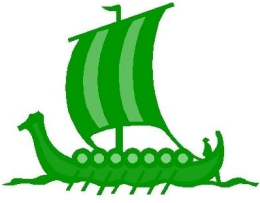


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 15th November**



This week has been a hive of activity here at Wittersham Church of England Primary School! Yes, the nights are getting darker, and the temperature is dropping, but the warmth and energy inside our school remain as bright as ever!

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Children in Need Dance Dash, which filled the school with joy and excitement. The event was such fun, with the children having an absolute blast. As a whole school, we took time to reflect on the courage shown by the students from Homewood School, who shared their wonderful country-themed performance with us. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous donations and ongoing support. Your compassion has once again made a meaningful difference, demonstrating the strength and kindness of our community.

We're also thrilled to unveil our newly rebranded Whole School Vision! This refreshed vision beautifully reflects our values and aspirations for the future. Please take a moment to explore it and join us on this exciting journey as we grow together as a school.

Next week, we will take part in a **SIAMS visit** on Tuesday, 19th November. This inspection provides an opportunity to showcase how our Christian vision supports the flourishing of our entire school community. We're looking forward to sharing this important aspect of our school life.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support across every aspect of our wonderful school. We are truly blessed to work alongside such a dedicated and caring community.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable weekend!

DON'T FORGET!

We have an **INSET Day on Monday, 18th November** , so the school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 19th November** , for another fabulous week of learning and fun!

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation



Here at Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we strive to **cooperate** and work alongside all members of our community to feel valued, nurtured, and empowered as they embark upon their journey to become the very best that God intended.

Throughout their voyage of discovery with us, we ensure all children are provided with a rich curriculum, and experiences that promote **courage** and a strong moral purpose underpinned by our Christian values; preparing them to become **compassionate** citizens within our rural community and the wider world.



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Here at Wittersham, our whole school vision is important because it provides a clear direction and sense of purpose for our entire school community—children, staff, and parents. It ensures that our values, goals, and aspirations are aligned across all areas of school life, creating a shared understanding of what we are working towards. This vision not only inspires and motivates everyone to contribute to our goals but also helps us stay focused on long-term growth, even as we face challenges and changes. It encourages active involvement from all stakeholders, fostering a sense of belonging and ownership. Ultimately, our vision shapes the culture of our school, guiding how we interact with each other and the kind of learning environment we want to create for all children.

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
99.1%	97.7%	98.13%	91.9%	95.7%	93%

Whole school: 95.6%

Whole School Target: 96%

A gentle reminder that the school gates close promptly at 8:45am. We kindly ask that all children arrive at school before this time. Any arrivals after 8:45am will be marked as late.

Thanks to the amazing efforts of the WSA and the funds raised by our incredible parents and carers, we're thrilled to announce that a theatre company will be coming into school on November 26th to perform *Jack and the Beanstalk* for the entire school. Both children and staff are sure to enjoy this fantastic pantomime experience, and we are once again so grateful to the WSA for continually providing our children with such memorable opportunities.

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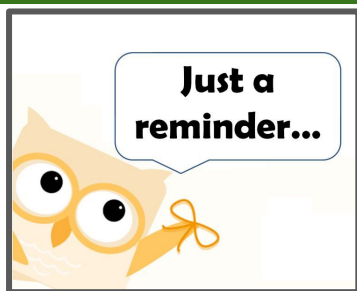
Term 2 Week 2 Wittersham School Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,

As we journey through this week, we ask for Your guidance and strength. Help us to grow in our spirituality, drawing closer to You in all our thoughts and actions. Inspire us to serve others with hearts full of charity, kindness, and compassion, and to always support those in need. May we walk alongside one another in unity, offering encouragement and love, reflecting Your light in everything we do.

Bless us with the courage to make a positive difference and the wisdom to see Your presence in every step of our journey.

Amen.



Reminder: Safety After School

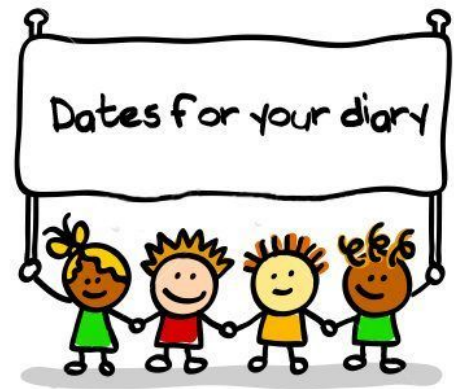
Please do not use the trim trail after school, and kindly ensure that children and siblings stay off the field. This is important to keep everyone safe at the end of the day.

Thank You for your cooperation.

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- Monday 18th November - **INSET Day**
- Monday 25th November - **Wellbeing Coffee morning** - everyone is welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 26th November - **whole school Pantomime**
- Friday 6th December - **WSA Christmas Event after school**
- Tuesday 10th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity (time to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 11th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity (time to be confirmed)**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Lunch Day**
- Tuesday 17th December - **KS2 Christingle and Carol Concert @5pm.**
- Thursday 19th December - **Christmas Service for the whole school @2:15pm.**
- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**



Dear Parents and Carers

Hopefully you will have seen the news re the Christmas Movie Night on Friday 6th December 5-7pm. The cost is £5 per child and includes drinks, snacks and a gift. While the children watch the movie we will have drinks, including mulled wine and cakes on sale plus a tombola. You will be able to pay via cash to the school or Scopay, a letter will be sent home next week.

That afternoon we are also hoping to run a Christmas Gift Shop – Elfridges for the children to buy a gift for a loved one. BUT for this to happen we do need some parents to help. If you can spare a couple of hours in the afternoon please get in touch with me. Any gifts leftover will be on sale in the evening. We are hoping to have a flat price of £3.50 per gift including wrapping or gift bag.

The wreath making workshop on Thursday 28th November is now fully booked. We are looking forward to a fun evening.

Have a good weekend.

Ann (Chair WSA)

DECEMBER 6 FROM 5PM UNTIL 7PM

WITTERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

£5 per child which includes a drink, snacks & a gift!
Payment can be made via Scopay or by bringing cash to the school office
Parents can stay & enjoy a drink, have a slice of cake and play the tombola while the children watch their film.



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

