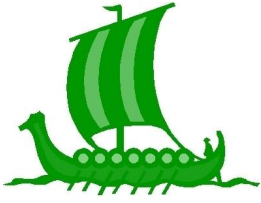


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



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



This week has brought some truly unpredictable weather – from Year 6 playing PE in the snow to basking in bright sunshine by lunchtime today! It certainly kept us on our toes.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. It was wonderful to see the school full of energy and conversation, with so many positive discussions about the children's progress. For those who were unable to attend, teachers will be in touch to arrange a catch-up, as meeting with all families is such an important part of working together to support our pupils.

We also held our first *Come Learn With Me* session in Oxney this week. It was a fantastic experience, and we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who came along and engaged with the session—we look forward to more opportunities like this across the school.

On the sports front, our football team put in a fantastic performance against Hamstreet, finishing with a 4-0 result. A huge thank you to Mr Hawkins for organising the event and to the team for demonstrating both courage and compassion on the pitch. We continue to take part in a range of league and non-competitive events throughout the year to ensure as many children as possible have the opportunity to participate. Looking ahead, our sports leaders will be organising inter-house tournaments in Term 6, giving even more pupils the chance to get involved and showcase their skills.

Next week is shaping up to be another busy one! On Friday 21st March, the WSA Mother's Day Sale will take place. For £3.50, children will be able to buy a gift for a special person in their life. Gifts will be wrapped, and as always, are limited to one per child. Look out for a flyer in book bags during the week.

Also on Friday, we will be marking Red Nose Day. Children can wear non-uniform or pyjamas for the day, but please ensure that clothing and footwear are suitable for school. Donations can be made in cash, and collection buckets will be available at the start and end of the day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.8%	95.2%	92.2%	94.8%	92.6%

**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.

📍 Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March 📍



We are excited to be raising money for Red Nose Day this year on Friday 21st March!

Our School Council has decided that children can come to school wearing their own clothes or pyjamas for the day. Please ensure that outfits are appropriate for school—costumes will not be permitted on this day.

We ask for a £1 donation (or more if you wish) to support this worthwhile cause. Cash donations only—buckets will be available at the start and end of the school day for collections.

Throughout the day, children will also be learning about the history of Red Nose Day and the impact it has made over the past 40 years.

Thank you for your support!

# PRAYER

Dear God.

Thank you for the many blessings we share each day. Help us to open our hearts to those in need, to give with kindness, and to serve others with compassion.

Guide us to take care of our school, our community, and the wider world, showing love and respect in all that we do. May we always be generous with our time, our words, and our actions, making a difference in the lives of those around us.

Let us walk together in courage, cooperation, and compassion, shining your light in the world.  
Amen.

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooper**

# SPORTS NEWS!

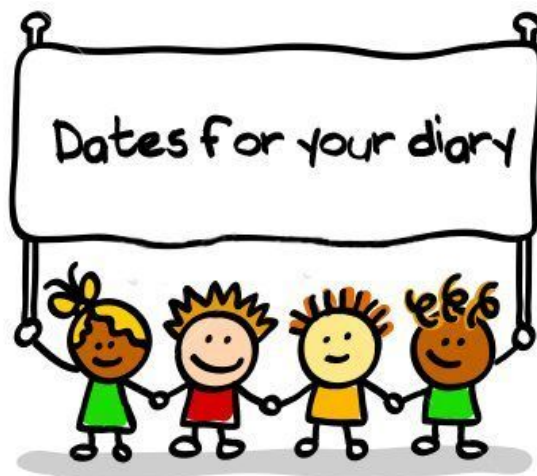


We are delighted with all of the entries you have submitted to our competition. If you look at the display board, you may see we have put the winning photographs for you to see.

This is to inspire lots of people to try out new sports! We'd like to encourage you to come to our Sports Club which is held every Monday at 12:30-1pm on the playground. Every week we try out different varieties of sport.

If you have any ideas of a competition that you would like next, come and speak to our Sports Leaders: **Keira, Delaney, Oscar and Isaac.**





## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Thursday, 20th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Windmills & Oast)
- **Friday, 21st March** – WSA Mothers Day Sale
- **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 25th March 7:30 pm** – WSA AGM
- **Wednesday, 26th March** – Kent Life Vikings and Oxney School Trip
- **Thursday 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
- **Tuesday, 22nd April** – First Day of Term 5
- **Thursday, 24th April** – Windmill Forest School Begins
- **Monday 5th May** – **Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **Friday, 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 and half term)**
- **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
- **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)**



## WSA UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of you who donated costumes to the world book day Costume Bank. This was a new venture for this year so we started small but is something the new committee will develop. We hope those of you who took the opportunity to use a costume this year will bring it back so that we can share again next year.

There are a few events coming up in the next few weeks and we hope that you will be able to support these.

- Friday 21st March is Mother's Day sale, for £3.50 the children will be able to buy a gift for a special person in their life. Gifts will be wrapped and as always are limited to one per child. Look out for a flyer in book bags in the week.
- Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 pm – the WSA AGM This is likely to be online via Teams to try and enable more of you to attend. Details on how to join will be available soon. 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 has been shared via dojo and Facebook but if you would like a copy emailed please get in touch [annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)
- Thursday 27th March – Vikings Cake sale with a Mother's Day theme, a flyer will be sent home before the event.
- Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Egg Hunt, with the support of local businesses we hope to make this a little more special this year. If you are a business owner and would like to help sponsor the eggs please get in touch [annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)

We are sorry that we were not able to hold the Stay and Play last week but there were some last-minute changes in our availability. I am sure that the new committee will be planning more.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

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

## 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**

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.

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