



William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

It has been all about Christmas this week. Monday started with a visit from Santa on a tractor! You may or may not be aware that some of our Year 5 children have been working with the Garden House Hospice this term, which was a great experience for all involved. It was there that we heard about, and some of our children subsequently entered, a festive competition that they were running. We found out this week that the winning entry came from William Ransom! Santa, the man in red himself, came to congratulate our winner in assembly and to let her know that her tractor design, complete with the William Ransom logo, will be used to transform one of the tractors for this weekend's annual 'Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour'. The tractors will be journeying all around North Herts this coming Saturday evening for all to enjoy! Congratulations to our Year 3 winner and thank you to everyone who took part.

A huge well done to all of our children who took part in one of the festive performances this week. It takes a lot of courage to stand on a stage, let alone to speak, dance and sing as well, so a huge well done to everyone involved - you all did very well! A huge thank you to all of the staff who put in so much hard work rehearsing and preparing for the performances! With Christmas Carols at William Ransom set to take place on Monday evening and a pantomime and Christmas lunch on Tuesday, our festive calendar will then draw to a close. Therefore, with this being the last newsletter of the calendar year, it seems like a perfect time to thank you all for your support this term and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024!

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- 7pm, main playground - Christmas Carols at William Ransom - Yr 5/6 children to arrive at 6:45pm - all welcome from 6:30pm

Tuesday

- Peter Pan pantomime
- Christmas lunch
- Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday

- Last day of school

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🚗 This time tomorrow, up to 200 tractors will be lined up in Baldock ready to start the Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour! Local farmers have been busy decorating their vehicles from top to tyre with festive lights ahead of the rally.

The lead tractor which you'll see in the convoy was designed by a pupil at William Ransom Primary School in a recent competition. Santa dropped in to the Hitchin-based school earlier this week to reveal the winner. We think you'll agree their design looks spectacular and we can't wait to see it brought to life!

For details and timings of where the tractors will be this weekend, visit www.ghhospicecare.org.uk/event/farmers-on-christmas-lights-tour ❤️

#Baldock #Letchworth #Hitchin #FarmersOnChristmasLightsTour #TractorTour #TractorRally #TractorParade #ChristmasTractors





Christmas jumpers on sale in the uniform shed!

If your child needs a new Christmas jumper, look no further than the second-hand uniform shed. There is a wide selection of designs and sizes on sale for £3 each. Tickets are still available for the 12 Days of



Christmas Raffle, with great prizes still to be won including dinner at The Shard and a Trailfinders voucher worth £250! To be in with a chance of winning, please send £5 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class into school with them. Alternatively, tickets can be bought online at bit.ly/WRxmas



Beginning in January 2024...

New Process For Medication

All medication stored at school will be sent home at the end of this term for you to check that they are still in date.

When you return in January:

- All prescribed medicines, including asthma pumps and epi-pens, must be handed in at the office at the beginning of the Spring term, where a member of the office team will check existing records and update, where needed, with the parent/carer present.
- Asthma pumps and epi-pens will then be checked to ensure that they are in date and will be sent to your child's classroom.
- All other prescribed medicine will also be date checked and then be stored in the school office. Children will then report to the office to take their medication when needed, which will be recorded on our online tracking system, Medical Tracker.
- When children are prescribed medication during the term, this must also be handed in to the school office.
- No medication, with the exception of asthma pumps and epi-pens that the school office are aware of, can be sent in with a child.

School Pick Up Arrangements

The spring term will see a revision to some of our pick up arrangements for children across the school. From Friday 5th January:

- All parents and carers in Year 3 (Elm and Maple) are invited onto the playground through Gate 3. We ask that you wait by the gate on the playground (cones will be placed out to mark a waiting area) but spread out across the space so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- All parents in in Year 4 (Beech and Lime) are invited onto the main playground through Gate 6. We ask that you wait behind the cones (that will be put out) by the wooden activity trail, again spread out so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- Parents of Year 4 children wishing for their child to leave by themselves should confirm this by email to admin@wransom.herts.sch.uk. We will only allow children to leave by themselves if we have received this confirmation.

School Dinners Moving Forwards

The way that school meals are ordered will be changing from Friday 5th January. We will be moving to a system in which parents and carers can order a school meal for their child on the days that they choose. To allow this system to work, we ask that all parents and carers order their child's meal no later than midnight for the following day. We sincerely hope that this will help to support all of our parents at a time when everyone's finances continue to be stretched.

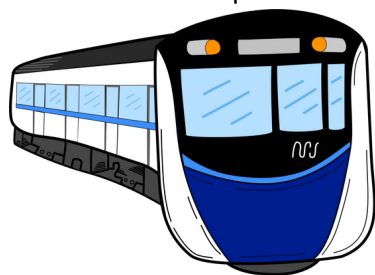
Christmas Carols at William Ransom - 7pm, Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December, Christmas Carols at William Ransom will be taking place. This will be an outdoor event on the school playground and will involve our Year 5 and 6 children singing a selection of Christmas Carols (with everyone present joining together to sing a few more!). An area at the front will be reserved for family members of Year 5 and 6 children, but we are inviting the entire school community to join us for a festive evening of Christmas song.

It will also be 50 years to the day that the school was officially opened and we feel that this is an occasion worth marking and celebrating! With mulled wine and mince pies being sold by the SPA, we really hope that many of you will join us for this outdoor event and help to make it a Christmas night to remember! **Please can all children arrive at 6:45pm - Thank you**

Taking Care Around Railways

With our school being very close to a railway line, we wanted to share links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety. We will be sharing these videos during assemblies at the start of the spring term but, with the two week Christmas break coming up shortly, we wanted to take the opportunity to share them with you now. We are aware that children might be around railways and railway lines over the break and we want everyone to be as safe as possible over that time. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).



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 make contact 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.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL WANTED!



Please be informed that the School Crossing Patrol **KATE** will be leaving on the **20TH OCTOBER 23**

We are therefore looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for

WILLIAM RANSOM

**THE PAY IS £10.60 PER HOUR
(excluding enhancements)
JOB SHARE CONSIDERED**

If you are interested or would like further information please contact The Active and Safer Travel Team on 01992 556816

Please take extra care while the crossing is unmanned.

Hertfordshire County Council, Transport, Access and Road Safety,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.

Tel: 01992 556816 **OCTOBER 2023**

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

Please 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.

