



NEWSLETTER

27TH MARCH 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Laurance Haines Families,

As we reach the end of another wonderful Spring Term, I want to take a moment to share just how proud I am of our children, our community, and the school we are all building together.

This term, I have been particularly struck by the behaviour and attitude of our children. Whatever I am doing - in class or around school, what I see time and again is a calm, purposeful, happy school. Our children are engaged, respectful and genuinely curious about their learning.

This impression is not just mine. When external professionals visit Laurance Haines, inspectors, advisors, consultants, they comment on the same things: children who feel safe, who are ready to learn, and who treat one another and the adults around them with warmth and kindness. That does not happen by accident. It is the result of consistent, caring work by every member of our staff team and the values that our families reinforce at home every single day.

Everything we do at Laurance Haines is built on a curriculum grounded in three clear pillars. These pillars run through every subject, every lesson, every conversation between teacher and child:

 Skills & Knowledge <i>Building the foundations children need to think deeply and achieve well.</i>	 Inclusive & Representative <i>A curriculum that reflects and celebrates every child and every family in our community.</i>	 Agency & Accessibility <i>Ensuring every child — regardless of background or need — can access the very best learning.</i>
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Over the Summer Term, we will be updating our curriculum documents on our school website so please do look out for those. We hope they will give every family a clear window into our vision for your children and the pathways we follow as we strive for excellence in both academic and social and emotional learning. We want you to see exactly what your child is learning, why, and where it leads.

Our Diversity Is Our Strength

The rich diversity that every family brings to Laurance Haines is one of the greatest gifts our school has. Our children grow up learning alongside people whose lives, traditions and stories are different from their own — and that makes them better human beings.

What a rich and wonderful term it has been for celebrating the festivals and traditions that make our community so very special. This term we have come together to mark:



We hope that every family enjoys a well-earned rest over the Spring Holiday. Watford and the surrounding area have a fantastic range of free and low-cost activities for families over the next two weeks — please do make the most of them. Fresh air, time together, and a little adventure is wonderful for children and grown-ups alike.

Where to find free activities near you:

- Watford Borough Council website — search 'Easter holiday activities'
- Watford Library — free family events and reading challenge sign-up
- Cassiobury Park — open space, mini train, and café
- Watford Museum — free entry, family-friendly exhibitions
- Herts for Learning and Hertfordshire Libraries — free online and in-person activities throughout the holiday

I am already looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 13th April.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday,

Jo Ball
Headteacher



SEND NEWS

I am sure you have heard a lot in the news lately about SEND provision. Hertfordshire are seeking their views on provision across the county.

If you are interested in understanding more about this and sharing your response, you can do so here

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/Media-library/Documents/SEND-Provision-Consultation-Documents-Final-pdf-4.94mb.pdf>

SAY NO TO RACISM

On the 10th of March, our Year 5 pupils were kindly invited to visit Watford FC to take part in a special workshop focused on the importance of saying no to racism. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about respect, inclusion, and the positive role that sport can play in bringing people together.

During the session, pupils explored what racism is, why it is harmful, and how everyone has a role to play in standing up against it. Through engaging discussions and activities, the children were encouraged to think about how they can promote kindness, fairness, and equality both in school and in their wider communities.

It was a valuable and memorable experience for all involved. The pupils represented the school brilliantly and returned with a deeper understanding of the importance of respect and standing up for what is right.





We are really delighted to announce some new members of staff who will be joining us in Sumer Term.

Ms Blanshard - SEN TA
Ms Chamberlain - SEN TA
Mrs Ali - SEN TA

NURSERY LEARN ABOUT EID

This week Nursery have been learning all about Eid and how it is celebrated. The children have enjoyed exploring special traditions, creating festive crafts, and talking about the importance of family, kindness and sharing during this special time.

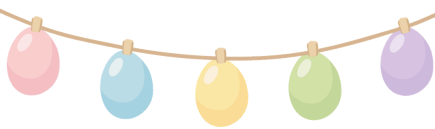


YEAR 6 MOCK SATS

Well done to our fantastic Year 6 pupils who have completed their Mock SATs in preparation for the real tests in May!

The children showed great focus and determination, and it was lovely to see them coming in early to enjoy breakfast together so they were settled and ready to start the day. We are very proud of the effort and positive attitude they showed throughout the week. Keep up the great work, Year 6!





