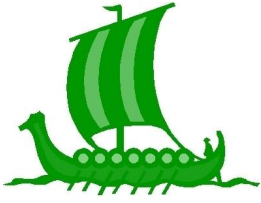


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 14th February 2025**



As we approach the end of Term 3, we have taken time this week to reflect on the theme of love and compassion in our Valentine's Day Worship. The story of St. Valentine reminds us of the importance of kindness, selflessness, and standing up for what we believe in. It is a wonderful opportunity to think about how we can show love to those around us—not just through words, but through our actions. Whether it's offering a helping hand, showing patience, or simply taking time to listen, small acts of compassion make a big difference.

This week, we have been exploring the importance of online safety through our Safer Internet Days, with a particular focus on understanding scams and digital responsibility. Learning how to stay safe online is a vital skill, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home. Alongside this, our work on British Values has helped children reflect on respect, democracy, and how we all play a part in our school and wider community.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Valentine's themed cake sale on Thursday, and to the WSA for organising the sale. Whether you donated, baked, or purchased, your generosity made the event a great success! Funds raised will go towards supporting enrichment opportunities for our children. Please see the final amount from the WSA below.

We also appreciate all the World Book Day costume donations. Your support ensures that all children have the chance to take part in this special celebration of reading. If you still have any costumes to donate, we will be collecting again after half term.

As we close another busy and productive term, we want to thank you all for your ongoing support. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting Term 4.

Wishing you all a wonderful break, filled with love, kindness, and joy!

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## Outdoor Play & Field Use After Half Term

We are hoping for a dry half term, which will allow us to reopen the field for the children to use again after the break. Please know that we never close the field without careful thought, and any decisions made are always in the best interest of the children's safety.

To help ensure all children can enjoy outdoor play, please make sure they have wellingtons (wellies) in school after half term, as well as a spare set of school clothes in their bag in case a change is needed. Children are also welcome to bring in puddle suits to wear outside, though there is no expectation for families to provide these.

In the meantime, we are so proud of our children for playing so well with others on the playground and joining in with fantastic games like parachute, hide and seek, tag, and pizza tennis! It has been wonderful to see them having fun, working together, and demonstrating great teamwork and kindness.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children comfortable and ready for all-weather play. We look forward to a fun and active Term 4!



### Term 3 Week 6 Wittersham School Prayer

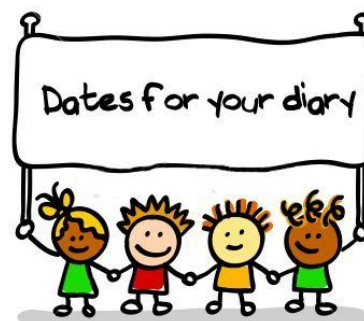
Dear God,

Thank you for the love and kindness we share at Wittersham Church of England Primary School. Help us to show love in all that we do—through our words, our actions, and the way we treat one another.

Teach us to be patient and understanding, to forgive when things go wrong, and to always look for the good in others. May our school be a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and cared for.

As we take a break from school, keep us and our families safe. Fill our hearts with joy, and bring us back refreshed and ready for new learning and new friendships.

Amen.



- **Friday, 14th February** – Last Day of Term 3
- **Monday, 17th - Friday, 21st February** – Half Term
- **Monday 24th February** - First Day of Term 4
- **Tuesday 4th March** - WSA Stay and Play
- **Friday, 7th March** – Wittersham Book Day
- **Wednesday, 12th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Friday 21st March** - Red Nose Day
- **Friday, 28th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day

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## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.7%	95.7%	95.1%	92.8%	95.2%	93%

**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.

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7 - 8PM

eduthing.co.uk

# SCREEN SAFE

In conversation with...

**eduthing**

IT Services for Education

We are excited to be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, Liam Buggs, Tim Barette and James Fraser. Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- Top Tips for Parents & Carers
- Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!
- Interactive Q&A Session

ABOUT SCREENSAFE

I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.

ABOUT EDUTHING

eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.

We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.

SESSION REGISTRATION

Click here to register for the upcoming session:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7V8KEcSR2e0f6tPnY80>  
 Please note that this is a live session.

