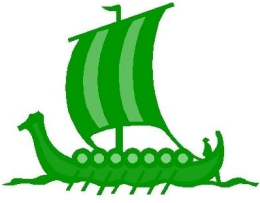


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 7th March 2025**



**This week, the sunshine finally made a welcome return, and with it, the *Wittersham Playground Disco* was born!** As we embraced the brighter weather, the children took to the field with excitement, making the most of their brand-new playground equipment. This fantastic addition came as a result of thoughtful discussions with our School Council, who shared their ideas on what they would love to see at playtimes. Today marked the grand unveiling, and it was an absolute joy to see the children's enthusiasm as they explored, played, and had endless fun with their new equipment.

We also celebrated an *incredible* World Book Day, and what a magical day it was! The effort and creativity behind the costumes were truly outstanding—from Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* to Oompa Loompas, Where's Wally, the Hulk, Matilda, Harry Potter, and George from *George's Marvellous Medicine*—the school was alive with characters from much-loved stories. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sourced costumes or generously donated them for others; your kindness ensured that every child could take part in the celebration. The day was filled with inspiring workshops, paired reading, and a shared love of storytelling, making it a true celebration of reading across the school. A special thank you to Kerry Dean, a valued member of our Governing Team, for capturing so many wonderful moments from the day with her fantastic photography.

You will have seen the letter about our *Come Learn With Me* sessions, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you into the classrooms to see learning in action. Next week, we'll be sharing details of *Come Dine With Me*, providing another fantastic opportunity for families to join us and experience school life firsthand.

As we approach a busy and exciting term ahead, please be sure to mark all the key dates below in your calendars.

**Wishing you a wonderful, sunny weekend!**



**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**



## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.7%	95.6%	95.2%	92%	94.8%	92.7%

**Whole school: 94.4%**

**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.



Parents' evening bookings are now live, and we encourage all families to take this opportunity to discuss their child's progress.

Please ensure you have booked your appointment via School Cloud. Full details can be found in the letter shared on Dojo.

Additionally, Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes and I will be running the Wittersham Coffee Shop again, so we warmly invite you to come along, enjoy a chat, and catch up with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Heavenly Father.**

As we come to the end of this week, we give thanks for the joy, creativity, and inspiration that have filled our days. We are especially grateful for the gift of stories—the books that ignite our imaginations, the characters that teach us lessons, and the words that bring us together.

Thank you for the wonderful World Book Day celebrations, for the laughter, the excitement, and the shared love of reading across our school. May the stories we have explored this week continue to inspire us, helping us to grow in wisdom, kindness, and understanding.

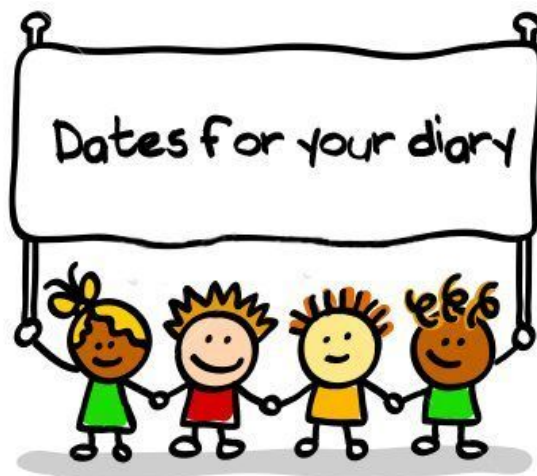
Bless our school community as we head into the weekend. May we find rest, joy, and time with those we love. Help us to return refreshed, ready to learn, support one another, and embrace the opportunities ahead.

**Amen.**

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**Courage**

**Cooper**



## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Wednesday, 12th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Thursday, 13th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Oxney)
- **Thursday, 20th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Windmills & Oast)
- **Friday, 21st March** – Red Nose Day
- **Monday, 24th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Smugglers)
- **Tuesday, 25th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Vikings)
- **Tuesday, 26th March** – Kent Life Vikings and Oxney School Trip
- **Wednesday, 27th March** – Mother's Day Cake Sale (Vikings)
- **Friday, 28th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Rother)
- **Thursday, 3rd April, 2:15pm** – Whole School Easter Worship
- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day
- **Monday, 22nd April** – First Day of Term 5
- **Thursday, 24th April** – Windmill Forest School Begins
- **Monday, 6th May** – **Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **Thursday, 9th May** – Smugglers Easter Cake Sale
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week 2025
- **Friday, 23rd May** – Final Day of Term 5
- **Monday, 26th May** – **Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **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 Event
- **Saturday, 19th 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](https://kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



# Support and guidance in the local area

## LAMBING DAY

Homewood School



Young Farmers' Club

**Saturday 22nd March**  
**Homewood School Farm**  
**TN30 6LT**

- Newborn lambs
- Bottle feeding sessions
- Face painting
- Newborn goat kids
- Games
- Refreshments



**Entry:**  
**£2 adults**  
**£1 children**  
**Under 2's go free**

**Cash only**

**Sorry no dogs**

# Craft Workshops at Thrive25 @Coachworks Sat 8th March

10 - 11 Knit a small hair bow taster £5

11.30 - 12.30 Punch needle workshop £8

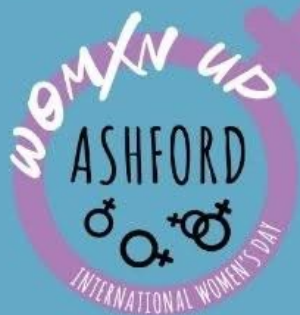
1.30 - 2.15 3.15 Stamp Carving £13.50

2.30 - 3.15 Brand visioning for small  
businesses £15

3.45 - 4.45 Porcelain Charm making £15

5.15 - 7.15 Disco Ball painting before you  
disco all night £25

All day free doodle table, free make your  
own banner panel (stitching & drawing)  
and free colouring sheets too!



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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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