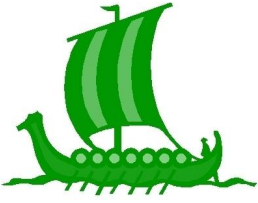


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 9th May**



Welcome to this week's edition of the *Wittersham Weekly*. It's been a reflective and meaningful few days in school as we've marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day – a significant moment in our national history and a valuable opportunity to deepen the children's understanding of British Values.

On Thursday morning, our Year 6 pupils were fortunate to attend a special community event organised by the Parish Council to commemorate VE Day. A new VE Day flag was raised at 9am in the Memorial Garden behind the War Memorial, accompanied by the reading of a Proclamation by Vice-Chairman Alan Lloyd-Smith. It was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by previous generations and the importance of remembrance.

At school, we observed the national silence at 12 noon. Pupils remained in their classrooms, marking the moment of reflection across the whole school. To add to the spirit of the day, our wonderful school catering team made some superb red, white, and blue cookies and dressed for the occasion — a thoughtful and uplifting touch that the children really enjoyed.

In the afternoon, we were very grateful to Mrs Robertson for arranging a visit from her friend Richard, who spoke during worship about the significance of VE Day and the impact of the Second World War. Richard shared some of his own experiences and stories passed down through his family, which the children listened to with real interest. They asked thoughtful and poignant questions, demonstrating their curiosity, empathy, and growing understanding of this important part of history.

Smuggler Class further enriched our commemorations by creating some beautiful VE Day artwork, which is now proudly on display in school. Their creative responses captured themes of peace, hope, and gratitude.

As part of our curriculum, we regularly explore and reinforce the **British Values** of **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**. VE Day provides an important opportunity to discuss how these values were hard fought for during the war and why they continue to matter today. By helping children understand the past, we aim to inspire them to contribute positively to the future — as active citizens who show courage, compassion, and cooperation in all they do.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

VE DAY

Pupils reflecting during our special VE Day Worship, where stories and prayer helped us remember the bravery, kindness, and hope shown during the Second World War.





Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.6%	95.5%	92.6%	94.8%	92.7%

Whole school: 94.5% (an increase 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.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 – Our Results!

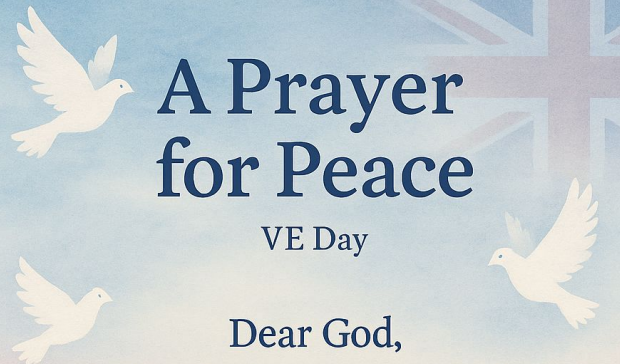


Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's challenge. Over the two weeks, we recorded an amazing **795 active journeys** to school by walking, cycling or scooting.

Our **daily average score** was **70.9%**, based on the best five days — a brilliant reflection of the children's effort and enthusiasm.

We're proud to have placed **194th out of 1,196 small primary schools** nationally. A fantastic result for Wittersham!

Well done to all involved for supporting healthier, greener travel.



Thank you for the peace we enjoy today.
We remember with gratitude those who were brave and kind during the war. They showed courage, strength, and love when the world needed it most.

Help us to be thoughtful and caring, to work together and show kindness to everyone. Teach us to use peaceful words and make gentle choices, so we can help our world stay safe and happy.

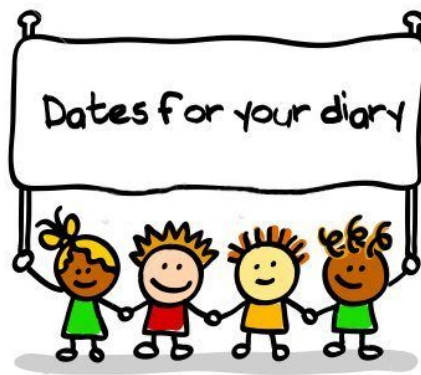
May we always remember the past, and do our best to build a hopeful and loving future.

Amen.

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week Year 6 2025
- **Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May** - Year 5 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 14th May** - *Come Dine With Me (Oxney)*
- **Wednesday 14th May** - Windmills Educational Visit
- **Friday 16th May** - Vikings School Trip to Hastings
- **Wednesday 21st May** - *Come Dine With Me (Rother)*
- **Monday 19th May** - Year 6 Evacuation Experience
- **Monday 19th - Friday 23rd** - Global Issues Week
- **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
- **Monday 2nd June** - Swimming begins
- **Tuesday 3rd June** - New Year R Parent Meeting @4pm
- **Wednesday 4th June** - WSA Fathers Day Sale
- **Thursday, 5th June** – Rother Forest School Begins
- **Thursday 5th June** - Whole School Class Photos
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** – Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Cake Sale
- **Friday 20th June** - Non-uniform day (donations to be confirmed)
- **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 - Friday 4th July** – Transition Week
- **Friday 4th July** - WSA Summer Festival
- **Tuesday 8th July** - Oast 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)**

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WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

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WITTERSHAM SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

WSA UPDATE

UPCOMING
WSA EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

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SAVE THE DATE

WITTERSHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER

FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 9TH JULY

SAVE THE DATE!!!



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



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26TH OF
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- Equestrian Fun Club
- Ferret Rescue
- Jonathan Marshall
- Gemmas Farm
- Rural Crafts
- Birds of Prey
- Local trade stands
- Heavy Horses
- AND MORE!



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COURSES**



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Area	Venue	Dates
Tonbridge	The Hayesbrook School	27th May

Course Code	Ages	Cost
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