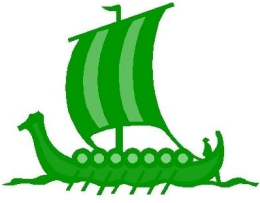


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 10th January 2025**



Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you had a joyful and restful winter break. It has been so lovely to see the children return to school, full of energy, smiles, and stories about their holiday adventures. We're thrilled to have everyone back and ready for the exciting term ahead.

The start of a new year is a wonderful time for fresh resolutions, and we've enjoyed hearing the children share their goals and ambitions for 2025. Whether it's improving their reading, mastering a new skill, or being kinder to their friends, their enthusiasm is inspiring!

School clubs are back in full swing, and it's fantastic to see so many children getting involved. From sports to creative activities, the buzz of excitement and engagement is truly heartwarming. We're delighted to see everyone settling back into routines and embracing all that school life has to offer.

We are also excited to welcome Miss Morgan, who has joined the Smugglers Class team, bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, Mrs. Scott has transitioned into Oast Class and is already making a wonderful impact in her new role. We are lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team supporting our children's learning and development.

As we embark on this new term, we look forward to a season filled with learning, growth, and many opportunities to celebrate the achievements of our amazing pupils.

Best wishes for a fantastic term ahead.

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## The Wittersham Way - the three C's!

At Wittersham, our school values—**Courage, Cooperation, and Compassion** —are at the heart of everything we do. These values guide our actions and interactions, creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

We encourage all children to show **courage** by trying their best, taking on challenges, and persevering when things feel difficult. Whether it's tackling a tricky problem in class or standing up for what's right, courage helps us grow.

**Cooperation** is vital for teamwork, both inside and outside the classroom. From working together on group projects to playing fairly at break times, cooperation teaches us the importance of listening, sharing, and valuing others' contributions.

Finally, **compassion** reminds us to show kindness and understanding to one another. This includes being a good friend, helping someone in need, or simply showing respect and empathy in our words and actions.

As staff, we model these values every day—in the way we communicate, support, and inspire the children. We also see many examples of these values reflected back in the children's actions, which is a testament to the strong community we've built together.

Let's all continue to live out the Three C's, making Wittersham a place where everyone can thrive.

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96.2%	96.7%	95.52%	92.5%	94.9%	92.6%

**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 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.

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## **Term 3 Week 1 Wittersham School Prayer**

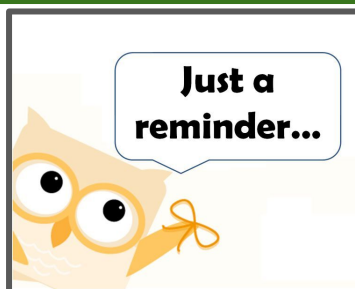
Dear God,

Thank You for bringing us back together for a new term and a new year. Help us to make the most of every day, to learn, and to grow in courage, cooperation, and compassion.

Give us strength to try our best, even when things feel hard, and remind us to be kind and helpful to one another. Bless our teachers, our friends, and our families, and keep us safe and happy as we work and play together.

May our school be a place where everyone feels loved, valued, and ready to shine.

Amen.



### **Reminder: Safety After School**

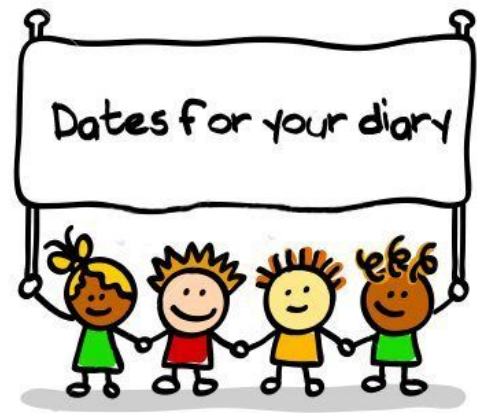
Please do not use the trim trail after school, and kindly ensure that children and siblings stay off the field. This is important to keep everyone safe at the end of the day.

Thank You for your cooperation.

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## **Special meal on Thursday 16th January!**

We're thrilled to announce a special meal for all our children this Thursday — delicious pizza and ice cream!

On this day, every child will have the chance to try a hot school meal and enjoy this delicious treat together. It's a wonderful opportunity to encourage trying new foods and sharing a fun dining experience with friends. All EYFS and KS1 children have access to free school meals and on Thursday they will be offered a pizza lunch!

We look forward to seeing the children enjoy this special event and hope it inspires more to explore our tasty school meal options!





# 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)

