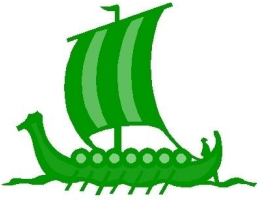


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Thursday 3rd April 2025**



As Term 4 draws to a close, we ended on a truly joyful note with a wonderful church celebration this afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to all the adults who supported and helped create this special event – in particular to Mrs Scott and Mrs Catt for their fantastic work with the choir, and to Giles, Graham, and Carla Smith for generously sharing their musical talents with us. It was a beautiful experience to come together as a school community – the perfect way to end a very busy, yet productive term.

One of the highlights of Term 4 was undoubtedly *Come Learn With Me* – it was fantastic to welcome so many parents and carers into classrooms and to share in the children's learning. Thank you also to everyone who signed up for our *Come Dine With Me* events. Bookings are now closed so that we can make the necessary arrangements for food orders.

We are currently in the process of finalising staffing structures for the next academic year. However, we are pleased to confirm that Mrs Spencer will be returning from her maternity leave and will be joining Mr Hill in a job share role in Oxney Class from the beginning of Term 6. Families of children in Oxney have already been informed of this upcoming change.

Thank you as well for the kind offers of support with our new school aquarium and the Forest School pond fence. We'll be in touch at the start of Term 5 to get both exciting projects up and running.

We're also pleased to share that our new term dates have now been agreed, following the recent consultation. Thank you to everyone who took the time to offer feedback – your input has been really valued and appreciated.

Details for our Sports Day and Family Picnic will be shared at the start of Term 5 – so please keep an eye out for those updates.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 22nd April** .

Warmest wishes,  
Stella Coulson  
Headteacher

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.7%	96%	95.6%	92.6%	94.9%	92.6%

**Whole school: 94.6% (this has increased again this week so well done!)**

**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.

### **Breakfast Club – Starting in Term 5**

We're excited to let you know that our Breakfast Club will begin in Term 5!

While bookings for the initial launch have now closed, we would still love to hear from any families who are interested in using this provision. We know breakfast club was mentioned by many parents in the recent survey, but bookings so far have been limited.

We are really keen to make this a permanent offering, so if you were considering it but haven't yet signed up, please do get in touch – even occasional interest helps us plan effectively for the future.

Thank you for your support as we continue developing ways to support our families and children.

# PRAYER

 **Easter Prayer** 

Dear God,

Thank you for the joy and hope that Easter brings.

As we celebrate new life and new beginnings, help us to remember the love that Jesus showed to others.

May we carry that love in our hearts, show kindness in our actions, and be a light to those around us.

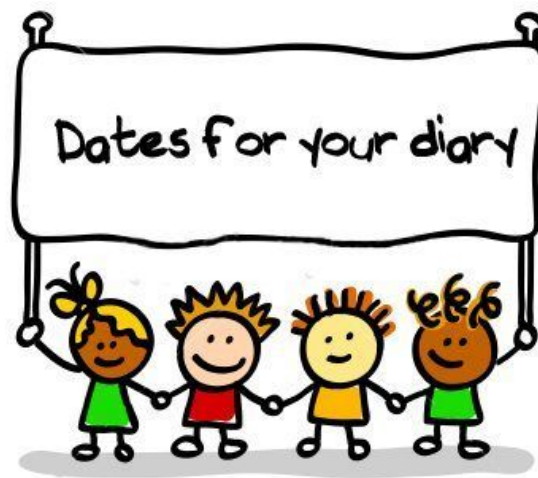
Bless our school, our families, and our community this Easter time, and keep us safe and rested over the holidays.

Amen.

**Compassion**

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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday, 22nd April** – First Day of Term 5
- **Wednesday 23rd April** - *Come Dine With Me (Windmill and Oast)*
- **Thursday, 24th April** – Windmill Forest School Begins
- **Wednesday 30th April** - *Come Dine With Me (Smugglers)*
- **Monday 5th May** – **Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **Wednesday 7th May** - *Come Dine With Me (Vikings)*
- **Friday, 9th May** – Smugglers Easter Cake Sale
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week Year 6 2025
- **Wednesday 14th May** - *Come Dine With Me (Oxney)*
- **Wednesday 21st May** - *Come Dine With Me (Rother)*
- **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
- **Thursday, 5th June** – Rother Forest School Begins
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** – Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Cake Sale
- **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)**



## **WSA UPDATE**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Lacey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and help since we became co-chairs for the WSA. It has been so lovely to see the children enjoy themselves at the events we held over the last 2 weeks. We really cannot wait to see more big smiles from the children in the upcoming events.**

**We would just like to mention a special thank you to Ann Rogers, who graciously gave up so much time and worked so hard to raise a HUGE amount of money for our school and children. We hope Ann enjoys her well-deserved WSA retirement after many years of leading such a fabulous team. We have big shoes to fill, that's for sure!**

**We will get a date in the diary for next term to rearrange the stay and play. Also keep you informed once we have finalised the dates for the last few events of the year– where your support is well needed – and we are so grateful to have such a lovely school community.**

**Have a lovely relaxing Easter break.**

**Daisy & Lacey**

# Thank you!

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EASTER EGG HUNT!





