

Learning for Life!

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we look back on a wonderfully busy and inspiring start to the Spring Term, I am filled with pride at the enthusiasm, talent and determination shown by our pupils.

We launched the term in style with our thrilling House competition, “*Who Wants to Be a Mathslete?*” where teams from each House battled it out through a series of mathematical puzzles and challenges, demonstrating impressive teamwork and problem-solving skills. The atmosphere was electric, and congratulations go to Blue House, who emerged victorious!

At the end of January, we were delighted to welcome Rocksteady into school for an unforgettable day of music-making. Our pupils truly embraced the experience, showing confidence, creativity and flair as they performed. The school was alive with the sound of music! This creative energy continued during our whole-school Design and Technology Day, when every class took on the challenge of designing and building their own 3D instruments before showcasing them in a recorded music video. The results were imaginative, innovative and thoroughly impressive.

Sporting excellence was also on display last week as we hosted five schools for the County Heat of the Lord Taverner's Table-Top Cricket competition. It was a pleasure to see such sportsmanship and skill on show. I am especially proud to share that Lonsdale School progressed to the Regional Finals — a fantastic achievement!

We were proud to take part in Children's Mental Health Week. During the week, we welcomed the MPs for Stevenage and Hitchin to our school to learn more about how we work in partnership with the NHS Mental Health Support Team to support the wellbeing of our pupils. It was a valuable opportunity to showcase the care and commitment that underpins all we do to ensure our children feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

Our pupils have enjoyed a range of enriching visits this half term, including bowling trips, shopping experiences and a visit to a local garden centre — all valuable opportunities to develop independence and life skills.

There is plenty more to look forward to in March. When we return, we will announce the winners of our Storytelling Challenge. With 2026 being designated “The Year of Reading”, we are excited to encourage all families to take part in this special competition. We hope many of you will join in with your child — further details can be found in the newsletter and on the flyer you received this morning.

Science Week will take place just before the Easter holidays, culminating in our whole-school Science Fair on 20th March, where we will celebrate the creativity, curiosity and hard work of all our budding scientists.

We also look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming parent consultations on 24th February and hope your child has signed up for one of our enriching after-school clubs.

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Most importantly, I hope you and your family enjoy a restful and happy half-term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it makes a real difference to our school community.

With kind regards,

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