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JUNE 2025

WELCOME

I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Last week our Trust was honoured with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Award at the Optimus Education MAT Excellence Awards!

The judges were particularly impressed by what they called our "comprehensive strategy for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging", describing it as "community driven, values led" and praising how we consider "the lived experiences of multiple identity groups." They noted that our schools are "data driven with a holistic approach to inclusion" and recognised our commitment to creating truly nurturing environments.

This award recognises the inclusive culture we've built together as a true community. It reflects the strength of our diverse families and your everyday commitment to making sure everyone feels they belong. At the heart of our Trust is a simple but powerful belief: happy children learn, happy staff thrive, and happy people build a community. This award celebrates exactly that!

Your partnership with us has been vital. The way you support not just your own children but create welcoming spaces for all families, regardless of background, ability, or circumstance, makes our schools the safe, respectful and empowering places they are today. We're incredibly grateful to the entire community for making this possible. Let's take a moment to celebrate this achievement together. It truly belongs to all of us!

As many of you know, we continue to work closely with Holywell School and we're pleased to share that we expect them to join the Inclusive MAT by October 2025. This is exciting news for both the school and our MAT as a whole, we'll keep you updated as things develop. One bit of news that I can share is that after a few weeks of consulting and gathering ideas from their school community, the children and staff have voted for their new school name Willow Tree Primary School. The choice represents their beautiful grounds and is symbolic of the growth and progress that both the children and the school will make together.

As we draw towards the end of the school year, I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you across the various events we have planned over the last three weeks of term. Enjoy the sun!

James Roach
@CEOInclusiveMAT





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SPORTS DAYS!

The children have enjoyed their sunny sports days this week. Mr Roach, the IMAT CEO popped in to see some of the action!

“Lovely to join [@BFS_Watford](#) Sports Day today. Always pleasing to see children enjoying competitive sport in the sun! Thanks to [@HeadBeechfield](#) and [@BeechfieldPe](#) for organising such a brilliant day”.



HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

Superb fun at the IMAT handball tournament held at Beechfield, great respect and teamwork shown! Well done Year 2 on 2nd place! Great effort!!!



CELEBRATIONS!

What a fantastic way to celebrate the last day of half term! The children had an amazing time enjoying music, bouncing on the castle and enjoying an ice cream.



Y6 TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT

Y6 had great time on the Isle of Wight. There are lots more photos on X to enjoy from all the amazing activities they enjoyed.



CREATIVE WRITING SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to share that five talented children from Ash class - Harry, Akithya, Antonia, Ashleigh and Yasaman - have had their stories selected for publication in The Magic Map – At Journey’s End, a national creative writing competition. Their imaginative entries stood out among thousands, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement. Mrs Diwan shared, “It was worth the effort. I am so proud.” What a fantastic celebration of creativity and storytelling!

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Love Learning**



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CHERRY FEST SUCCESS!

We are over the moon with the success of Cherry Fest 2025! It was our first event with a musical slant and we are delighted with the fun we saw our community having. A huge thank you to Kristy, Miss McCafferty and Mrs Brown for their hard work in organising the event as it would not have happened without them. We are so grateful! Thank you also to those parents who volunteered their time to set up, run stalls and close down. A particular thank you to Chris Theobald for sorting our sound system out! We raised approximately £1500 for the school and had a great time in the process! We are already planning for next year - let us know if you are willing to be on our planning committee!



**CHERRY
FEST**



BOOK CORNER

It's soon time to sign up for the Hertfordshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. From the 5th July you can sign up at your local Hertfordshire branch. Read any six library books to receive a personalised certificate and medal. You will also be entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to a creative, interactive workshop with Sean Taylor, an award-winning author.

Click on the following link for more information. [Summer Reading Challenge | Hertfordshire County Council](#)
Happy Reading!

Emma Hill, English Lead



SPORTS WEEK

We've had a lovely Sports Week this week. The children have enjoyed learning about lots of different sports they maybe hadn't tried before. Please do ask them about this at home. Thank you Mr Hibbit for your excellent organising!



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PORTUGAL DAY

On Tuesday 10th June we celebrated Portugal Day at Laurance Haines School, a national day in which we celebrate and remember a famous Portuguese poet who shared and extended the Portuguese language across all continents of the world. Luis De Camões forever immortalised the history and bravery of the Portuguese people in his poems. Since, Portugal Day has been about celebrating our language, culture and tradition with all the communities that surround us. To celebrate this day at Laurance Haines, the children across the whole school created some beautiful flowers which were displayed outside.



HANDBALL COMPETITION

This month Laurance Haines went up against Cherry Tree and Beechfield School. We are so proud of our Year 2 children for their impressive victory in Handball. Also a special thank you to Mr.C for his unwavering support and for guiding the children to success.



LIBRARY VISIT

Throughout this week our children had the opportunity to visit the Watford Library. They were introduced to and informed about the various services the library offers, in addition to lending books.



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