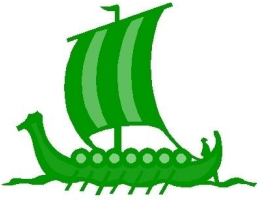


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 2nd May**



Welcome to May!

We've stepped into May with sunshine, smiles, and a real sense of joy across the school. The warmer weather has brought new energy to lunchtimes—our playground has been buzzing with football and basketball games, spontaneous discos, a flurry of fancy dress, and even a pretend marriage ceremony! It's been wonderful to see the children embracing outdoor play with such imagination and enthusiasm.

It's also been a big week for sport at Wittersham. Our school football team gave a fantastic performance in their match against Kennington, securing an impressive 4–1 win! We're incredibly proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Mr Hawkins for organising the match and supporting the team so brilliantly.

Not to be outdone, our KS1 children represented us at an athletics event at High Halden. They were exceptional ambassadors for Wittersham, demonstrating great effort, spirit, and respect throughout the day—well done to all involved!

We were also excited to launch Card Club this week, thanks to the School Council who helped shape and promote the idea. It's already proving popular, and we'd love more children to join in—please check the recent ClassDojo post for details.

Our Breakfast Club continues to thrive, and we're pleased to confirm that this provision will remain in place for the foreseeable future. If you'd like your child to be part of our growing morning group, do get in touch with the office.

Looking Ahead

Next week brings even more to look forward to, with our Vikings Parent Lunch and the much-anticipated Smugglers Cake Sale—two wonderful opportunities to bring our school community together.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of attending the WSA meeting with our fantastic new Chairs. It was inspiring to hear their enthusiasm and the exciting plans they have in store to enrich school life. We are so grateful for their energy and commitment.

I also met with members of the Clergy this week to plan upcoming events for the rest of the academic year and beyond. As part of that conversation, we sadly discussed that Reverend Andrew will be leaving the parish at the end of this term. He has played such an important role in the life of our school, and we will be preparing a special thank you for him in the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, refreshed and ready for another exciting week at Wittersham!

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Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.8%	95.5%	92.6%	94.7%	92.8%

Whole school: 94.4% (slight dip this week)

Whole School Target: 96%

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child's learning and development. Regular attendance and punctuality play a vital role in ensuring children can make the most of their time in school and achieve their full potential.

We understand that sometimes challenges can make it difficult to get to school on time or attend consistently. If you're experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our School FLO, Mrs. Sterriker-Rhodes, is here to offer support and guidance to help overcome any barriers you may face.

Together, we can work to ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive.

Dinner Money Reminder



A gentle reminder to all families to please ensure that dinner money accounts are kept up to date. If your child is not eligible for Free School Meals, payment must be made in advance or on the day of the meal.

If your account has an outstanding balance, we kindly ask that this is cleared as soon as possible. Regular reminders are sent, but if you need any support or have questions about your balance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the light it brings to our days. As we play, learn, and grow together, may your love shine through us like the sunshine above. Help us to be kind, joyful, and full of hope—just like the new life and brightness that spring brings.

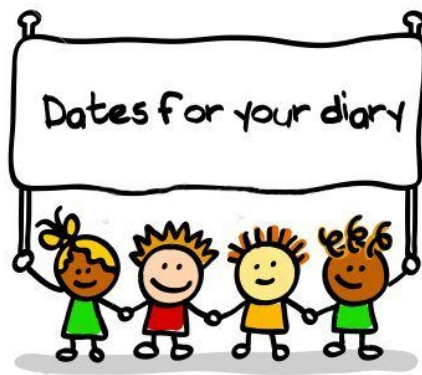
Bless our school, our families, and our friends, and help us to use each new day to make a difference.

Amen.

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- **Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **Wednesday 7th May - *Come Dine With Me (Vikings)***
- **Friday 9th May – Smugglers Spring Cake Sale**
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May – SATs Week Year 6 2025**
- **Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May – Year 5 Bikeability**
- **Wednesday 14th May - *Come Dine With Me (Oxney)***
- **Wednesday 14th May - Windmills Educational Visit**
- **Friday 16th May - Vikings School Trip to Hastings**
- **Wednesday 21st May - *Come Dine With Me (Rother)***
- **Monday 19th May - Year 6 Evacuation Experience**
- **Monday 19th - Friday 23rd – Global Issues Week**
- **Friday, 23rd May – Final Day of Term 5**
- **Monday, 26th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed and half term)**
- **Monday, 2nd June – First Day of Term 6**
- **Monday 2nd June - Swimming begins**
- **Tuesday 3rd June - New Year R Parent Meeting @4pm**
- **Thursday, 5th June – Rother Forest School Begins**
- **Thursday 5th June - Whole School Class Photos**
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June – Year 5/6 School Residential.**
- **Thursday, 19th June – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Cake Sale**
- **Friday 27th June - Sports Day and Parent Picnic**
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July – Transition Week**
- **Tuesday 8th July - Oast School Trip**
- **Thursday 10th July - Year 6 End of Term Pool Party @3pm**
- **Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Production**
- **Friday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Service @9:30am**
- **Friday 18th July – Last Day of Term 6**
- **Monday, 21st July – INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)**
- **Tuesday, 22nd July – INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)**



Free school meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.



Some schools in Kent manage their own Free Schools Meals application process. For more information, go to:

kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

