



This half term we are focussing on: Resilience

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,
Thank you to all who were able to attend the Year 6 Information Evening last week. We hope you found it helpful and informative. Thanks also to our Year 6 teachers for putting the whole evening together.
Through our working partnership with HGS, Project Polyglot continued for our Year 5 and 6 children last week adding an extra dimension of excitement and enjoyment to French lessons. Thank you to the HGS Year 10 students and staff for making this happen.
Our Year 3 children had a focus on resilience through their 'Me and My Emotions' session delivered by the Mental Health Support Team and our Year 4 children continued their progress in the swimming pool with their swimming lessons.
I leave you this week with a wonderful piece of writing from Alice in Yr 6...

'It all started last night at twilight. Porky, Petty and I were mulling over the plan to destroy my house, when we heard a sharp knock at the door. I opened it to a furious wolf. His facial expression looked as if it were on fire and I swear there were flames in his dark eyes. Anger flashed across his face before it was replaced by an evil smirk. The hairs on my neck stood up, as I noticed his axe. The wolf swung his axe with a half-hearted grunt. Letting go of the metal axe, he threw it towards Porky. Petunia grabbed his hand and pulled Porky out of the way before it hit him. The air was thick with tension as Porky clutched his bleeding ear. He stood back up and I couldn't help noticing the determination in his eyes. The wolf snarled and lurched for my throat. Air seemed too far away as he strangled me. I felt bile rising in my throat as my face turned purple. Petty grabbed his wrist and yanked him away as I fell to the floor, writhing in pain. I felt excitement running through my veins, pulsing to my every move.'

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Sunday!
Mr Plunkett

Coming Up...

Monday

- KS2 Assembly - Chinese New Year

Wednesday

- Sadie Centre Visitor to Yr 6 for mindfulness session

Thursday

- Yr 6 Ancient Greece Day
- Yr 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

Friday

- Yr 4 Swimming
- Yr 3 Safer Crossing Online Workshop
- Yr R Disco (SPA)
- Yr 3 & 4 Disco (SPA)

Year 4 Swimming Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to support with Year 4 swimming sessions on Friday mornings from Friday 10th January - Friday 14th February. If you are able to support please email the school office on admin@wransom.herts.sch.uk
Thank you for your support.

Reporting Absences

When reporting your child/children's absence via the absence line or email to the school office, please ensure that you let us know the reason they are absent. Emails regarding illness or medical appointments will not be responded to unless we require further information.

Office Team

Term Dates For 2025-26

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September Inset Day
Thursday 4th September - First Day of Term
Friday 3rd October - Inset Day

27th-31st October - Half Term

Thursday 27th November - Inset Day
Friday 28th November - Occasional Day
Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term

Spring Term

Monday 5th January - Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Term
16th-20th February - Half Term
Friday 27th March - Final Day of Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Term
25th-29th May - Half Term
Monday 22nd June - Inset Day
Thursday 23rd July - Final Day of Term



French TV visit prompted by local smartphone-free activity

Inspired by local activity regarding child smartphone use, and eager to spark a similar change in France, a film crew from French TV channel TF1 visited Hitchin this week.

Staff, children and parents from William Ransom and Samuel Lucas were interviewed for a news story that is expected to be viewed by around 6 million people in France when it is broadcast in early February.

If you're in support of the SFC movement, please keep the conversation going with other parents.

Info about the movement and activities at William Ransom can be found on the website [by clicking here](#).



Disco ticket sales for Reception and Y3/4 close on Monday

Ticket sales for the Reception and Y3/4 discos will close at midday on Monday. Tickets cost £5 each and include unlimited squash/water, a packet of sweets/raisins and access to the disco. Ticket sales for the Y1/2 and Y5/6 discos will close the following Monday. There will be a separate session for each year group. The dates and times are:

- Reception - 31 January (3:30pm)
- Y1/2 - 7 February (3:30pm)
- Y3/4 - 31 January (5pm)
- Y5/6 - 7 February (5pm)

For further details and to book a ticket visit: bit.ly/WRSPA. If the payment will be financially difficult for you, please contact the school office. If you received any unwanted gifts you'd like to donate for the next Secret Present Room, please leave them in the donation box to the left of the uniform shed before 31 January. The elves would also be grateful for any sock baubles/ bags that gifts from the SPR were in so they can be reused next year.



Please click on the boxes below to access further information on the school website.

Flyers

Reminders

WR News

Including Decorations Day in Reception, Viking Shields in Year 5, Snow at WR