

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

*'On a voyage of discovery: flourishing together in God's love'*



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 13th March 2023



Another week has flown by here at school. This week, I thoroughly enjoyed seeing some fantastic learning in action. Vikings displayed great science skills on Wednesday as they investigated how shadows are formed, Rother and Oxney have both impressed with the deep and critical thinking they used within their RE learning this week. Elsewhere, Windmills and Smugglers continue to work hard to improve their reading skills and it is great to see this impacting on their independence across the curriculum.

In addition to this, I was yet again blown away by the support of our school community to our WSA events this week. On Thursday, the team raised another incredible £400 in the Smuggler's Mother's Day cake sale. In addition to this, it was fantastic to see so many of our school and wider community join us for the WSA quiz night on Saturday which raised £723.25. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who continue to support the WSA events and to the WSA themselves, who work tirelessly to provide a range of engaging and high-quality events for our children and families.

This week will be slightly different again as we encounter another two days of strike action. Whilst we would all much rather be together; we hope children can continue to make the most of this opportunity to extend their learning and experiences beyond the classroom. Our theme for the upcoming strike days will be linked to Lent and having a positive impact in the world around us. We look forward to sharing this with you on Tuesday.

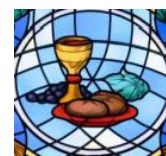
Thank you again for all your continued support. We as a school team are incredibly grateful. Have a great week.

### Attendance

**Whole school: 94.3%**

**Target: 95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.3%
Yr 1	92.1%
Yr 2	95.1%
Yr 3	94.6%
Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 5	94.6%
Yr 6	95.1%



This week in worship, we continue to explore and celebrate the time of Lent. As a group we will consider acts of forgiveness and peace.

Theme this week centre around the Eucharist service.

Christians may end a Eucharist service with these words: 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.'

*I wonder how children could share the love God has for his people with all those they meet today.*

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## Red Nose Day

A reminder that on Friday 17th March we will support the Red Nose Day appeal by asking children to wear something red for a donation of £1.



### Dear Parents and Carers

What a week last week was!

The Dinner Dance Tickets have gone on sale, and we have already sold 49! Then there was Smugglers Cake sale which raised a phenomenal £400. Finally, the weekend came and the quiz! Special thanks to Mr Hawkins for a really well thought out Quiz with some great rounds. Also thank you to Mrs Avena and Mrs Batt for doing the scoring and folding all the raffle tickets. I also want to mention Kelly from the WSA who put in a lot of work to pull the evening together which helped make it such a great success. The winners on the night were The Kalamitous Kayakers so congratulations to them. However the biggest news is that the quiz raised £723.25 and everyone there had a great time.

Two events left for March, the Mother's Day Sale, today (Monday) and then Bags2School collection on Friday 31st March, between 08.00-09.00 in the Clubroom at the Village Hall for information on what you can and cannot donate please visit: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> Not one's to rest on our laurels we are already thinking about what to do next and obviously already planning the Summer Fayre which is going to be on 15th July.

Together we can make a difference so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions! [annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)

Ann (WSA Chair).

## Forest School Sessions

Friday 17th March

After an unfortunate delay, this week, we welcome back Onodrim for our Forest School sessions.

This week's sessions are for Oxney and Rother.

With the cold weather set to continue, please ensure children are dressed appropriately and have their wellington boots in school.



## Rocksteady Music Concert

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed hearing our rocksteady club musicians rehearsing and learning their instruments.

On Friday 24th March they will hold a concert for their parents and children to enjoy.

We look forward to celebrating how our children have thrived during their rocksteady time.

We still have some slots available in our bands. If you would like to find out more, please contact Rocksteady via the following link:

[Rocksteady Band Slots Link..](#)



## E-Safety (PLEASE READ)



### How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so that they can have an account?

For example, if your 8-year-old child joins TikTok you will need to register their age as 13. If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join, but they are in fact 9, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all the functionalities (whereas some apps (such as TikTok place restrictions on access to under 18s: for example, to direct messaging).

The following link from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kent & Medway 100 km  
ride for Wittersham  
School Association



We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parental community here at Wittersham.

On the 2nd of April 2023, Jacopo Pavesi is taking part in the Kent and Medway 100km bike ride in support of the WSA school environment fund.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored Jacopo so far, we are incredibly grateful for this.

If you would like to support him with this, please follow this link to his just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacopo-pavesi>

Thank you for your support.

Year 5/6 Residential  
Meeting for Parent

Our Year 5/6 residential with Buzz Active will take place next term.

In preparation for this, we would like to invite all parents of children attending the residential to a meeting with Mrs Spencer and Mr Hawkins to provide further details of the trip.

This meeting will take place at 2:30pm on Monday 20th March in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**HIGH HALDEN V WITTERSHAM**



**WITTERSHAM VS HIGH HALDEN**

**10 MARCH - 17 MARCH 2023**

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*



This week, we will take on High Halden Primary School in a 'Top of the Rocks' TT Rockstars battle.

Children in Rother, Oxney and Vikings will earn one point for their school with every correct answer on TT Rockstars between 9am today and 9am on Friday 17th March. There will also be certificates for the pupil and class with highest number of correct answers and for those who have made great improvements in their times table knowledge over this week.

Points will be averaged out by the number of pupils at each school, so every point counts!

Good luck!



Wittersham School Association  
Glitz and Glamour

# DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

AT LONDON BEACH RESORT

3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE DJ

£45 per ticket

Scan the QR code to book your place



★  
Arrival: 7pm  
Meal 7:30pm  
Carriages 11:45pm

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

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For more information:  
[annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 13th March	WSA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17th March	Rother and Oxney Forest School Sessions
Monday 20th March (2:30pm)	Year 5/6 Residential meeting for parents
Friday 24th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March (2:30pm)	Rocksteady Music Concert
Wednesday 29th March	WSA Easter Hunt
Wednesday 29th March	Parent Consultation Evening 1
Thursday 30th March	Parent Consultation Evening 2
Friday 31st March	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 31st March	WSA Bags to School Collection
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5



<u>Further WSA Events for your diaries!</u>	
Saturday 15th July	WSA Summer Fayre
Saturday 7th October	WSA Charity Dinner Dance

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