## BE SMART ONLINE

S

**SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M

**MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

A

**ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R

**RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T

**TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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**BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

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## **WSA UPDATE**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

**A big thank you from me to all of you who have supported the cake sale yesterday. There was a fantastic spread of goodies on sale and together we raised the amazing amount of £394.50! Thank you also to all the WSA team and helpers who helped make the event a success.**

**As this year the children will be able to dress up as their favourite character from a book to celebrate world book day the WSA are collecting donations for a Costume Bank. There will be opportunities to donate costumes that have been outgrown today and after half term.**

**The WSA are planning a few events after half term; there will be a Stay and Play event after school on Tuesday 4th March, the Mother's Day sale will be on Friday 21st March and an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 2nd April. More news on these after half term and via the WSA Facebook page.**

**Please do become a member of the Facebook page to keep up to date with all the WSA activities. There is a small change in how this operates and to join there will be a simple question to answer. This is due to the number of requests that we have had recently that do not appear to be from someone who has an association with the school. If we have inadvertently declined your request to join please do ask again.**

**Finally we are pleased to announce that the AGM will be in the evening of Tuesday 25th March. It is likely that we will be running the event online via Teams to try and enable more of you to attend. If you wish to join the committee or to stand for a position of one of the officers please come to the AGM. The AGM will also be where a discussion on adopting a new constitution will be held. Information on this will be shared via dojo and Facebook. Information on the timing of the AGM and how to attend will be share after the half term break.**

**Thank you all for your ongoing support.**

**Have a great weekend.**

**Ann (Chair WSA)**



# 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



Kent Libraries



## World Book Day Costume Freecycle

Ashford Library

Thursday 20 February 2pm-5pm

Find a pre-loved World Book Day character costume in preparation for dressing up day on the 6 March at our freecycle event.

Re-use, reduce and re-cycle nearly new costumes from our eco-friendly library.

We hope to see you there- save money and swap!

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# THE CRAFTSHIP

## FEBRUARY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

### WEDNESDAY 12TH FEB

5.30-7pm Valentine's Couples Portrait Painting £35

### SATURDAY 15TH FEB

10.30-11.15am Family Craft Club £5

### MONDAY 17TH FEB

12-1.30pm Watercolour Bookmarks workshop £12

### TUESDAY 18TH FEB

3-4pm Fairy Garden Workshop £15.95

### WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB

1-3pm Art Club! £20

### THURSDAY 20TH FEB

10.30-11.30 Half Term Craft Club £5

### FRIDAY 21ST FEB

10.30-11.30am LEGO® Animal printing £8.50

### SATURDAY 22ND FEB

11am-12pm Rockets, Rovers & Robots  
Space themed block printing £8.50

1-3pm Make your own ceramic mug £35

Find more  
workshops &  
clubs on our  
website!

### KIPPY'S POTTERY TAKEOVER

**SUNDAY 9TH MARCH** (15min timeslots)

Hand & Footprints for Mother's Day £5 + pottery cost

The Craftship · unit 1 Park Mall, Ashford

For more information or to book please visit  
[www.madeinashford/collections/workshops](http://www.madeinashford/collections/workshops)

# BUZZERS ACADEMIES

## February half-term 2025

Fencing • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing  
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • Science • First Aid • Cooking

### Where?

**BALHAM** - Telferscot Primary School, Telferscot Road, Balham, SW12 0HW

**BECKENHAM** - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY

**BEXLEYHEATH** - Upland Primary School, Church Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4DG

**BROMLEY** - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR

**CHISLEHURST** - St Nicholas Primary School, School Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5PQ

**CROYDON** - Gresham Primary School, Limpsfield Road, South Croydon, CR2 9EA

**LEE** - St Winifred's Primary School, Newslead Road, Lee, SE12 0SJ

**SEVENOAKS** - Chevening Primary School, Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2SA

**WEST WICKHAM** - Oak Lodge Primary School, Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, BR4 0LJ

### Who?

Boys and Girls aged 4 (Reception class) to 12

### When?

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st February**

8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Camp day)

### Price?

£37 per day (Camp day)

£7 morning extended hours & £7 afternoon extended hours

We accept CHILDCARE VOUCHERS



**BOOK:** [www.buzzersacademies.co.uk](http://www.buzzersacademies.co.uk)

**ENQUIRE:** [camps@buzzers.org.uk](mailto:camps@buzzers.org.uk)

## WHEN?

February half-term

Easter holiday

May half-term

Summer holiday

October half-term

Christmas



Our Buzzers Camps are aimed at children aged 4 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All our Camps are based around **Sports** and **Multi-Activity Team Games**.

