



The Ransom Round Up

Good Morning Parents and Carers,
It has been another fantastic and eventful week in school, with so many highlights to celebrate.

One of the standout moments was our whole-school Science Day, where every year group took part in hands-on experiments. The curiosity and enthusiasm on display were wonderful to see, inspiring many of our children as budding scientists.

This excitement continued with our Science Fair on Friday, where our Year 6 children presented their projects with incredible knowledge, creativity, and confidence. Mrs Wheat and I were blown away by the quality of their work - from research to models and presentations. While three projects will represent the school at the HGS Science Fair, every entry was truly impressive. Huge thanks to Mrs Bassindale for organising the event, supported by Mr Palmer.

We were also thrilled to host our first-ever Year 4 spring performance this week. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mr Palmer and the Year 4 team for making it such a success.

Our class assemblies have continued to be a real highlight. This week, Hazel Class delivered a fantastic assembly, with the children performing brilliantly - many thanks to Miss Swinburne for preparing them so well. Last week, Chestnut Class also shone on stage and our thanks go to Miss Hallahan for putting that assembly together.

Another exciting moment was when our School Council had the opportunity to travel to

Please click here to find out what is coming up next week.



Disco tickets on sale!

Over 100 people were treated to a fantastically fun night at Friday's Comedy Night. A huge thank you to everyone involved, in particular to Y4 Dad Adrian Poynton who hosted the evening, the fantastic comedians, the volunteers who organised and ran the event, and every single person who came along to have a laugh. The event has been a fantastic fundraiser (total tbc soon!) that will benefit all the children in school as well as being a hugely enjoyable night out for many members of the school community. Tickets are now on sale for the next SPA event: school discos on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th April. **Pick up a ticket for just £5 by clicking 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. And if you can help us out on the day, that would be great - **please sign up for a volunteer slot by clicking here!** There will be a doughnut sale on the last day of term - Friday 27th March - straight after school in the school playground. There will be a separate table offering allergen-free doughnuts. Doughnuts will cost £1 each. If your child is in Rising Stars and you would like them to have a doughnut, please send £1 in an envelope in their bag.



London to visit to the Houses of Parliament, giving the children a real insight into how their roles can make a difference and inspiring them about the wider impact of leadership. To round off the week, Friday evening's Comedy Night, hosted by our very own Adrian Poynton and supported so well by the SPA, was a brilliant success - full of laughter and a great example of our school community coming together.

There have been many other amazing moments across the school this week -from learning achievements to sporting success -and you can read more about these in the rest of this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Sunday
Mr Plunkett



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 is now live. It takes just 10 minutes to respond and every response matters.

If this is something you care about, **please do share your views here.**

To find out more about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement and what has been happening in this school, **click here.**



Girls' and boys' Friendly Football Festivals

Over the last two weeks, all the girls and boys in Years 3 and 4 that have attended lunchtime football club had the opportunity to represent their school in matches against Whitehill. It has been amazing to see two weeks of over 70 children a day out on the field enjoying being physically active. A huge thank you to Miss Mumford and Miss McShane for running such inspiring football sessions since September!

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EASTER HOLIDAYS

Letchworth Foodbank is here to help those struggling with food costs over the Easter break.

Need Support?
Contact your school office for a referral

Letchworth Foodbank
07547 211940
Info@letchworth.foodbank.org.uk

Letchworth Foodbank
Together with Trussell

www.letchworth.foodbank.org.uk

Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament

Amazing effort from our 14 strong teams of rapid fire cricketers on Friday after school. Our first time playing this sport, the children made up of Yr 3's and 4's, performed brilliantly. They showed fantastic energy and commitment, finishing a respectable 3rd in their groups. A huge well done to everyone!



A Fantastic First: Year 4 Spring Performance!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children, who delivered a truly wonderful performance in our school's very first Year 4 Spring show! The children impressed us all with their confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork. From learning lines to performing in front of an audience, they showed great dedication and courage throughout. It was fantastic to see them support one another and grow in confidence as the performance came together. As our first ever Spring performance for Year 4, this was a special milestone for the school and the children rose to the occasion brilliantly. They should be extremely proud of what they have achieved. Well done, Year 4! Huge thanks to Mr Palmer and the Year 4 team for all of their efforts.



Netball Team Triumph!

Congratulations to our netball team on their fantastic 22-1 victory against Our Lady's School.

This impressive result reflects the hard work, commitment, and resilience the team have shown throughout the year. While not every match has gone their way, the players have continued to develop their skills, learn from challenges, and support one another as a team.

Their determination and positive attitude were clear to see in this performance, with excellent teamwork across the court contributing to a well-deserved win. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved!



Year 1 Shuttleworth Trip

Click [this link](#) to the write up of this brilliant trip: William Ransom Primary School - We went to Shuttleworth!



Calling All Clubs – Perform at the Summer Fete!

Do you belong to a club and love performing? We'd love to showcase your talent in our central arena at the Summer Fete on Saturday 6th June!

Performances can be any length, and this is a fantastic opportunity to share your skills with the school community and celebrate the start of summer together.

If your club is interested, please get in touch to reserve a spot in the programme. We can't wait to see you perform!



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.