

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 6th June 2025**



Welcome Back to Term 6

I can hardly believe we are entering the final term of the academic year – what a start it's been already! Term 6 is always a busy but exciting time, and this week has certainly delivered that in full.

We received the call on **Monday morning** to confirm that **Ofsted would be visiting our school on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June** for a two-day inspection.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your support and encouragement during the visit. We look forward to sharing the outcome with you once the final report has been published later this term.

As I mentioned in my Class Dojo post earlier in the week, I just want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for all your kind words, lovely cards and delicious treats. They've truly helped power the team through and have meant so much to us all.

Swimming and Forest School News

Swimming is in full swing and going brilliantly – thank you again to everyone who has made their contributions towards this. We know what a valuable experience it is for the children.

You may have also noticed a wonderful new addition to our Forest School area. At the end of last term, a team of three incredible parent volunteers – Caitlin, Matt and Ethan – gave up two full days of their time to build and install a secure fence around the pond. They even managed to secure a discounted price on concrete from Travis Perkins to support the project.

Thanks to their generosity and hard work, we can now safely access the pond for pond dipping and a range of outdoor learning opportunities. We are so fortunate to have such committed support from our parent community. As budgets grow ever tighter, these acts of kindness make a significant difference to what we're able to offer our children. I'm sure you'll agree – it looks absolutely fantastic!



BEFORE



AFTER!



AFTER!

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Celebrating Sport and Team Spirit

This week also saw two sporting fixtures take place. We are proud to share that our cricket team came an impressive 2nd place in their recent tournament! Our football team also did brilliantly, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals after being closely beaten in the last few minutes of the quarter-finals.

Their courage, cooperation and team spirit made us all extremely proud here at Wittersham. Well done to all involved!



Staffing Update – September 2025

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are pleased to share that, despite ongoing national recruitment challenges, we have secured a strong and experienced teaching team for September. This includes some exciting new additions who will complement our current staff and bring further expertise to our school.

From September, we will be returning to our original five-class structure. This change follows discussions with families in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and reflects our published admission number. Core subjects such as phonics, reading and maths will continue to be taught in single-year cohorts.

We are also preparing to say farewell to several much-loved members of staff. While it is always hard to say goodbye, we are incredibly grateful for their service and lasting contributions to Wittersham.

More detailed information has been posted on Class Dojo today.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our *Meet the Teacher* afternoon on **Wednesday 2nd July**.

A Final Thank You

Finally, I want to express my sincere thanks to our wonderful staff and governors for their ongoing dedication and support – not just this week, but always. I feel truly blessed to work alongside such a committed team.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend. Mrs Coulson

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Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.9%	95.9%	95.8%	92.8%	94.8%	92.7%

Whole school: 94.6%

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.

Dear God,

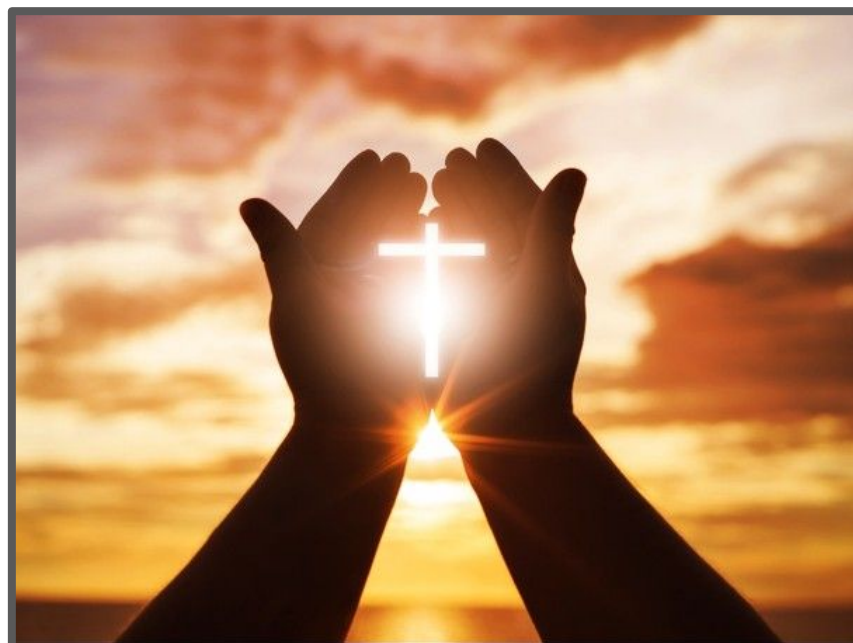
Thank you for the start of this final term and for the energy and joy this week has brought.

We are grateful for the opportunities to celebrate, to swim, to play, and to learn together. Thank you for the talents shared on the sports field, the courage shown in new challenges, and the friendships that continue to grow.

As we move through this busy term, help us to remain kind, patient, and thankful for each moment.

Bless our school community – pupils, staff, and families – as we journey through these last weeks together.

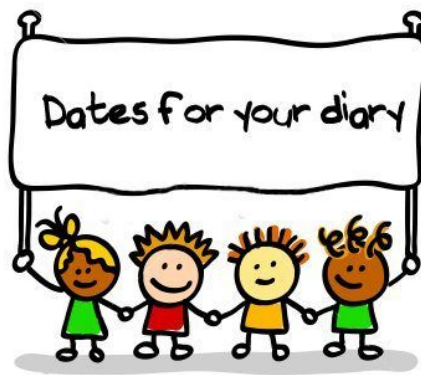
Amen.



