



This half term we are focussing on: Resilience

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year to all of you!

As we start the spring term, there is both the hope of what 2025 could mean for us and the excitement of being able to bring those hopes to life. But this is also mixed with the tiredness of getting up early once again and the challenge of doing that on the dark and cold mornings! At the end of the first full working week of 2025, from seeing many of our children's eyes and hearing from them directly, it is certainly the latter that is in sharp focus right now and it is fair to say that most adults are struggling with this readjustment as well. The good news is that, after a challenging two or three weeks of resetting those routines (especially going to bed earlier in the evenings), things start to get easier, the days start to get longer and the focus hopefully returns to bringing those hopes for the New Year to life once again. The time set resetting those routines and the challenges that you may face in doing so over the next few weeks is, as I am sure you already know, so very worthwhile and is so important in setting your child up for a positive year ahead.

Year 6 Ancient Greek Day...

Year 6 are in need of a couple of volunteers to help on Ancient Greek Day (Thursday 30th April). The great news here is that volunteers do not need to dress up (but of course can if they so wish!). Please contact Miss Hallahan for further details or to volunteer (s.hallahan@wransom.herts.sch.uk)

Winter Weather PE kit and storage of muddy footwear...

Please can all children bring in a plastic bag to store their muddy trainers in to prevent mud from getting on everything else. Please can you ensure that your child has a winter PE kit (tracksuit or equivalent) with them in school, especially with the current freezing temperatures, as outside PE continues throughout the winter.

A great opportunity for all of our families...

Happy New Year! As a thank you for your engagement with Rugby 4 Life this year, Saracens Foundation would like to offer your students, parents and staff access to complimentary

Coming Up...

Tuesday

- HGS Science collaboration with Yr 6

Wednesday

- Sadie Centre Visitor to Yr 6 for mindfulness session

Thursday

- KS2 Assembly with local author

Friday

- Yr 4 Swimming

Year 4 Swimming Volunteers Needed

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.



Lost Property

Lost property can now be found in a storage box outside Holly class on the path to the main entrance on the school grounds. We hope this will make it easier for parents and carers to locate lost property - with access being available at the start and end of every school day.

tickets to the Saracens Men v Castres Champions Cup game on Sunday 19th January at StoneX Stadium (3:15pm kick off). Using the code SFDCASTRES25 people can book up to 4 tickets at the Gold price category. To secure your tickets [please click here](#) and then select up to 4 Adult tickets in the Gold price band. Select the quantity of tickets you would like to book (maximum of 4). Select the block you would like to book your tickets in. Tickets can be purchased in the following blocks; E2 (rows J-Z), E3 (rows A-Q), E7 (A-Q), E8 (rows J-Z) - W3, W4, W8, W9, WU03, WU04, WU8, and WU9. Click directly on the seats you would like to book. Select 'Adult' as the Ticket Type for each seat and click Add to Basket. Click on the basket icon to view your tickets. Enter the code SFDCASTRES25 in the Promotion Code box in the shopping cart to reduce the price to £0.00. Proceed to check out. You will need to login to your Saracens account to complete your booking. If you do not already have an account you can set one up as part of the check out process.

Miles Thompson, Saracens Foundation

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Sunday!

Mr Plunkett



Hitchin-wide plans to delay smartphone use making progress

Parents leading activity inspired by the Smartphone Free Childhood movement at schools across Hitchin will be meeting again next week to discuss collaborative plans to ensure no child in our town feels isolated or excluded for not having a smartphone. More info to follow soon. To find out more about the SFC movement and to sign the pledge, visit: <https://www.wransom.herts.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/wr-smartphone-free-childhood>

Hertfordshire parents!

Hertfordshire's Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) system wants to understand what parents and carers need when they are faced with supporting their child or young person's poor emotional wellbeing. It can be difficult to understand why they might be experiencing low moods, anxiety or self-harming behaviours, how to cope as a family, or knowing the strategies that could help at home. In preparation for commissioning a new service, we want to make sure parents and carers feel supported, have professionals and peers to speak to and share experiences with, all while knowing they are far from alone.

[Complete the survey here](#)

The survey will be open until Sunday 26 January 2025



Disco tickets - on sale now!

Tickets are now on sale for the discos. Tickets cost £5 each and include unlimited squash/water, a packet of sweets and access to the disco.

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.

The Secret Present Room elves are already thinking ahead to next Christmas. If you received any unwanted gifts you'd like to donate, 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 note, for the following week only, the uniform shed will not open on Tuesday.



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