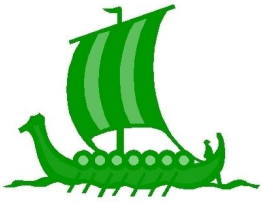


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 6th December**



Welcome to the First Wittersham Weekly of December!

The festive season is officially upon us, and the excitement in school is growing by the day! We are all eagerly anticipating next week's Nativity performance. A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who have sent in costumes—your support makes all the difference. A special mention goes to our dedicated EYFS and KS1 team for their hard work and coordination in preparing what promises to be a magical event. I can't wait to see our youngest pupils shine on stage!

This evening, we look forward to the WSA Christmas Movie Night. I've got my Christmas snuggie ready and am excited to join in the festive fun. A massive thank you to the incredible WSA team for organizing this event and for the ongoing dedication they show in supporting our school community. Your efforts bring so much joy to our children and families.

With just two weeks left of term, our calendar is packed with festive activities and important events. Please keep an eye on the dates listed below to ensure you don't miss a moment of the action.

I am also delighted to share the outcome of our recent SIAMS inspection. The report is a glowing testament to the strength and values of our school community, and I couldn't be prouder. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to meet with the inspector and share your experiences—it is your input that helps us continue to grow and shine as a school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead.

Exciting News: The Wittersham Christmas Postbox is Opening Soon!

We're thrilled to announce that the Wittersham Christmas Postbox will be open from **Monday, 9th December**, and will remain in service until the end of term.

To ensure that all cards reach their intended recipients, please remember to include **full names and class details** on each card. Deliveries will be made to classes on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, so everyone can enjoy spreading a little festive cheer!

The postbox will be conveniently located near the laptop trolleys outside **Smugglers classroom**.

Let's get ready to send some festive greetings to friends and teachers across the school!

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Courage

Cooperation



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

We are excited to celebrate **Christmas Lunch** next week, alongside our **Christmas Jumper Day** on **Tuesday, 12th December** !

Please note that while children are welcome to wear their festive Christmas jumpers, these should be worn with their **standard school uniform or PE kit** , as appropriate for the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone’s festive spirit as we come together for this special celebration!

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
98.4%	97.4%	97.5%	92.6%	95.8%	92.9%

Whole school: 95.5%

Whole School Target: 96%

A gentle reminder that the school gates close promptly at 8:45am.

We kindly ask that all children arrive at school before this time.

Any arrivals after 8:45am will be marked as late.

We’re delighted to see attendance steadily improving—well done to you all for making such a great effort! A special shout-out goes to everyone who is arriving at school on time, ready to start their day before the gates close. Punctuality sets such a positive tone for the day and helps children settle quickly into their learning.

Our new signing-in system has also been a valuable addition, enabling us to better track and support families who may be struggling with lateness. We’re here to help, so please don’t hesitate to reach out if you need support with getting to school on time. Let’s keep up this fantastic momentum—every day in school makes a difference!

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Term 2 Week 5 Wittersham School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we move into December, we give thanks for the joy and wonder of the festive season. We pray for courage and confidence for our Nativity performers as they prepare to share the story of Christmas with us. May they feel Your presence, giving them strength and calmness as they step onto the stage.

We are grateful for the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the spirit of community that binds us together. Help us to carry the values of courage, cooperation, and compassion into this busy season, ensuring kindness and understanding guide all we do.

Amen.



Reminder: Safety After School

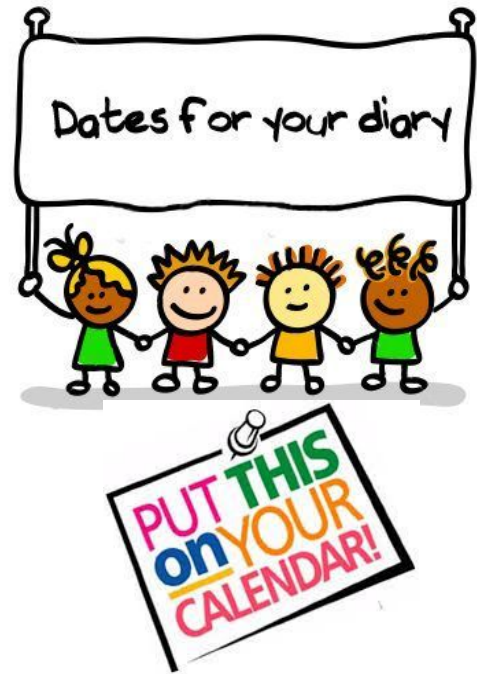
Please do not use the trim trail after school, and kindly ensure that children and siblings stay off the field. This is important to keep everyone safe at the end of the day.

