



NEWSLETTER

25TH OCTOBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

We are delighted to invite you to our Harvest Festival tomorrow at the church. This is always such a special occasion in our school calendar, and we would love to see as many parents as possible join us as we celebrate the season of plenty and give thanks together as a school community. Hearing the children singing together is always one of my highlights of the year.

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued commitment to getting the children into school and on time each day. Your efforts in maintaining these routines make such a difference to your child's learning and to the smooth running of our school day. It is truly appreciated.

Please try where possible to read and share stories with your children. Whether it's a bedtime tale, a family anecdote, or simply chatting about your day, these moments of sharing stories are invaluable. Every conversation, every story told and retold, supports your child's reading journey in ways that extend far beyond the pages of a book. Keep these wonderful conversations going!

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the life of our school and have a real say in the decisions that shape our children's education. If you are interested in this role, please do come and see me for more information. Should more than one parent express an interest, we will proceed to a vote in line with procedures.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Harvest Festival.

Wishing you a safe and happy half term and we will see you back in school on the 4th of November.

Warm regards

Jo Ball



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

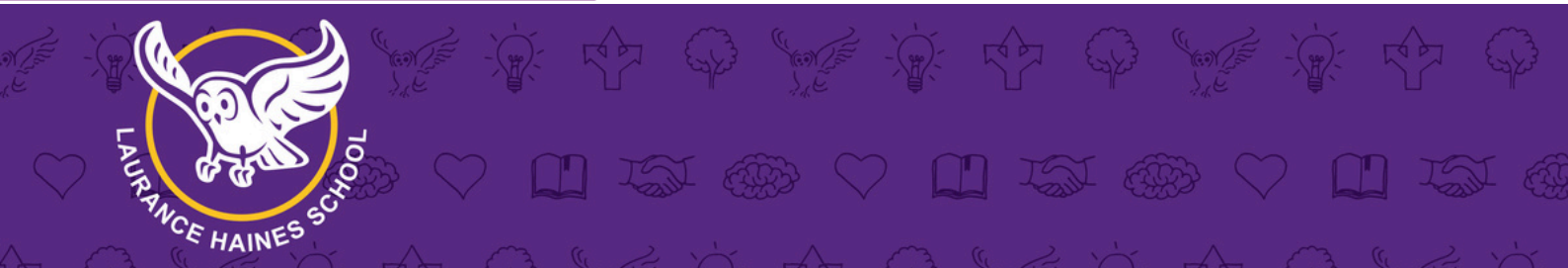
This week, our school has been filled with colour, light, and celebration as we learned about two special traditions from around the world - Diwali and Shabbat.

To celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, Year 1 children have been busy designing and creating their own beautiful Rangoli patterns. Using a mix of bright colours, shapes, and textures, the children explored how these patterns are traditionally made to welcome guests and bring good luck into the home. The classrooms were glowing with creativity and excitement as pupils proudly shared their vibrant designs with friends and teachers.

Later in the week, the whole school came together to experience the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. Everyone enjoyed toast and cranberry juice, just as many Jewish families do to welcome Shabbat each Friday evening. As we gathered to share food and reflect, the children learned that Shabbat is a time for rest, gratitude, and spending quality time with loved ones.

Both celebrations reminded us how important it is to learn about and respect different cultures and religions, and how much joy can be found in sharing traditions together. It was a truly special week full of creativity, learning, and community spirit!

Sana Chaudry
Year 2 Class Teacher and Religious Education Lead





SwiftKitchen

Please remember to order your child's school lunch in advanced on the Swift Kitchen App. Reminder if you do not order lunch they will be given Tomato Pasta.



We are thrilled to announce the addition of three new staff members who will be joining us after the half-term break:

- Mr. Lallchand – Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Mrs. Ait Mhand – SEN Teaching Assistant
- Mrs. Lau – Midday Supervisory Assistant



HELLO YELLOW DAY

Year 5 spent some time this week being mindful. They practised some doodling and doodling techniques that they learnt on Hello Yellow Day. This activity made them feel very calm and ready for the week ahead!

GOODBYE

We extend our heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Yakovenko, our incredible SEND Teaching Assistant, who will be leaving us this half term. Mrs. Yakovenko has been an essential part of our team, providing our children with an enriching and memorable experience.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

October

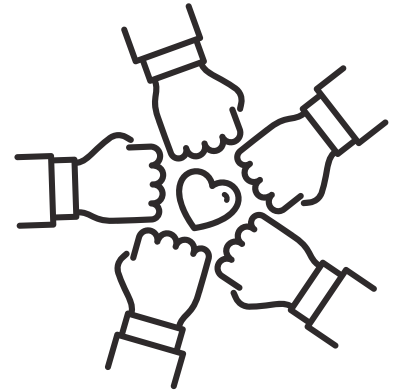
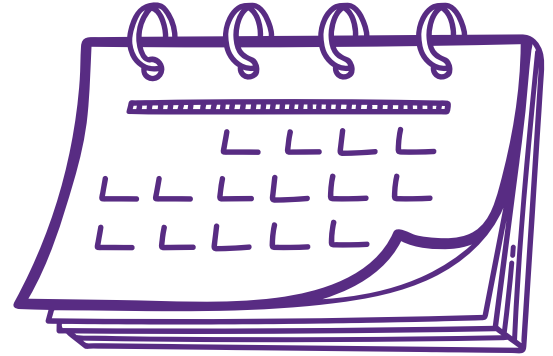
Friday 24th October – Harvest Festival
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term
Monday 3rd November - Staff Training - NO SCHOOL

November

Tuesday 4th November - 1st Round of Flu Jabs
Thursday 6th November – Celebrating SEND day
Monday 10th November - School Photo 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

December

Thursday 4th December - 2nd Round of Flu Jabs
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



ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT

We still have some parents/carers who have not completed their annual parental consents. This must be done every year and is permission for your child to go on school trips. This permission lasts for the whole school year and covers all off site educational visits.

REMINDER

Please log onto 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.





READING CORNER



With half term on the horizon, please remember to read as much as possible! Get down to the local library, share a book with friends, find a charity shop and nab a bargain book or make up a story of your own to read!

Don't forget to fill up your Reading Journals with all the lovely books you have been reading - add your pictures, phrases, key words and a review!

After Half Term, I will be announcing who our LHS Reading Ambassadors will be along with where they will be stationed to support reading and the promotion of reading around the school!

A huge congratulations to Jannah and Ann who won the poetry competition run by WFC! They are the lucky winners of 4 match day tickets each!

Happy Reading everyone!

Mrs Goss
Year 6 Teacher



HALF TERM HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION

Wear your spookiest
Halloween costume to The
Brickery this half term on
Thursday 30th or Friday 31st
October for a chance to win
a spooky LEGO® prize!

Book your table now!

thebrickerycafe.co.uk



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

