

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 4th July 2025**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 6, Week 5

Oh goodness – where do I start?! It's been another full-on week, but I can't begin without first addressing the sheer triumph that was our Sports Day last week. What an event, and how wonderful it was to see so many people joining us for a day of sporting greatness.

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer on the children, and especially to those who took part in the grown-up and sibling races – you are my heroes. You've now got just under a year until the next one, so I suggest getting those training regimes underway... the countdown to the Parent Champ 2026 is officially on!

The sheer joy of the day has stayed with me all week. A huge thank you to Miss Robinson and Mr Hawkins for their excellent organisation and preparation, and to all staff members who helped the event run so smoothly.

This week, we've been pleased to welcome our new staff members as part of our whole-school transition events. These sessions have gone extremely well and have brought a lovely sense of anticipation for the year ahead. You may have noticed some classroom moves during the Meet the Teacher event – thank you to everyone who attended to celebrate a year full of academic and personal achievement and to meet the newest members of our team. It was fantastic to see the school filled with such positive energy and community spirit.

A big well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have been visiting their new secondary schools this week. It's a big step and they've approached it with real courage – we're immensely proud of them all.

We've also had seven new additions to the Wittersham family this week – our baby bunnies! I'll continue to share updates about them over the coming weeks. A big thank you to The Thorne Hedgehog Rescue for taking such good care of our youngest Wittersham members.

As I write this on Thursday evening, I can't yet comment on the Wittersham Festival – but I already know it will have been a truly special occasion. The effort behind the scenes to bring this event to life has been remarkable. Thank you to every WSA member who has worked so hard over the past few weeks to make it happen. And thank you to all of you who plan to attend, bought entrance tickets and raffle entries, or joined in with games, stalls and ate delicious hot dogs – your support means the world and makes events like this possible.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, and best of luck to everyone attending or showing at the Kent Show. The Wittersham spirit continues to shine far and wide.

See you next week – just two weeks to go!

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Kent Cricket Schools Day Out .

On Monday, Mrs Batt, Mr Hawkins, Mrs Sterriker-Rhode, Miss Woolhouse and Mr Coulson took 32 KS2 children to the Kent Cricket Schools Day Out – and I think it's safe to say they had an absolutely fantastic day!

The weather was certainly on the warmer side, but the children handled the heat incredibly well. They took part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities, enjoyed watching the match at the iconic St Lawrence Ground, and even had the chance to meet some of the players. It really was a day to remember.

This is an event Mr Hawkins has been very keen for us to attend for several years now, and it's clear that it will become a firm fixture in the Wittersham calendar going forward.

To top it all off, we received the following message, which I felt was too lovely not to share. It truly speaks volumes about our pupils and staff and how beautifully they represent the Wittersham Way:

Dear Mrs Coulson,

My husband, friends and I are members of Kent Cricket Club and had the pleasure of sitting on the bank at the St Lawrence Ground behind your students on Monday for the Schools Day Out.

We are unanimous in saying that they were the most well-behaved youngsters there. They were respectful of your staff and their manners were impeccable. Many of the other schools' staff had to raise their voices to get the children's attention, but not once did we hear your staff raising theirs.

It was obvious that a lot of thought had gone into the organisation of the day for everyone concerned in your group. I cannot praise them enough and thank both the students and the staff for their consideration.

They are a credit to you. I did say this to a member of your staff and hope they passed on our comments. Please convey our thanks to both your staff and pupils from some very impressed cricket lovers.

Kind regards,
Maureen Utting (Mrs), MBE



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Wittersham Weekly Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the strength of our school community – for the compassion, courage, and cooperation we see in one another each day.

We give thanks for the spirit of Wittersham – the way we support, encourage, and lift each other up, especially during times of change or challenge.

Help us to remain resilient, to embrace new beginnings with open hearts, and to trust that we grow through each step we take.

We are proud of how our children represent Wittersham beyond our school grounds. May they continue to carry kindness, respect, and joy wherever they go, knowing they are part of something special.

Amen.

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96%	95.4%	95.9%	93.1%	94.6%	92.6%

Whole school: 94.5%

Whole School Target: 96%

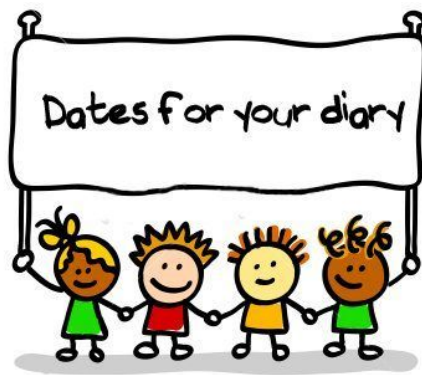
At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child's learning and development. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential in helping children make the most of their time in school and achieve their full potential.

We recognise that there can sometimes be challenges that make regular attendance or punctuality difficult. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our School Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes, is available to offer support and guidance to help overcome any barriers.

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Tuesday 8th July** - Oast and Smuggler 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)

New Academic Year 2025/2026

- **Wednesday 27th August** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Thursday 28th August** - First day of Term 1 (Year 1 - 6)
- **Thursday 28th and 29th August** - Year R Home Visits
- **Monday 1st September** - Start of Term for new Reception children
- **Thursday 16th October** - Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 17th October** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Monday 20th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term.
- **Monday 3rd November** - Start of Term 2

 *Please mark these dates in your calendars as we look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!*



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



Local events and news!



SUMMER FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITY TRAIL*
WITH GUARANTEED PRIZES

FACE PAINTING*
CRAZY SCIENCE FUN
BOUNCY CASTLE & SOFT PLAY
ARTS & CRAFTS*
AND MORE...
*SMALL CHARGES WILL APPLY

THURSDAY 24TH JULY
10.30AM - 4PM

HAMSTREET GARDEN CENTRE
www.groviewellgc.co.uk  HamstreetGC
Marsh Road, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent, TN26 2JZ
Tel: 01233 234900 Email: info@hamstreetgc.co.uk



SUMMER FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITY TRAIL*
WITH GUARANTEED PRIZES

FACE PAINTING*
CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP
11-12.30, 1- 3.30
ARTS & CRAFTS*
BOUNCY CASTLE & SOFT PLAY
AND MORE...
*SMALL CHARGES WILL APPLY

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
10.30AM - 4PM

TENTERDEN GARDEN CENTRE
www.groviewellgc.co.uk  TenterdenGardenCentre
Applodore Road (B2080), Reading Street, Nr. Tenterden Kent, TN30 7HT
Tel: 01233 758510 Email: info@tenterdengc.co.uk



Girlguiding Rye have opportunities for



For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



For ages 7 to 10



For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



For ages 14 to 18



Find a group near you girlguiding.org.uk

Registered charity number: 806016

BOOM ACTIVE

5 yrs to
11 yrs (y 6)

28th July - 22nd August

SUMMER CAMPS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Klarna.
Payments

£30

Open daily

8.30am-4pm

Multi-sports club, football, dodgeball
dance, gymnastics, drama, obstacle
courses, team games, tennis, Babington
archery, free time and so much more

Tenterden Leisure Centre
Tenterden
TN30 6RA

Ark Alexandra
William Parker
Parkstone Road
Hastings TN34 2NT



www.boomactive.co.uk
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