



This half term we are focussing on: **Resilience**

# William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed week here at school! As part of Children's Mental Health week, I took an assembly for all children at the start of the week about this year's focus - My Voice Matters. This week also included Internet Safety Day where we spoke about both the positives and negatives of the internet and how we can keep ourselves safe online.

On Wednesday our Year 6s were out at Warner Brother Studios which was linked to the children's English work on Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. As part of the trip, the children had an instructional writing workshop where they were able to see props and costumes up close. The children had a fantastic time and represented the school well with their particular highlights being sitting on Hogwarts Express and having a trip up Diagon Alley.

Thursday saw our Year 3s off for a trip to Radlett Reform Synagogue as part of their work on Judaism. The children had a great time where they saw a Torah, learnt Hebrew writing and even got to sample Challah bread. It was an informative trip and the children behaved beautifully. Thursday also saw 16 of our Year 3 and 4 children off to Knights Templar School to take part in the Year 3/4 Speed Stacking Competition. The children had a fantastic time competing as a school and they finished in the top half of all schools. Mr Sears was very impressed with how well they did.

On Friday, the Year 4 children had their penultimate swimming lesson for the year. The highlight for many of the children this week was swimming in their pyjamas! We have been very impressed with the perseverance all children have shown during their swimming lessons this term. To finish off the week the Year 3 and 4 boys played in football matches against Whitehill. We won one and lost one with everyone playing brilliantly.

Many of you will have noticed that Mr Plunkett has not been on the gate as his operation took place earlier this week. He is back home and recovering well and is due to return to work after half term. If you have any concerns or questions in his absence, both myself and Mrs Hall are available and can often be seen on the school gate in the morning.

We continue to have a lot to look forward to in the final week of this half term.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wheat

## Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Rob Connors and Phoenix Heating who sponsor our amazing new sports kit that the Year 3 and 4 boys wore this week.



## Coming Up Next Week...

### Tuesday

- Beech Class Assembly 9:55-10:15
- KS2 House Cup Pancake Race
- Yr 5 Phase session in the afternoon

### Wednesday

- Yr 3/4 Girls Football Match v Whitehill (Away)

### Thursday

- Netball Match v St Andrews (Away)
- B Team and Girls' Football Match v Whitehill (Away)

### Friday

- Yr 4 swimming
- Yr 5 and 6 Boys Sports Hall Finals

**WILLIAM RANSOM WRAP-AROUND CLUB**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
From 7:30am - £5.50  
Breakfast served until 8.15 only

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**  
Until 5:00 pm - £8.50 per session  
Until 5:30 pm - £10.00 per session  
Until 6:00 pm - £12.00 per session



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FUN	FRIDAY
Trampolining	Dance	Dodgeball	Inflatables	Console/movie/games night	

At our after school club, children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. (Activities may be subject to change). After tea, there will be further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To register please go to [risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk](http://risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk)  
If you need to contact us please email [williamransom@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:williamransom@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 07919 330254  
or for admin queries: [info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.

## Please Look After Our Neighbours

Please Help Us To Look After Our Neighbours

With 423 children now in the school, we fully realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please be respectful of our neighbours. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.



# ESCAPE ROOM

Join us for a captivating night of code-breaking and puzzle-solving

## Friday 1st March



## Allergy Awareness To Protect Every Child

We need everyone to do all they can to protect every child in the school. Some of our children have known allergies, others are being diagnosed and there will be some who have allergies that have yet to come to light.

Children bringing snacks in for breaktimes should only be bringing in fruit. Please ensure that your child is not bringing in nut based snacks. Thank you for your support.



## New School Library

Are you passionate about books and have time to help? We need a team of volunteers (parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles) who would be able to give us an hour or two per week helping to catalogue books and sort bookshelves. If you are interested or have further questions, please email Jo Mace or Alison Coulseay [library@wransom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@wransom.herts.sch.uk)



## Second-Hand Uniform Shed



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. If you feel that this could be for you, then please do make enquiries and, even though your employer would be Herts County Council, we would welcome you into our team. In the meantime, please continue to remind your children to take extra care and be extra cautious when using the crossing on Wymondley Road.



"It provides me with extra income"

"It's given me the confidence to get back to work"

"It makes me smile"



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT

### William Ransom Primary School

THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

**JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE**  
FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON

01992 556816/01992 556803  
OR EMAIL: [scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,  
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.  
Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024



"Term time only is perfect as it fits around child care"

"It puts me in a good routine"

"I feel part of the community"



## *A Message From Letchworth Foodbank*

Letchworth foodbank have written a letter of thanks to all at William Ransom for the generous donations that we collected back in October for our Harvest Festival celebration. Please see their letter below:



Serving Letchworth, Hitchin & Baldock

**Letchworth Foodbank**

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February 2023

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Your Donation = 176 kgs = 22 people feed

The Letchworth Foodbank would like to say a big thank you for your generosity during the Christmas festive season. As you will be aware, Christmas is a very busy time for the Foodbank. Without the support of donors such as yourselves we would not be able to help struggling families and individuals in Letchworth, Hitchin, Baldock and surrounding villages.

In the 12 months leading to August 2023 we fed over 3600 adults and over 2400 children a 32% increase over the previous 12 months. During the same period, 32 tonnes of food was donated from private donors, such as: static donation points within supermarkets, faith groups, village communities, as well as donations from corporate businesses.

In addition to food donations, we receive very generous financial donations. This money is used to purchase food, where we have shortages. We also purchase supermarket vouchers that are given to our clients so that they can purchase fresh food, such as bread, meat and vegetables.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Trustees and Management  
Letchworth Foodbank