



This half term we are focussing on: Consideration

# The Ransom Round Up

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of an incredibly busy and productive half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements and experiences of our children over the past few weeks. First and foremost, I want to say a massive well done to all of our Year 6 children for their incredible efforts, focus, and hard work during SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, resilience, and a determination to do their very best, and we could not be prouder of them. While these assessments are a standard part of the primary school journey, it is very important to remember that SATs are not everything. A series of tests cannot possibly capture how truly wonderful, unique, and capable they are. Every child is worth so much more than a test score; it is their amazing individual qualities - their kindness, creativity, humour, and character - that define them and it is these traits that will ultimately hold them in the best stead for the future. Well done Year 6! You are all superstars!

In addition to our academic efforts, we were also treated to two really enjoyable and amazing class assemblies recently, courtesy of Elm and Rowan classes. It was wonderful to see the children perform with such confidence and enthusiasm, and I would like to extend a big congratulations to all of the children in each class, alongside a huge thank you to Ms Payne and Mrs Thorn for putting the assemblies together and helping the children shine.

Our school community has been just as active outside the classroom, with our two Reception classes embarking on their very first school trip of the year this week to Shepreth Wildlife Park. The children had some truly amazing experiences, coming face-to-face with the animals, and they gained so many key life and independence skills in the process. This trip would not have been possible without our incredible team, so a huge thank you goes to all of the Early Years staff for their support and to our wonderful parent volunteers for giving up their time to help make the day such a memorable success. Now, we look forward to a thrilling week of Sports Days next week to bring this half-term to a fantastic close. Please check the [school calendar](#) for specific timings for your child's year group, and we look forward to seeing many of you there to cheer the children on! Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Plunkett

**COMMUNITY HEROES WANTED!**

**HELP US TRANSFORM OUR OUTDOOR SPACES!**

**DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS OR SKILLS TO HELP?**

We are seeking **LOW-COST** materials & **EXPERTISE** to enhance our playgrounds!

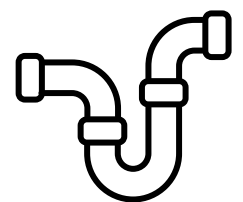
**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- Sleepers
- Soil
- Sand
- Guttering
- Pipes
- Connectors (for Early Years Water Play!)
- Wood Chippings
- Log Stools

**Services needed:**

- Garden Centres
- Plumbers
- Tree Surgeons
- Anyone who can Help!

**CONTACT US TODAY!**  
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## *Music Lessons For the New Academic Year: Registration Now Open!*

Are you interested in your child learning a musical instrument? Registration for music lessons for the 2026/27 academic year is now officially open through Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS). If your child would like to start a brand-new musical journey, you can sign up directly and view all available options here: [Hertfordshire Music Service Registration](#). Simply fill out the details via the link, and HMS will take care of the rest.

We are also excited to share that we may potentially be able to offer piano lessons this coming year, as a local teacher has approached the school. Spaces and timings will depend on availability, but you can express interest via the main registration link.

**Important note for those currently enjoying music lessons:** If your child is already taking music lessons, you don't need to do a thing! Their enrolment will automatically roll over into the new academic year. If your child does not wish to continue their lessons in September, please contact HMS directly to cancel, as the school cannot process cancellations on your behalf.

## *Hitchin Scouting – Spaces Now Available!*

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our pupils and families through Hitchin Scouting. Scouting is the UK's largest mixed youth organisation, offering young people aged 5 to 25 the chance to take part in fun, challenging activities, outdoor adventures, and experiences that help build confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills.

For many years, local Scout groups have been oversubscribed, often with long waiting lists. However, following recent changes in numbers, there are now places available for children to join immediately across a number of Hitchin Scout groups. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get involved in a wide range of activities, make new friends, and develop important skills for life in a supportive and engaging environment.

If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please contact Hitchin Scouting directly at:  
[info@hitchin scouting.org.uk](mailto:info@hitchin scouting.org.uk)

We hope many of our children will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

## *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.