



William Ransom Weekly

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

This week saw our Year 1 topic of The Great Fire of London being brought to life in spectacular fashion, with a day of fully immersive learning activities. From making their own bread to re-enacting the burning of the houses, it was a day full of terrific learning experiences with staff and children in clothes from the historical period. To see photos and to find out more about the day, [please click here](#).

The theme of learning being brought to life continued with Year 5 enjoying a Viking Day and getting acquainted with 'Irik the Viking', who joined us to give the children a very enjoyable day of Viking fun! They learnt more about Viking life and even had the opportunity to hold a Viking sword, all while wearing full Viking attire! To see photos of the day and to find out more, [please click here](#).

Next week is the nationally recognised anti-bullying week. We will be marking this in classes and through assemblies, as it is very important that we all work together to ensure that bullying has no place in this school. We need to help all children to understand what bullying is so that they can recognise these behaviours if they happen to their friends and classmates. We need to help all children to understand the negative effect, not just that targeted and sustained negative behaviours to other children have, but that any form of negative behaviour to another child has on them. We need to continue to develop class cultures that do as much as possible to prevent bullying from taking place. We need to empower children to support their friends and classmates and to make sure that it is reported to adults. It is important that we all do as much as possible to ensure that William Ransom is a school that all children enjoy attending and feel safe in.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- Individual and Family School Photos

Wednesday

- Cherry Class Assembly
- ESFA Boys Football Tournament
- ESFA Girls Football Tournament

Thursday

- Yr 5 & 6 Cross Country at Knights Templar School

Friday

- Yr 3 Local Walk
- Children in Need
- Non-Uniform Spotacular Day
- After School Cake Sale

Teddy Concert

A limited number of tickets are available for the Teddy Concert taking place on Sunday 3rd December from 3-4pm at Hitchin Town Hall. For further information please click on the image below.



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📅 Sunday, 3 December 2023
🕒 3:00pm - 4:00pm
📍 Hitchin Town Hall

Dear Parents / Carers,

William Ransom School Council Reps

have decided to have a cake sale for Children in Need! It will be held on Friday 17th November after school on the MUGA.



It would be great if Parents/Carers could bring in cakes to contribute to the collection on Thursday the 16th or the morning of the 17th. Please remember this is a nut free school.

All cakes have to be in a plastic container (Please can these be sealed)

If you would like to make a contribution to Children in Need for non-uniform and on the cake sale please log in to your Arbor account and look for school shop to make your payment. Thank You.



We will ensure there is a table for allergen free cakes which will be clearly labelled with a list of ingredients. This list will be available to you on Wednesday 15th so that you know whether these will be suitable for your children.



Our School Magazine, The Orbit, Needs a Sponsor

Our Orbit team for this new school year has been hard at work already, preparing for their first magazine of the year. This is a wonderful feature of the school and the children gain so much from it, as does the rest of the school community. We are looking for a sponsor to support this great venture this year. The sponsorship pays for the printing, which comes in at around £200 per year and in return you will get the back page of the magazine to advertise your company. The magazine is twelve pages long and goes out to each of our families. Please contact the school office if you are able to support.

Taking Care When Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and, as per the advert here, Hertfordshire County Council are currently advertising for someone to take on the role. As yet, there has not been any interest that we are aware of and it could, therefore, be quite some time until a crossing guard is present. If you feel that the role could be for you, then please make contact. Although any successful candidate won't be working for the school, we will look after you and value you as though you are. You will be welcomed into the school team and be able to enjoy a friendly conversation or two every day!

We have had reports of children crossing the road without looking and without due care to the oncoming traffic. Please ensure that you take some time to discuss how to safely cross a road with your child, on the understanding that although vehicles should stop at crossings, there is no guarantee that they will. The darker afternoons and evenings are now fast approaching and this will add a further element of danger to crossings, with approaching vehicles not being as easy to spot and people not being as visible to approaching vehicles.

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

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 field 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!) to live music from a local quartet featuring our very own brass teacher, Mr John Lavelle. 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!



Decorations Day - Friday 1st December



On Friday 1st December we will be holding our first Decorations Day. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we are inviting a parent or a family member to come in to school for an hour to join them in making Christmas decorations in their classroom, or in a space close to it. You will get the chance to come and see your child in their learning environment and to join in with them in making some festive creations! Christmas jumpers/tops are optional for all children and adults on the day!

The timings for the day for an adult for each to attend are as follows:

Ash and Oak - 2:15-3:15pm

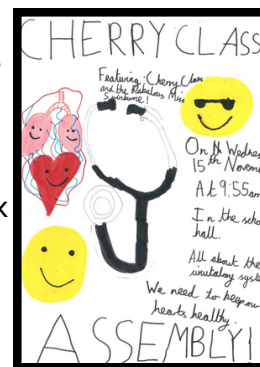
Holly and Hazel - 1:15-2:15pm

Cedar - 9:00-10:00am

Pine - 10:45-11:45am

Cherry Class Assembly

Cherry Class Assembly which will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November at 9:55am. Up to four people from each family are welcome to attend and we invite you to wait outside Gate 1, which will open at 9:45am for you to make your way down to the hall. We look forward to seeing you then!



SPA Secret Present Room

The SPA elves have been sorting through all of your generous donations and are quite short on gifts for the boys and men and they would really appreciate your help with any donations you can make. Please can you put all donations into the donation bin by the Uniform Shed in the car park.

Thank you very much!

