

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

*'On a voyage of discovery: learning and growing together in the light of God'*

## Weekly Newsletter Friday 29th September 2023



School has continued to be a busy and vibrant place to learn this week. With our Harvest worship, tiger troop workshops, road safety walks, book fair and forest school sessions there has certainly been a lot going on!

It has been particularly pleasing to see the successes and wonderful learning of so many children this week. The progress they have made in their individual journeys brings a smile to all in school. I have had to order myself some extra Headteacher awards!

Next week, we look forward to welcoming the families to our September 2024 school tours as they consider Wittersham for their choice in school. Thank you to those who have shared our flyer with friends and family and via social media. We are very grateful for this.

In addition, we will also launch our school community foodbank next week. This will begin on Tuesday morning in the community room of the village hall. Local residents and families are invited to come and share the produce donated as we look to support those in our community. Following this, we will take any remaining donations back to school to create our own anonymous foodbank for families and locals. As ever, if you are fancy challenges of any kind, please do let us know as we believe it is our responsibility to provide support for all in our Wittersham Family.

On Thursday, we have our school taster menu. This is a great opportunity for those who would not normally have a school meal, to have a taste without the pressures of committing to the meal.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

### This week in worship...

During our Acts of Worship, we have been thinking about learning together from Jesus the Teacher and how we can flourish together. Verses from the books of Matthew, John and Ecclesiastes have helped us explore and reflect upon these things and consider how we can use Jesus' teaching



*'I wonder... who helps you be the best you can be... who encourages you when you are struggling... who do you help and support... what kind of things can you do which will help someone else flourish today.'*

Whole School: **97.3%**

### Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	97.1%	97.2%	96.7%	98.3%	97.3%	99.6%

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## OPEN DAYS

### IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you are looking for a wonderful school for your children to learn and grow, Wittersham could be the school for you! We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school. Dates are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.  
We look forward to meeting you and your child.



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## Mental Health Awareness Day

On the 11th October, we will be celebrating world mental health awareness day in school.

As part of the day we are welcoming back Chef Darren from Roots To Food, who will instruct children how to prepare and cook a mentally nutritious meal, as well as Mentally Healthy Schools who will perform a short show and workshop for each of our classes designed to support children in gaining further understanding of their own mental health.



## Secondary School Places



A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the deadline for selecting secondary school places is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Further information regarding this process can be found here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

As always if you have any questions about this process please do let us know.

## Bookwaggon Book Fair

Wednesday was a great example of our love of reading at Wittersham, as we welcomed Bronnie from Bookwaggon Book Fairs.

Children explored a great range of hand picked texts. Bronnie was hugely impressed by our children's knowledge and passion for reading which shone through across the afternoon.

Thank you to all of those who were able to support this event. As a school, we receive a small commission from each sale, which we will use to further enhance the selection of non-fiction texts in our library.



## **Folkestone Model Railway Club MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

**Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ  
Sat 7th & Sun 8th October 2023, 10am-5pm**

Supported by:



ADULT (16+): £7.50  
CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £19



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## Rother Tiger Troop Sessions



Year 6 are certainly enjoying their weekly Tiger Troop sessions! This is an outdoor enrichment activity run by Challenger Troop which focuses on further developing children's teamwork and cooperation skills and building upon their self-esteem and confidence through engaging in a range of activities.

Well done to this week's 'top troopers':  
Sophie, Daisy and Szymon.



## Menu change and Taster day!

Next week we will change the meal options on Thursday and Friday:

Thursday's menu will be Fish and Chips and Friday BBQ Pork & Beans

On Thursday, we will also offer all children in Windmills, Oast and Smugglers the opportunity to try our school lunch - Fish and Chips.

All infant pupils are eligible to receive school meals, we hope this taster day will give them a chance to experience the options provided.

For parents, there is nothing additional that you need to do as children can still bring in a packed lunch if they choose; there will be no pressure to eat what we offer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 9th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 11th October	Mental Health Awareness Day in School
Friday 13th October	Break the Rules Day!
Thursday 19th October	Rother Class Cake Sale
Friday 20th October	End of Term 1
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31st October 9-11am	Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1st November	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultation Evening

### Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 7th October 7pm	WSA Charity Dinner Dance
Saturday 25th November	WSA Christmas Fayre

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## Harvest Worship

A huge thank you to all who were able to join us for our Harvest Worship on Monday. It was wonderful to see the church filled with our children and wider community.

We are very grateful for all of our harvest donations. These will support in launching our community foodbank, which will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd October. Following this, we will create our own foodbank hub at school, which can be accessed anonymously by our community on a daily basis.



## Parent Consultation Evenings



A date for your diaries!

Our parent consultation evenings will be held **3:30-6:30pm on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November.**

Details of how to book your appointment with class teachers will be shared soon.

Rye Cricket Club

**2023**  
Celebrating  
270 Years.

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**AUTUMN CRICKET SESSIONS**

**AT**

**RYE SPORTS CENTRE**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> for 8 Weeks**

**Softball**

6.00 – 7.00 pm School Years 3-6

**Hardball**

7.00 -8.00 pm School Years 4-8

With Fully Qualified ECB Coaches

Cost is £40

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## Friday Forest School



Today was our final Friday Forest School session for this term.

These have been a fantastic success with many children particularly enjoying the s'more making and exploring the animal and insect habitats within our wildlife area..

We look forward to welcoming Onodrim back for another set of whole class sessions in November.

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## WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning to meet the committee and find out more about us. I am sorry that I couldn't be there too, but unfortunately work was calling. I have been passed on some names who are interested in getting involved and I will be in touch with you very soon.

Thank you to the committee team who have been helping to finalise the arrangements for the Dinner Dance on 9th October. I am really looking forward to the night. It will be lots of fun. Thank you also to all the companies who have sponsored the event. You will have seen flyers for some in the book bags this week.

We will be holding Rother's Cake sale on Thursday 19th October – the theme is the army and military which links to activities the class have been involved with this term. Look out for more information on dojo, the newsletter and on the WSA Facebook page. We will send a flyer home too nearer the time.

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 25th November from 12-3pm. Look out for more information over the coming weeks. Donations of raffle prizes always welcome. We will also be having a non-uniform day on 10th November for tombola prizes, sweets etc. Finally if you have ordered products from Cauliflower Cards please make sure you return your art work by Monday 2nd October.

If you are new to Wittersham School and want to know more about what volunteering might involve before committing to anything just drop me an email

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