



# William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of the first half term and what a busy half term it has been! We now have a week for staff and children to refresh before returning to an equally busy second half of the term!

Thank you to everyone who attended a Parents Evening appointment last week. We hope you found it informative, and enjoyed having the opportunity to look through your child's work to see some of the things that they have been learning about so far this school year.

This week saw a Year 6 trip to the Radlett Reform Synagogue and culminated with a Year 3 and Year 5 Circus Skills Day on Friday which, from the very positive feedback I have heard from staff and children alike, sounds like it was the perfect way to end the half term!

The last day of the half term got even better though, as the SPA held an end of day doughnut sale for the whole school to leave on a sugary and happy note! Thank you to all of our SPA volunteers for giving up their time to make this happen.

There was sporting action as well this week with some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children taking part in a KS1 Multi-Skills Festival at Whitehill. They returned with smiles on their faces and lots of stories of taking part in different sports activities, of how they got on, but mostly about what a great afternoon it had been! Our netballers were also in action this week in a friendly match against Wilshere Dacre as their season continues and if the after school training session I saw earlier this week is anything to go by, then I am sure that there is a successful second half of the term to come!

Thank you to all of our Year 6 children who volunteered to host school tours for prospective parents. There was positive feedback from both of the tours that took place last week

## Coming Up Next Half-Term...

### Monday

- Cycle Training Day 1

### Tuesday

- Cycle Training Day 2
- Netball match v Our Lady's A & B Teams

### Wednesday

- Cycle Training Day 3
- Netball Match v Whitehill A & B Teams

### Thursday

- Cycle Training Day 4
- New Reception open afternoon
- Football Wix Cup v Pirton Hill

### Friday

- Yr 5&6 Basketball at Fernhill School
- Shoebox Appeal 2023 collection

## Shoebox Appeal 2023

The Shoebox Appeal for 2023 is now live and, for those of you would like to and are able to take part, shoeboxes must be in by Friday 3rd November. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.



with a number of compliments from parents about how informative and enthusiastic their tour guides had been. Well done to all who were involved!

Finally from me I wanted to take this opportunity, at the end of my first half term at William Ransom, to thank you all; parents, staff, Governors and children for the very warm welcome that I have received. It has been a real pleasure getting to know many of you and I look forward to getting to know everyone else over the weeks ahead.

I wish you all enjoy a very relaxing and enjoyable half term and I hope you all get to enjoy some time away from your own jobs over the school break ahead to unwind as well. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30th October.

Mr Plunkett

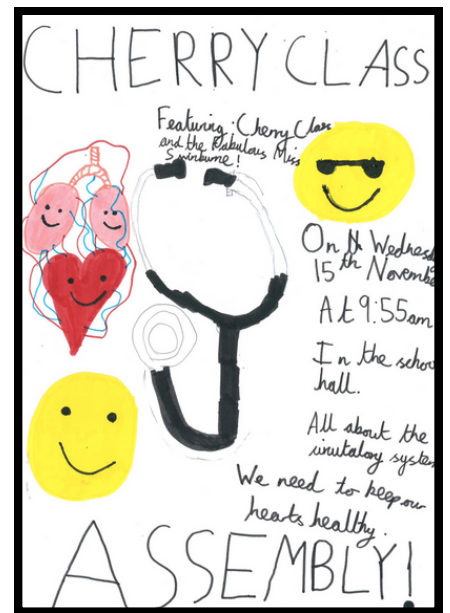


### Decorations Day - Friday 1st December

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! Further details with specific timings will come out shortly and Christmas jumpers/tops are optional for all children and adults on the day!

### Cherry Class Assembly

It is class assembly time again and this year we are starting with the 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!



### 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 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!



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PHONICS:

The children will learn the next set of sounds which are: J, V, W, X

The children have now been introduced to all these tricky words: *and, to, the, no, go, I, into, her.* After half term they will meet *me and be.*

**MATHS:** The children will be investigating 4 and 5. They will be finding the numbers and looking at how they can be represented.

### LITERACY:

We will be using our phonic knowledge to spell words to make a potion and describe fireworks.  
We will be reading the story *Goldilocks and the 3 Bears*

[Links to our learning](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc)  
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WEEK ENDING 20/10/23

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Well done to all the children for completing their first half term! They have settled in really well and know all the routines that we follow.

We have sent home PE kits – please check that they contain your child's clothing, that everything is clearly named and that the plimsolls still fit.

They will need to be back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please could you add a pair of named tracksuit bottoms into the bag as well.

Communication and language is one of the pillars of the EYFS framework. To encourage lots of talking and listening we would like the children to bring in photographs of **experiences from outside of school**. In order for there not to be an abundance of photos every day please see the following list for which group can bring in **one photo** on which day, each week:

Cherries- Monday

Pears- Tuesday

Kiwis- Wednesday

Plums- Thursday

Melons - Friday

Please note it is not compulsory to bring in a photo, but we would like to keep these photos so only send ones you are happy for us to keep so we can make an ever-increasing display!

After half term the children will be working in Reading Groups as well as their fruit groups. Reading books will now be changed according to the day their Reading Group is heard read, which may be different to before.

### HOMEWORK:

The children have 2 phonics games to play to help practice saying the correct sound for each letter and then blending those sounds together.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for all your support over the last 7 weeks!

The Reception Team

### REMINDERS

-Please make sure children have a coat in school every day

-Please make sure children have their Reading Records in school every day

-Please continue to send in a fruit snack if your child does not always access the school snack option.

-Please continue to support your child in getting dressed and undressed independently.

-If your child drinks milk, please check that they like it. Many on the milk list are not drinking it and if you let us know before Christmas we can have them removed from the list to minimise waste.



We would like to wish Tommy and Cillian, a very happy birthday for next week!