# 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](https://kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



# Upcoming events in the local area



HEMSTED  
PARK  
BENENDEN SCHOOL

Thursday 17th  
April  
2pm

WWW.HEMSTEDPARK.COM  
BOXOFFICE@HEMSTEDPARK.COM  
01580 236699

Benenden School | Cranbrook | Kent TN17 4AA



The Church of England in  
Tenterden, Rother and Oxney  
Appledore - Ebony - Newenden - Rolvenden - St Michael's  
Smallhythe - Stone - Tenterden - Wittersham

# Easter Fun & Crafts

The Church Hall,  
Church Road, Tenterden,  
Saturday 12th April  
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Drop in to create a bag full of  
Easter crafts and goodies!

£2 per child


Refreshments included  
All children must be supervised  
by their grown-up(s).

# EASTER

HOLIDAY CAMPS

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# Kent's No.1 for Kids Holiday Camps

Venture Camps deliver the very best in children's activity camps during the school holidays. Each day is different with themed activities that include Nerf battles, Make a Fort, Wacky Racers, Archery Tag, assault courses and inflatables; there's something for every child.



*"Children are very excited to come into the camp. The staff are welcoming and ensure children settle and engage in activities as soon as they arrive. Children feel happy and safe as they interact with new and existing friends. They are keen to join in with the exciting range of activities on offer"*



Check out our recent Ofsted inspection report on our website.

**EXTENDED DAY OPTION AVAILABLE IN CANTERBURY. PICK UP AT 5:30pm**

## Dates & Locations

Folkestone	Sandgate Primary School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Ashford	The Wyvern School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Canterbury	Simon Langton Boys	7th - 17th April 2025	
Bearsted	Bearsted Primary Academy	7th - 17th April 2025	
Sandwich/Deal	Sir Roger Manwood's School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Tenterden	Tenterden Infant & Juniors	7th - 17th April 2025	<b>NEW VENUE</b>



For children ages 5-11 (school years R - 6).



## FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football camps that focus on the development of each individual child, join us for jam-packed days of skills and drills, penalty shootouts, competitions and tournaments. For ages 6-12 years. **Mon 7th - Wed 9th April 2025 in Canterbury & Folkestone.**



Camps days run from 9am - 4pm. Drop off from 8:30am at no extra charge. [Childcare vouchers accepted.](#) Book online; spaces fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Book for either a 3 day, 2 day or a full week camp\*. Venture Camps run in Ashford (The Wyvern School), Canterbury (Simon Langton for Boys), Folkestone (Sandgate Primary School), Bearsted (Bearsted Primary Academy), Sandwich (Sir Roger Manwood's School) and Tenterden (Tenterden Infant & Juniors).

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# Ashford Family Hubs

## Easter HAF Events

Monday 7th April 2025 -  
Thursday 17th April 2025

**\*Free holiday activities and food if your child/ren  
are eligible for free school meals\***



### Our Activities

Drumming Workshop

Hula Hoop Workshop

Challenge Day

Games Day

### Contact us

[ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk)

**Ashford North Family Hub 03000 417567**

**Bockhanger Family Hub 03000 418600**

**Tenterden Family Hub 03000 418400**

**The Willow Family Hub 03000 418800**

**Waterside Family Hub 03000 418700**

### Find us on Facebook

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**Kent  
Family  
Hub**

# Drumming Workshop

Requires  
Booking

**Wednesday 9th April**

Waterside Family Hub, TN24 0PQ  
Call 03000 418700 to book 1 session

1st Session

1st Drumming Session - 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Lunch provided at - 12.00pm - 12.30pm

2nd Session

Lunch provided at - 12.30pm - 1.00pm  
2nd Drumming Session - 1.00pm - 2.30pm

For ages 5 - 16 years



# Challenge Day

**Thursday 10th April**

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ  
Call 03000 417567 to book.

11.00am - 3.00pm  
Lunch provided

Requires  
Booking

For ages 11 - 19 (up to 25 with SEND)

# Hula Hoop Workshop

**Thursday 17th April**

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ  
Call 03000 418600 to book 1 session.

1st Session

1st Hula Session - 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Lunch provided at 12.00pm - 12.30pm

2nd Session

Lunch provided at 12.30pm - 1.00pm  
2nd Hula Session - 1.00pm - 2.30pm

For ages 5 - 16 years

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# Games Day

**Monday 14th April**

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ  
Call 03000 417567 to book.

11.00am - 3.00pm  
Lunch provided

For ages 11 - 19 (up to 25 with SEND)



# RYE JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

# 2025

8-18 YEARS ALL LEVELS WELCOME

**6th - 8th August 2025**

**6th August** - Girls & Boys Singles

**7th August** - Girls & Boys Doubles

**8th August** - Mixed Doubles

Delicious hot food - Served all day

BBQ and music - Thursday after play



**Book your place at:**

[ryelawntenniscub.org.uk/event/junior-tennis-tournament](https://ryelawntenniscub.org.uk/event/junior-tennis-tournament)

2025



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The Mead School (Tunbridge Wells) Dulwich Cranbrook (Cranbrook)

# Pied Piper Activities holiday camps in Kent

Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 3 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!

Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

Our camps are safe, friendly, and secure, ensuring your child's adventure unfolds in a nurturing environment. Our handpicked staff are carefully selected for their fun-loving, caring, enthusiastic and committed nature and their ability to deliver the Pied Piper difference throughout your child's week at camp.

Join Pied Piper at The Mead School & Dulwich Cranbrook, where every moment is a chance to create wonderful childhood memories that last a lifetime!

Join the fun  
at one of  
our camps:



The Mead School (Tunbridge Wells)  
Dulwich Cranbrook (Cranbrook)



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