Each day of our Camps are tailored to ensure, inclusion and maximum participation in a **fun** and **safe** environment. Our team will ensure that all children make **new friends**, **are physically active** and **have their say** on the Camp day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Camp week, there will also be various '**Special Events**' such as Archery, Science, Pottery Painting, Fencing, Taekwondo, Cooking, Sand Art, Circus Skills, First Aid and Inflatables.

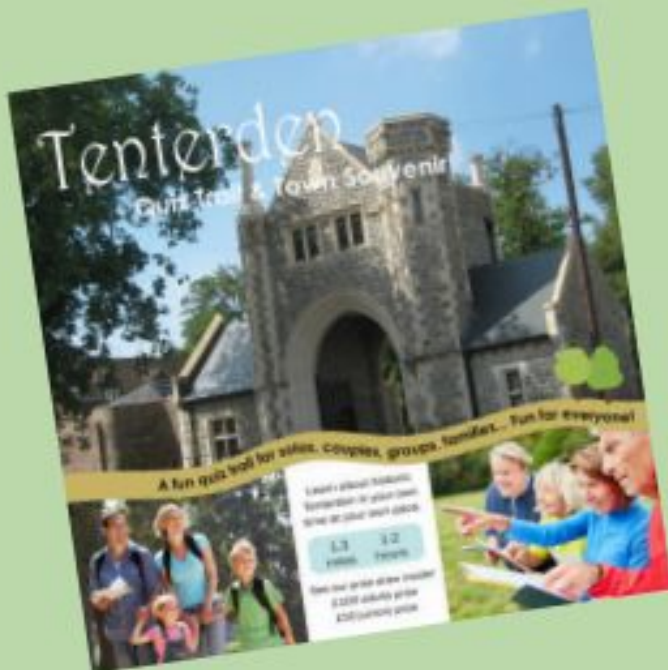
All Buzzers Camp staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All senior (Lead) Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Camp day will have a 'learning outcome' focused around:

- **ABC's** (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- **Communication Skills**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** & **TikTok** - @BuzzersAcademies

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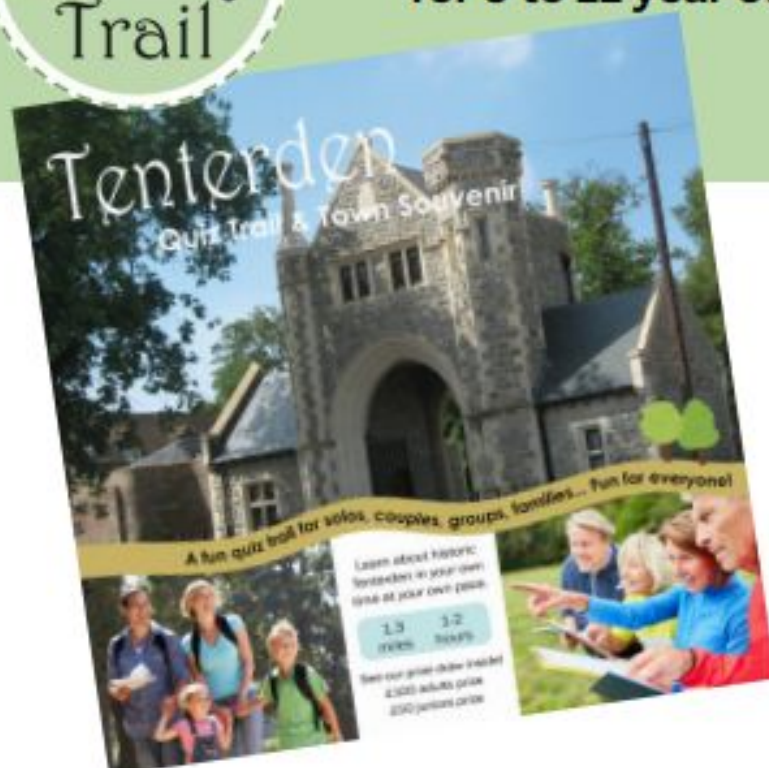
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# Rugby & Multi Sport Holiday camp - Rye



Rye Rugby Football  
Club, New Road, Rye,  
TN31 7LS



Friday 21st February



10am - 2pm



11-16 years old



Please bring a packed  
lunch - Snacks and  
Drinks provided

**Free to  
attend!**



*Limited Spaces - Must register via QR  
code*