NURSERY CELEBRATE EASTER

Nursery had a very special guest come and visit... none other than the Easter Bunny. Every child had to search for a foam Easter egg in the garden which then got magically replaced for a chocolate one.



CLOTHING RECYCLING

We no longer have a clothing bank near the school entrance, we kindly ask parents not to leave any clothes for recycling.



NEW CLUB

We have an exciting new after school club starting after Easter Break, Play Gymnastics will run Tuesdays from 3.20pm-4.20pm in the lower hall. Sessions can be booked on Arbor for £3.50 per session.



THANK YOU TO OUR PLAY LEADERS

A big thank you to our Year 6 Play Leaders for their fantastic support during lunchtime. They play a vital role in assisting our KS1 children on the playground, helping to create a safe, happy, and inclusive environment for everyone. We truly appreciate the care, responsibility, and leadership they show each day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Parents are encouraged to join their children on Wednesday mornings for reading breakfast 8.45am - 9.05am

March 2026

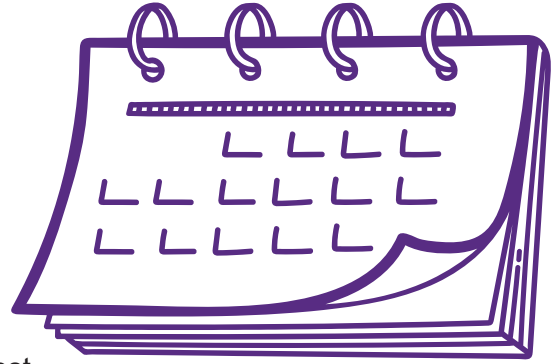
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter Holidays - No School

APRIL 2026

Monday 13th April - Back to school

Thursday 16th April - Reception Allocation Day

Tuesday 21st April - NHS Team to see Reception children - hearing test



MAY 2026

Friday 1st May - School Class Group Photos

Wednesday 6th May - Year 3 Trust Tournament

W/C 11th May - Year 6 SATS



Children can come to school with seasonal illnesses like coughs and colds but please ensure children stay home if they have vomited or have diarrhoea. They should be 24 hours clear of last episode before returning to school.





READING PAGE



We had an incredibly successful book fair this week, raising £736.36 in commission to spend on books for our school.

The children of Laurance Haines were extremely excited to browse the books across Monday and Tuesday and then came in their droves after school during the remainder of the week to purchase their new books! Lots of children commented on how exciting it was to have the chance to browse some new releases and have the chance to walk away a new adventure! I was also so grateful to the adults and children who supported me during the fair too as without the help of our school community, these events won't be the successes that they are - thank you.

Congratulations to our poster competition winners who have received and spent their vouchers!

Bilal in Y3

Genesis in Y4

Annabelle in Y5

Adrien in Y5

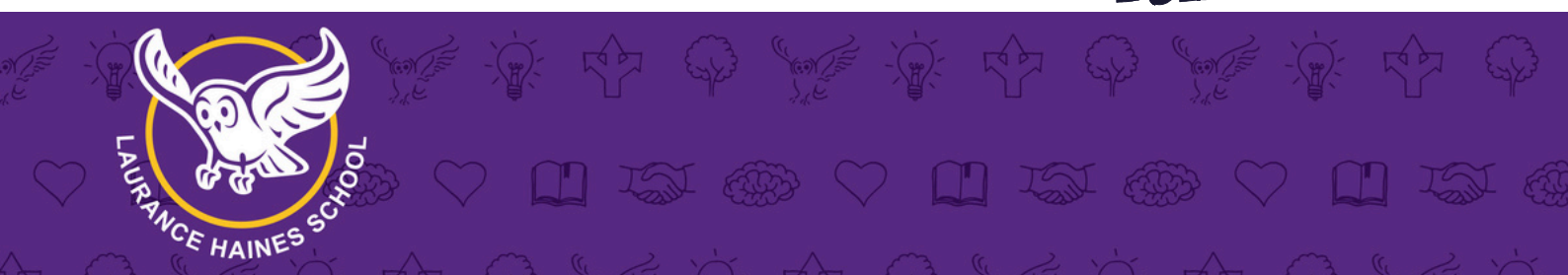
Haleema Y6

Next term holds even more reading events including a Reading Picnic, World Reading Night (23rd April), our regular Reading Breakfasts and hopefully, the grand opening of the new Library!

Keep reading and enjoy your Easter!



**NEVER
STOP
READING**



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

