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JAN 2025

WELCOME

Digital learning is a big focus for us this year and beyond. We want to make sure our children have the best possible digital skills for their future. We're working on four main areas:

- Infrastructure - Making sure we have strong computer systems and Wi-Fi across our schools and communities
- Cybersecurity - Keeping everyone's information safe and secure
- Education - Using exciting digital tools to help children learn
- Communication - Making it easier for everyone to stay connected and communicate well

We had an exciting start to the year when our school leaders and our brilliant child digital leaders visited the BETT Show in London. "I couldn't believe how many amazing ways there are to learn using technology! We saw lots of fun ways to make our lessons even more interesting using computers." Next half term, we'll be asking all parents about what technology you have at home and how you prefer to use digital tools. This will really help us make sure we're supporting all our families in the best way possible. We know the world is becoming more and more digital, and we want to make sure our children are ready and confident for whatever the future brings.

As part of our digital work, we are looking forward to Safer Internet Day next week. All our schools will be taking part in special activities and lessons about how to stay safe and happy online. This year's theme is all about children having fun and connecting with others safely online. Our digital leaders will be helping to run assemblies, and children will be learning about everything from strong passwords to being kind online friends. We know lots of our children love playing games online and watching videos, so we'll be focusing on doing this safely. They'll be bringing home some top tips to share with you too! It would be great if you could talk to your children about what they've learned - they might even teach you something new about staying safe online!

Thank you to the 423 parents who filled in our recent Edurio survey - that's more than double last year's number of 197! We really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts. Your feedback is already helping us plan improvements across all our schools. We'll be sharing what we learned from the survey soon, both for individual schools and across the whole Trust.

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Safer
Internet
Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

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saferinternetday.org.uk





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BETT TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Some of our children went to the Excel centre in London on Friday 24th January to the BETT technology fair. Thank you Mrs Carvalho, Mrs Mohran and Ms White for accompanying them. They had an amazing day.



A SNOWY START!

What a chilly start to the Spring term! Children took full advantage and enjoyed playing in the snow early in January. An exciting welcome back!



BAKING AT BEECHFIELD

Palm class had the wonderful opportunity to knead, shape and top their bread creations. Now, we eagerly wait until tomorrow to see and taste the results! Big thank you to Aspens for leading this fantastic workshop!



100% ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to the 64 students who achieved 100% attendance last term.

READING CAFE

Children, parents and carers enjoyed another visit to our Reading Cafe on Monday 20th January.



We look forward to inviting everyone again next time.

**Be Kind, Work Hard,
Love Learning**



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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🍒 CELEBRATING CHERRY WEEK! 🍒

What do cosmic yoga, Zumba with Chrishi, Wonder Walks and a visit from Cllr Sham Begum have in common? They were all part of our incredible Cherry Week!



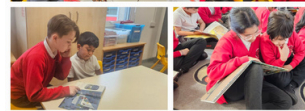
Each January, Cherry Week focuses on wellbeing and positivity and this year was packed with activities linked to the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

Children and staff enjoyed:

- Zumba sessions with the inspirational Chrishi
- Cosmic yoga and mindfulness sessions
- Wonder Walks to explore and reflect outdoors
- Spending quality time connecting with other year groups
- Making the most of our fantastic outdoor learning areas



We also connected with our local community by hosting a drop-in surgery, welcoming Cllr Sham Begum, Peter Taylor, Mayor of Watford and representatives from community groups such as the local police and Watford CAB.



It was a week full of fun, connection and positivity. Check out our [Twitter](#) page to see more of what we got up to during this fantastic week!

COMPUTER AMBASSADORS AT BETT 2025

Our pupil Computer Ambassadors had an incredible time at BETT 2025, one of the world's largest education technology events.



They:

- 🎙️ Tried their hand at news presenting with a professional green screen.
- 💻 Explored interactive screens to see how they enhance learning.
- 🎨 Used AI to design and create their own unique bags.
- 🗣️ Shared their ideas on the inspiring BETT Wall.
- 🤖 Learned about Marty the Robot and the exciting world of robotics.

It was an inspiring and fun-filled day that left our ambassadors full of ideas to share with the school.

GREEN CHERRIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our Green Cherries Eco-Council has been busy! During one of their weekly meetings, they discussed the importance of protecting endangered species and decided to take action!



After some thoughtful research and voting, the children chose not one, but two incredible animals to support: Snowflake the Snow Leopard and Ronald the Rhino!

As part of their adoption, they receive regular updates from WWF about the amazing conservation efforts helping to protect these animals and their habitats.

Would you like to make a difference too? You can adopt an animal and join in the effort to protect endangered species. Visit the [WWF website](#) to find out more!

Learning together, learning for life!



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MRS GREENS BIG ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs Green celebrated her 40th year working here at Laurance Haines School. Her dedication and passion for education have left a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues. Over the years, Mrs Green has not only witnessed the school's growth and transformation but has also been a pivotal part of its success. Her unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a positive learning environment is truly commendable. We are incredibly grateful for her years of service and wish her many more fulfilling years ahead. Here's to celebrating a remarkable journey!



WINTER BEDTIME STORIES



On Thursday 30th January Laurance Haines School will be hosting a very fun and cosy winter bedtime stories event led by Mrs Goss and Miss McNamara.



BIKEABILITY



This week some of our year 6 students have been learning to become confident in riding bikes. The bikeability programme is designed to teach them essential cycling skills and road safety awareness

"You see me. You hear me. I belong"