



Friday 23rd October 2026

Update Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The holiday is approaching and it is time to reflect on a fantastic first half-term at Lauriston. The children and staff have all been working with great energy, passion and enthusiasm and this has resulted in some wonderful progress and pupil outcomes already. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception have settled really quickly and are full of enjoyment and fun. Our oldest children in Year 6 have established excellent Behaviours for Learning and are embracing the challenge of navigating their final year in Primary School. As a whole school we had a very positive visit from our Hackney School Improvement Partner, enjoyed a wonderful International Food Evening, celebrated and supported Black History Month and had a cultural focus on the continent of Africa. As always, the support of the wider school community has been invaluable. From volunteering your time in school or on trips or coming into school to present in assemblies...you have been amazing and it is this direct bond with the school which helps make Lauriston such a special place – so THANK YOU!

This week has been a wet and miserable one weatherwise! This hasn't stopped the creativity and excitement at school though. Year 2 battled the elements and had a great time at London Zoo, our Year 3 children enjoyed their Mobile Zoo workshop and children across the school were treated to a wonderful musical masterclass from Kadialy, a master Kora player, who talked through the history of this West African string instrument while performing brilliantly. Elsewhere the children enjoyed an African themed feast at lunch yesterday...how lovely!

Today marks the last day for our mobile swimming pool. It has been a great success, and the pupils have really enjoyed the sessions, and it has been really useful and heartening to hear such positive feedback from the parents – thank you for this. The pool will return for September 2027!

It is time now for a well-deserved rest for the pupils and staff and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November. Have a great week everyone!

Please see below for list of key dates:

Event	Date / Time / Location
Last Day of Half-Term	23/10/26 (3:30pm Finish)
First Day of Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November
Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum (Scots Pine)	3/11/26
Spanish Trip for Year 5 to All Saints Catholic School	3/11/26
Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum (Oak)	4/11/26
Year 6 Parent Workshop - SATs	4pm on 4/11/26
Lauriston Book Fair	4/11/26-11/11/26 3:30-3:45pm daily in playground
Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Health Check	9/11/26
2nd Flu Vaccine Rec- Year 6	11/11/26
Sports Trip – Netball	12/11/26
Year 4 Trip to British Museum	19/11/26
Follow up Flu vaccine visit	20/11/26
Year 3 Trip to Hackney Empire (Panto)	25/11/26
Parent Evenings (School Closes at 3pm)	30/11/26
Parent Evenings (School Closes at 3:30pm)	1/12/26
Lauriston Winter Fair	5/12/26
Nursery Christmas Performance	10am on 8/12/26
Reception Christmas Performance	2:15pm on 9/12/26
Year 2 Christmas Performance	2:15pm on 10/12/26
Lauriston Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	11/12/26
Year 4&6 Festive Singing	3:30pm on 14/12/26
Year 5 Panto Performance for parents	6pm on 15/12/26
Year 1&3 Festive Singing	3:30pm on 16/12/26
Last Day of term	1pm Finish on 18/12/26
Inset Day – School Closed	04/01/27
First Day of Spring 1	05/01/27



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