



This half term we are focussing on: Consideration

The Ransom Round Up

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! It has been a wonderful start to the first week and there is already a real sense of energy and excitement across the school. With so much to look forward to in the coming weeks, it promises to be a busy and rewarding term for everyone.

I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support with our new parking arrangements. We know that changes like this can take time to adjust to, but the positive impact has already been clear. The site is noticeably calmer and, most importantly, much safer for our children at the start and end of the school day.

Elm Class had a fantastic time at their first swimming session this week. The children approached the experience with enthusiasm and confidence and it was wonderful to see them developing such important life skills while thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Year 5 also had an excellent trip to Airbus in Stevenage. During their visit, the children had the opportunity to learn about the science and engineering behind satellites, exploring how they are designed, built and used to support communication, weather forecasting and space exploration. They asked thoughtful questions, represented the school brilliantly, and came away inspired by the possibilities of future careers in science and technology.

It has also been an incredible week for sport. Both our girls' and boys' football teams have achieved outstanding success, each winning their respective end-of-season tournaments. Their determination, teamwork and resilience were evident throughout and we are extremely proud of their achievements. Huge thanks to all of the football staff for all that they have done to support the children and for giving up their time to offer these, and other, amazing footballing opportunities!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Sunday.
Mr Plunkett

[Please click here to find out what is coming up next week.](#)



Disco ticket sales close this weekend!

Ticket sales for the next school discos will close at 11:45pm on Sunday.

There will be music, dancing, games, prizes, and sweets! Pick up a ticket for just £5 here. Please make sure you choose the right year group for your child, as there are four events in total, with a specific event for each year group:

YR - Thursday 23rd (3:30pm)

Y3/4 - Thursday 23rd (5pm)

Y1/2 - Friday 24th (3:30pm)

Y5/6 - Friday 24th (5pm)

And if you can help us out on the day, that would be great - **[please sign up for a volunteer slot here!](#)**



Tell the government how you feel about social media

In January, over just five days, 250,000 parents - including many from this school - wrote to their MP calling for changes to be made regarding children's access to social media. The government listened and their consultation will close next month. It takes just 10 minutes to respond and every response matters. If this is something you care about, please do share your views **[by clicking here.](#)** To find out more about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement and what has been happening in this school, **[click here.](#)**

End of Season Boys Tournament Winners!

On Tuesday 14th April, the Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football team took part in an end-of-season rally against nine other schools from Hitchin and the surrounding areas, including Samuel Lucas and Whitehill. They faced some tough opposition and played a series of intense matches, many with very close finishes. Despite the pressure, the team performed brilliantly, winning every game in the group stage. Some victories were narrow, like a hard-fought 1-0 win against Purwell, while others were more dominant, including an impressive 4-0 win over Weston.

Finishing top of their group, the boys advanced to the semi-finals, where they secured another well-earned victory. This set up a thrilling final against Samuel Lucas. Samuel Lucas struck first in normal time, putting the pressure on. But in a dramatic final moment, Frankie scored a last-second equaliser to keep our hopes alive. The match went to penalties, where the tension was high -but Eshan and Javen held their nerve and scored, securing a 2-1 victory. It was an outstanding achievement and a fantastic way to end the season for the team.

Written by Frankie



South of England Finalists!

The South England tournament on the 25th of March was incredibly exciting. The girls' football team worked really hard to get there and we were all ready for the challenge. We travelled all the way to London to face four strong teams. In our first match, we gave it our all but lost 2-0 to a tough team from Bedfordshire. We didn't let that stop us, though. In the next game, we fought hard for a draw, with Olive playing brilliantly on the wing and creating some great chances. In our final match, the energy stayed high. Ava had a few very close shots that nearly found the back of the net, but despite our effort, we lost 2-0. Overall, Sian was an amazing captain, encouraging us and keeping our spirits up throughout the tournament. Even though we didn't win this time, we are still county champions, and we are all extremely proud of ourselves.

Written by Darcey

End of Season Girls Tournament Winners!

The girls' football team had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a rally at Priory School. Four Hitchin schools competed and we played three matches in total. Our first game was against Highover. It was a tense match with no goals for a while, but the breakthrough finally came when Ava fired a brilliant shot into the bottom corner, putting us in the lead. Next, we faced Wilshere-Dacre. They scored early on, but the girls showed great determination and refused to let their heads drop. Their effort paid off when Isabelle finished off a superb cross with a fantastic goal to level the score. The final match against Whitehill would decide the overall winners.