Thank You for your cooperation.

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- Friday 6th December - **WSA Christmas Event after school**
- Tuesday 10th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity@1:30pm**
- Wednesday 11th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity@9:30am and 5pm.**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Lunch Day**
- Tuesday 17th December - **KS2 Christingle and Carol Concert @5pm.**
- Thursday 19th December - **Christmas Service for the whole school @2:15pm.**
- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**



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





THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE LARDER

**FREE Grocery, household and
hygiene products for all local
families with children under 11
years old**

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

5.15PM-6.15PM

**EC30, Recreation Ground Road,
Tenterden, TN30 6HT.**

Email beth.rice@themildredtrust.org for info



**IF WE CAN HELP JUST TURN UP, BRING A BAG
AND CHOOSE WHAT YOU NEED!**

Charity No:1097210



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



Christmas Fun & Crafts

St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden,
Saturday 21st December
10am - 12pm

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

£2 per child

Refreshments included

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





Homewood
School Farm's



Christmas on the Farm

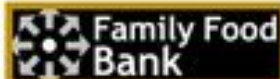
Wednesday 11th December
4-6pm



Meet the animals ✧ Santa's grotto
Tombola ✧ Carol Singing ✧ Games

Free Entry





The Family Food Bank

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

SPARKLE & SHINE

Christmas can be an expensive time for everybody but for those already on a tight budget, the added expenses of increased winter fuel bills, and the pressure to buy Christmas presents, can plunge many people into crisis, leading them to make difficult choices.

How you can help...

From the **4th November until 16th December 2024** we are asking you to **'SPARKLE & SHINE'**

to sing out loud and donate to our Christmas appeal!

The food listed is very important to us, as these products are key to making our food boxes.

If you are planning to donate advent calendars please can these be delivered by the 22nd November so we can give these out for the 1st December.

Once you have finished collecting, all the key information to make your donation can be found on our website: www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024

To find out your nearest distribution centre, you can also get in touch by calling [01233 500477](tel:01233500477) or emailing familyfoodbank@children-families.org.

To find out more please follow us on [Facebook!](#)

This year please take the decision to donate and together we can make this Christmas a time to remember for all the right reasons!

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The Collection List

4 x TINS OF MEAT (CURRY, CHILLI, MEATBALLS)	4 x TINS OF VEG (POTATOES, PEAS, CARROTS)	2 x LUCKY DIPS (BISCUITS, XMAS CHOCOLATE, MINCE PIES, XMAS PUDDINGS, HYGIENE PRODUCTS)
1 x RICE (500g)	1 x PASTA (500g)	1 x CEREALS (500g)
1 x TEA/COFFEE	2 x TINNED FISH	2 x TINS OF TOMATOES
4 x TINS OF SOUP	1x UHT MILK	1 x JAR OF COOKING SAUCE
4 x TINS OF BAKED BEANS/ SPAGHETTI	1 x PRESERVES (JAM, MARMITE)	4 x TINS OF DESSERTS (CUSTARD, FRUIT, RICE PUDDING)

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN A BAG / BOX AND DELIVER TO OUR WAREHOUSE OR VIA A DISTRIBUTION CENTRE PARTNER. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND BY VISITING:

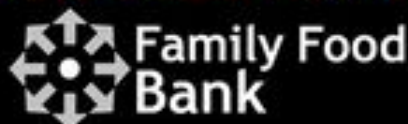
www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024

If you don't have time to collect food, have you thought about giving?

A donation of £20.00 would enable us to help feed a family this Christmas!

Please use the Just Giving Link or visit our website to find out more:

www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024

Please click the image to be more like Mr. Poppy, and get in the festive spirit.

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