



This half term we are focussing on: Resilience

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

At the end of the second week back, it certainly feels as though we have returned to a full and busy timetable as usual!

Some of the highlights this week included our Year 6 children enjoying a Science session delivered by a member of the HGS teaching team, as well as continuing to take part in mindfulness sessions delivered by volunteers from the Sadie Centre.

On Thursday we were visited by Elizabeth Barber, a local author, to talk to all of the children in KS2 about her book 'Stone Arrows'. It is always a great opportunity, when a local author comes in, for the children to learn more about what it is like to be an author, while also seeing first hand just how far their writing could take them in the future.

We are on the look out for any parents or family members/friends, who work in a Science based role, to see if you might be willing to contribute some of your time to come into school and talk about what you do in your specific role. If you are able to bring something in to demonstrate then that would be even better! Science week is taking place from 7th-16th of March this year. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, then please email the school office on admin@wransom.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Finally this week, please can I ask that every parent or carer who is dropping off and picking up from school in a car be considerate when parking on Stuart Drive and the surrounding roads. We realise that parking is very difficult with the number of cars that are present each morning and afternoon, but it is of vital importance that everyone plays their part and parks responsibly. There are a lot of cars and a lot of children mixing at those times and nobody wants to see a serious accident take place. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Sunday!

Mr Plunkett

Coming Up...

Monday

- 9am Coffee & Chat
- HGS Project Polyglot with Yr 5
- 6pm - Year 6 Information Evening
- 8pm - SPA Meeting

Tuesday

- HGS Project Polyglot with Yr 6

Wednesday

- Sadie Centre Visitor to Yr 6 for mindfulness session

Thursday

- Yr 3 - Mental Health Support Team - Me & My Emotions

Friday

- Yr 4 Swimming
- Project Polyglot Spanish with Elm Class

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



Smartphone-free momentum building across Hitchin

Parents from several Hitchin schools met last week to discuss progress in ensuring no child in our town feels isolated or excluded for not having a smartphone. Across Hitchin, more than 1 in 5 parents of primary school aged children have now signed the pledge. Even at schools with relatively few sign-ups there are reports of a high level of engagement with the issue and a marked decrease in the number of Y6 children with smartphones. If you're in support, please keep the conversation going locally by talking to parents from other schools about the movement and activities at William Ransom:

<https://www.wransom.herts.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/wr-smartphone-free-childhood>

Year 6 Ancient Greek Day

We are in need of a volunteer to help on Ancient Greek Day for either the whole day or just the morning or afternoon (Thursday 30th January). 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)



Can you help at the discos?

We are looking for volunteers who would be happy to help at the school discos on 31 January and 7 March. Please fill in the form via this link to let the SPA team know your availability to help:

<https://forms.gle/fwB4QS3VeDjhdLXU8%20>

Tickets for the disco are on sale and selling fast. Ticket sales for the YR and Y3/4 discos will close at midday on Monday 27 January. Tickets for the Y1/2 and Y5/6 discos will close the following Monday.

For further details about the discos and to book a ticket visit:

bit.ly/WRSPA.



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