Whitehill took the lead and held onto it for what felt like forever, building the pressure as time ran out. But in a dramatic final minute, Ava scored a crucial equaliser. Moments later, we were awarded a free kick and we made it count, scoring again to seal the victory! This meant that William Ransom were crowned tournament champions! An incredible achievement for the team!

Written by Sian





We have had a flurry of Let Grow updates from parents since we returned to school – thank you to everyone who has been in touch!

Lily (Y3) and Miles (Y1) decided that they wanted to make cakes and sell them for charity! They baked the cupcakes, made the signs and decorated the table. They managed to raise £80 for charity – how amazing!



Henry (Y2) really enjoyed making salmon and cucumber sushi for lunch recently – how delicious do these look! Well done Henry!

Harvey (Y4) and Toby (Y2) have been really busy working on various Let Grow projects! Recently, they walked four times around the block together without an adult! They also cut up fruit and used the blender to make delicious smoothies and Harvey also made a delicious coconut burfi! I am sure Harvey and Toby are super proud of all their achievements!



And congratulations to Ethan (Y1) and Abby (Y5)! They decided to make fairy cakes and have a cake sale to raise money for charity. With minimal supervision and working together, they made 32 cakes and decorated them. They sold them all to friends and raised £50 for their chosen charity, Comic Relief!



Yet more amazing charity work from the children – Charlotte (Y3) organised a little fun run and picnic to raise money for the Lister hospital. She planned it all and recruited a few friends to join her. Between them, they completed around 150 laps on a circuit around Ransom's Rec and at the time of writing, they've raised £135. How incredible – well done Charlotte!

Meanwhile, Chloe (Y2) was delighted to make her first omelette! Chloe has been enjoying omelettes in recent months and started helping to make them.



She then made her first one from scratch herself! She cracked the egg, beat it, oiled & heated the pan, poured the egg in, grated her cheese whilst the egg was cooking, and served her first omelette onto her plate! She was initially disappointed it didn't "look" perfect but realised it still tasted great. We talked about how practicing would help her get better at making them and she has asked if she can make one again next week!

Amazing work Chloe!



Adam (Y5) prepared his own afternoon tea where he had to boil water in a saucepan to heat up polish sausages. He also made toast with butter. He did it all by himself, including getting all the equipment and tidying after. Well done Adam!



And a huge well done to Samuel (Y4) who walked to the shops with his brother James on Mother's Day, to get their lucky mum a gift and some breakfast!

We'd love to hear about more Let Grow projects please. Please send any Let Grow projects to n.airey@wransom.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Parking Notice – School Car Park

We are writing to clearly remind parents and carers that parking in the school car park is not permitted between 8:00am and 4:45pm, as stated on the signage.

This is essential to ensure:

- That staff can access and leave the site safely
- That children are not left unattended in the car park
- Vehicle movement on site is kept to a minimum during busy school hours

We also ask families to park responsibly and considerately on surrounding roads. We continue to receive concerns from local residents about unsafe parking, including blocked driveways, obstructed pavements and parking too close to junctions. This behaviour puts children, families and other road users at risk.

If you witness dangerous parking or driving, please report it via Police 101. Parking concerns on public roads can be reported to North Hertfordshire District Council, and wider concerns can be shared with the Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership (details available online). Thank you for your cooperation.

Could This Extra Support Help Your Family?

We want to make sure every child and family in our school community gets the support they are entitled to. You might be surprised to learn that many families are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, even if you have never applied before. Pupil Premium is not a label and it does not single children out. It simply helps the school access additional funding so we can better support your child and your family, both now and in the future.

How this helps you and your child

When a family successfully registers for Pupil Premium:

- The school receives extra funding to help us support learning, wellbeing and enrichment
- It helps us signpost families to additional help or opportunities when needed
- And as a thank-you, you receive vouchers directly to support your family

What families receive

For every successful application, you will receive:

- £75 supermarket voucher (your choice)
- £25 book token
- PLUS £50 supermarket voucher (of your choice) **every year** until the end of Year 6

Applying is easy and confidential. You can choose the option that feels most comfortable for you and either apply online yourself **by clicking here** or by speaking to the school office, who will be very happy to help you apply in complete confidence. Many families qualify without realising it, and applying does not affect your child's experience at school in any negative way. Registering for Pupil Premium helps everyone: you, through vouchers and access to support; your child, through additional resources and opportunities; and the school, by enabling us to continue supporting families as fully as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, we encourage you to apply or to have a quiet chat with the school office or a member of the leadership team – we are always happy to help.