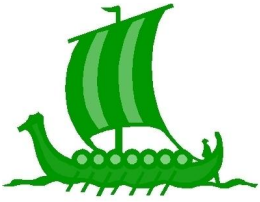


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 13th June 2025**



## Wittersham Weekly – Term 6, Week 2

It's been another packed and joyful week here at Wittersham, beginning with many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils heading off on their residential. Twenty-nine excited children set off to East Grinstead, supported by three brilliant adults—Mrs Batt, Mr Hawkins and Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes. I had the pleasure of joining them on Tuesday for the day and evening, and what a treat it was! We enjoyed delicious fajitas followed by a fantastic bonfire, complete with a very enthusiastic rendition of *Bongaloo!*

The children were an absolute credit to you all. They adapted quickly to their new surroundings and threw themselves wholeheartedly into every activity. I am certain they have returned home this afternoon tired, a little muddier than when they left—but full of stories and memories to cherish. We are incredibly grateful to the staff who volunteered to make this special experience possible—these opportunities simply wouldn't happen without their dedication, so I know you'll join me in thanking them.

Back in school, statutory assessments have continued. All of our Year 4 pupils have completed their **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**, which assesses their rapid recall of times tables up to 12 x 12. Our Year 1 children have also taken part in the **Phonics Screening Check**, a national assessment that helps identify how well children can decode words using phonics.

We also welcomed an unannounced visitor from Kent County Council on Monday, who came to oversee our phonics screening procedures. Their role was to ensure the checks were being carried out correctly and that materials were stored in line with DfE guidance. I'm delighted to say they were extremely impressed with our processes and with Mrs Scott's assessment practice—an affirming visit and a great reflection of our high standards.

We also took part in the **Kent Challenger Games** this week—an inspiring sporting event designed to promote teamwork, resilience and inclusive competition. Ten of our children represented Wittersham brilliantly, taking on a range of challenges including carrying a stretcher without spilling water, navigating an extensive obstacle course, and a team-based 'floor is lava' challenge. Their encouragement of one another, teamwork and determination—especially in the heat—was nothing short of remarkable. I was so proud of each and every one of them.

Another fantastic week in the Wittersham calendar, with so much more still to come this term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend—and a very **Happy Father's Day** to all those in our school community.

Warmest wishes,  
Stella Coulson

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96.1%	95.7%	95.7%	92.9% (going up!)	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.

### **Father's Day Prayers**

As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks and offer our prayers for the fathers and father figures in our lives.

#### **A Prayer of Thanks**

Dear God,  
Thank you for dads, grandads, uncles, carers, and all those who love and guide us.  
Thank you for their kindness, their patience, and their strength.  
Help us to show them how much they mean to us,  
not just today, but every day.  
Amen.

#### **A Prayer for All Families**

Loving God,  
We pray for families of all shapes and sizes,  
For those who celebrate today with joy,  
And for those for whom today brings sadness or memories.  
May your love surround every child and every home  
with comfort, peace, and hope.  
Amen.

#### **A Prayer for Role Models**

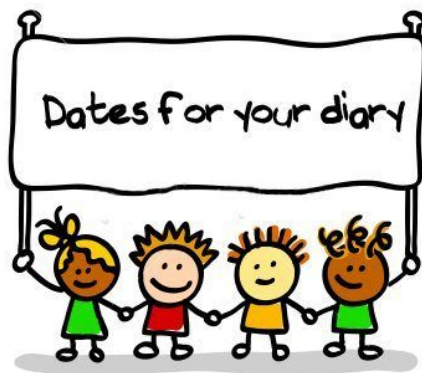
Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for all those who set a good example,  
Who protect, nurture, and teach us with love.  
Help us to follow their lead,  
And to be people of courage, compassion and cooperation—  
Just like our school values remind us.  
Amen.



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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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 10am (gates open at 9:45am) 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)

## New Academic Year 2025/2026

- **Wednesday 27th August** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Thursday 28th August** - First day of Term 1 (Year 1 - 6)
- **Thursday 28th and 29th August** - Year R Home Visits
- **Monday 1st September** - Start of Term for new Reception children
- **Thursday 16th October** - Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 17th October** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Monday 20th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term.
- **Monday 3rd November** - Start of Term 2

 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)



# Local events and news!

RYE DANCE CENTRE  
PRESENTS

*It's  
Showtime!*

AT THE SINDEN THEATRE  
HOMWOOD SCHOOL, TENTERDEN, KENT

SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7PM

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3PM

(DOORS OPEN HALF HOUR PRIOR TO PERFORMANCES)

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW BY CALLING 01580 763826

OR VISIT [WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM](http://WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM)



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# OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
**FROM 9:00AM**

Everyone Welcome!  
Young & Old, Beginners  
& Experienced.

- **FREE COACHING**
- **FREE DEMO'S**
- **BAR OPEN**

Sports to include...

**TENNIS**  
**PADEL**  
**SQUASH**  
**TABLE TENNIS**  
**CROQUET**



## FREE TENNIS & PADEL

For more information, please visit [ryelawntennisclub.org.uk](http://ryelawntennisclub.org.uk)  
or email us at [info@ryelawntennisclub.org.uk](mailto:info@ryelawntennisclub.org.uk)

📍 **115 MILITARY ROAD, RYE, TN31 7NY**



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> June

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

With best wishes  
Wittersham School Association



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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**

