



William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Our four day week this week was a busy one as usual with some of the highlights being hedgehogs visiting Year 1, a child talking to the whole school regarding her own personal experiences of autism within her family and sporting adventures in the world of football and handball.

Hedgehogs were the most exciting part of the day on Tuesday as volunteers from Woodies Wildlife Rescue came in to visit Year 1 - bringing with them a real life hedgehog! A great opportunity for our Year 1 children to learn more about hedgehogs in the wild and a wonderful way to really bring learning to life! For more information [please click here](#).

Earlier this week, one of our children showed bravery, confidence and maturity as she visited each classroom in the school to present a self-created PowerPoint about autism and her autistic sibling. The clarity and detail of her lived experience gave everyone a greater understanding of autism and how everyone is unique. If you or your family have lived experiences of any neurodivergence that you would like to share with the school, please let Mrs Delaney or the school office know.

Our sports teams were in action again this week with football matches for both our boys and girls team, as well as our first taste of competitive handball. It was a challenging afternoon at the handball festival, as we competed against lots of well-established teams that have been playing for quite some time. Our team showed great commitment and enthusiasm throughout and will have picked up a number of tips from the other schools there. They will now be able to share these in future clubs and all of our children will be able to benefit as a result. Winning and losing go hand in hand in sport and it is important to learn how to do both well. I am proud of all who took part and they should be proud of themselves as well.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- Inset Day - School Closed

Friday

- Decorations Day

Saturday

- Storytime With Santa

Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

Please help us to make a difference to many local vulnerable families.

You can donate money online here

You can purchase toys from our gift list here

SCAN ME

thank you!

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Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

We are once again collecting to support the Hitchin Hamper Appeal and would really appreciate your help with collecting 45 selection boxes to for this worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your help.



Storytime with Santa Saturday 2nd December

We are expecting a very special visitor at school on Saturday 2nd December... All children (including pre-schoolers/siblings) are welcome aboard the Wonderland Express to take a magical ride and meet Santa in his grotto. The adventure costs £4 and includes a festive story read by Santa himself and a special gift. Trains run every 30 minutes between 10am-2pm, although some slots may already be full. For more info and to book a ticket, [please click here](#)



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

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, as they have every right to enter and leave their driveways and their properties at these times. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.