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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Friday 6th June - Wednesday 11th June** - Book Fair
- **Monday 9th June** - KS2 Cricket Trip booking opens @8pm.
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** - Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Cake Sale and WSA Stay and Play event
- **Friday 20th June** - Non-uniform day - please see below flyer for donation information
- **Friday 27th June** - Sports Day and Parent Picnic - this will begin at 9:30am and all parents are invited to join us for a whole school picnic at 1pm.
- **Monday 30th June** - KS2 Cricket Trip - back late
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July** - Transition Week
- **Wednesday 2nd July** - Meet The Teacher event @3:15pm
- **Friday 4th July** - WSA Summer Festival
- **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)**

 *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!

RYE DANCE CENTRE
PRESENTS

*It's
Showtime!*

AT THE SINDEN THEATRE
HOMWOOD SCHOOL, TENTERDEN, KENT

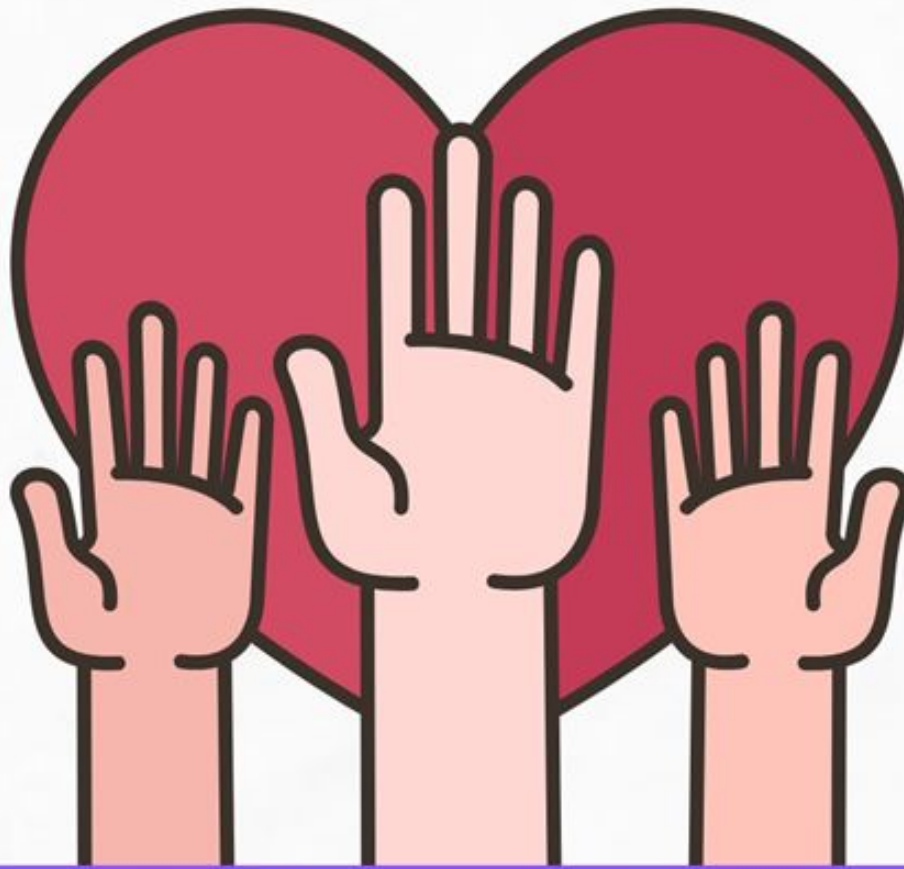
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 7PM

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 3PM

(DOORS OPEN HALF HOUR PRIOR TO PERFORMANCES)

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW BY CALLING 01580 763826

OR VISIT WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM



Volunteers NEEDED

COME & JOIN IN!

We need help with

- Help with cake sales
- Summer Event - stalls, setting up & clearing away
- Father's Day Sale

Get in touch

-  Grab one of the WSA Committee on the school run
-  Drop us a message on WhatsApp
-  Pop a comment on one of our Facebook posts

Non-Uniform – Friday 20th June

On Friday 20th June children can come into school in their choice of outfit for the day. In return for not wearing school uniform, we ask each class to come in with a donation for something that we can use as a prize at the School Summer Festival on 4th July. Members of the WSA will be at drop off to collect your kind donations.



LOOK COOL
in school!

in exchange for...

20th June

Rother class - bring any bottled item.

Smugglers and Oxney classes - bring bags of sweets

Windmills and Oast classes - donate a teddy or some form of soft toy.

Second hand is fine as long as it is in good condition

Viking Class - Bring something in a box - chocolates, biscuits, pasta, even a box of wine etc.

Non-School Uniform Day!!

We are so looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Summer Festival held on the 4th of July.

With best wishes

Wittersham School Association



Reg Charity No:1059824

WITTERSHAM PRIMARY
SCHOOL'S

BIG

SUMMER

£5 PER TICKET
PER PERSON

FRIDAY 4TH JULY
5PM - 8PM

BBQ

STALLS &
GAMES

FACE
PAINTING

BAR

FESTIVAL

AMAZING
RAFFLE

LIVE
PERFORMANCES

DJ COLOSSAL

