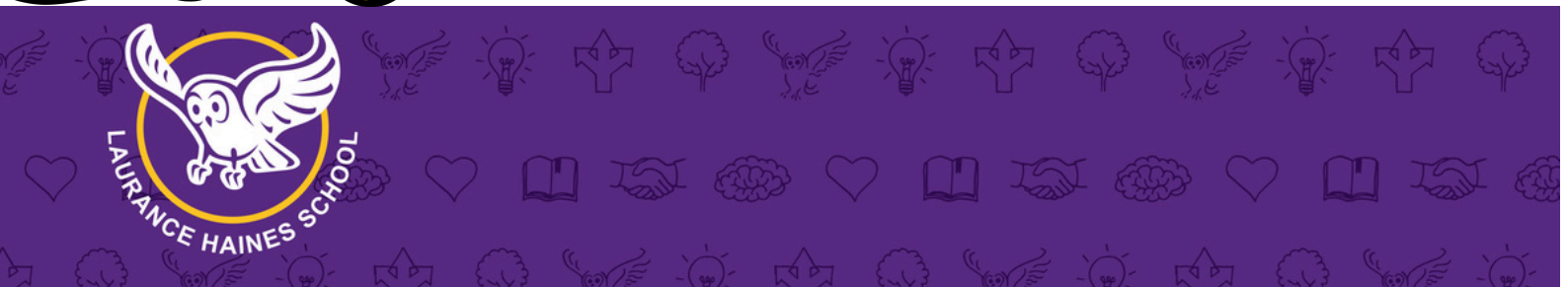
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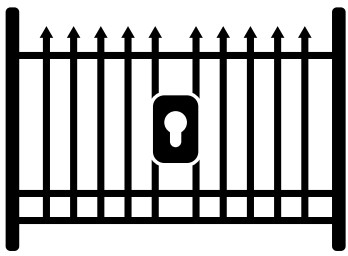


Is your child on time for school? Did you know that being 15 minutes late to school each day is the same as missing TWO weeks of school? Every minute counts and soon adds up. Please make sure that you are on time and ready for school.

PE KITS

All children should bring their PE kit to school on a Monday morning, regardless of when their PE day will be. These can be stored on the child's peg when not in use and taken home to be washed when needed.





SCHOOL SAFETY

At Laurance Haines, the safety of our children is our utmost priority. We kindly request that all parents and caregivers avoid leaving the gate open when entering or exiting the school grounds.

It is essential to ****NOT ALLOW**** visitors, other parents, or anyone waiting at the gates to enter once you have been let in or left school grounds. A member of our office team will provide assistance once the buzzer has been pressed. It is vital to safeguard our children and maintain awareness of who is on school premises at all times. Thank you for your cooperation!

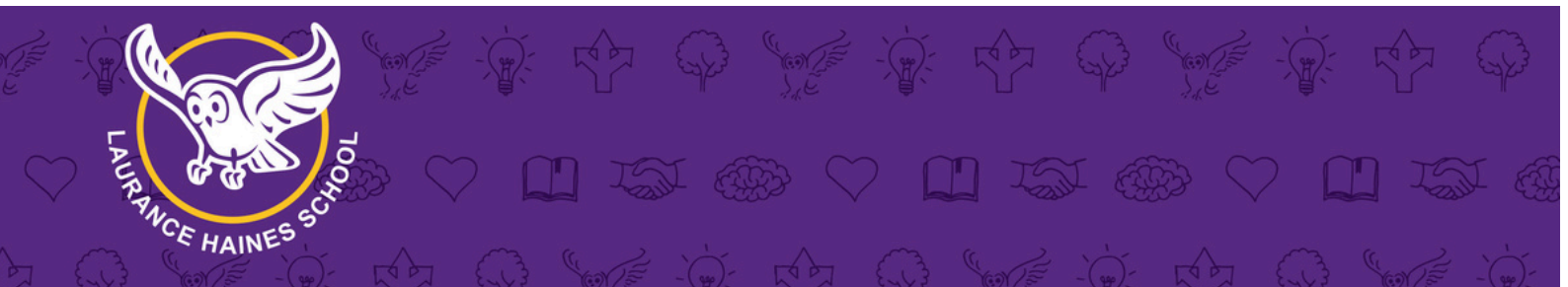
GATE BUZZER

When you press the buzzer to enter the school, please make sure to press it only once and then wait for a member of the office staff to respond.

The office can become quite busy, and it may not always be possible to answer the buzzer immediately, especially when staff are attending to students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



If you received a medical form to complete for your child, kindly return it at your earliest convenience! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.





READING CORNER

Books

It has been delightful to see some of our students proudly presenting their certificates from the summer reading challenge that was held by the local library what a wonderful achievement, well done!

If you participated as well, we would be thrilled to see your certificate too!



DSPL9

Delivering Special Provision Locally



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2025

For all parents/carers of children with SEND

Tuesday 21st October 2025 10-11.30am

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 10-11.30am

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND. We will also be welcoming professionals from Children and Young People's Mental Health Services, SPACE Herts and Add Vance across the year. Attendance to be confirmed at a later date.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at

admin@dsplareag.org.uk or enquiries@dsplareag.org.uk



Grand Opening!

Sunday 21st September 2025



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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

