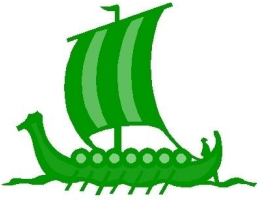


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 28th March 2025**



What a week it has been at Wittersham, and we couldn't be prouder of our amazing Year 6 pupils. SATs week is always a big milestone, but they approached every paper with great courage, determination, and perseverance. They supported one another, kept smiling through the challenge, and truly embodied everything we value here. I am absolutely beaming with pride for each and every one of them.

Today, Viking Class enjoyed their trip to Hastings, travelling by train and taking in the sights (and an ice cream treat to finish!). The children represented our school beautifully, showing respect, responsibility, and cooperation throughout. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Robinson for planning such a brilliant day, and to Mrs Penn and Mrs Crabtree for their tireless work behind the scenes with risk assessments, logistics and payments—without them, trips like this simply wouldn't happen.

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been taking part in Bikeability training this week, developing their cycling skills and learning how to stay safe on the roads. They showed excellent focus and maturity—well done to all involved!

In Windmill Class, we welcomed some very unusual visitors with the arrival of Jaws and Claws! The children showed amazing bravery and curiosity, handling a range of creatures from a giant African land snail to a rather large snake. A big thank you to Mrs Catt for organising this immersive and memorable experience for the children. And a special well done to Mrs Robertson for facing her fears and holding a snake—she's certainly much braver than me!

In worship today, we welcomed Nick Barnett, one of our Governing Board members, and reflected on the theme of courage. We celebrated the quiet bravery we've seen in Rother Class this week and introduced an exciting new award...

🏆 **Going Above and Beyond Certificate**

This brand-new award recognises children who go beyond what is expected of them. Whether it's offering kindness without being asked, showing resilience, helping others, or consistently making excellent choices, these children go the extra mile simply because it's the right thing to do. We were delighted to present the first recipients of this award in worship today and look forward to celebrating more acts of excellence across the school.

As hard as it is to believe, next week is the final week of Term 5. It's another exciting one, as four members of staff will begin their swimming teacher training. Some children will have the opportunity to join swimming sessions next week as part of assessment process, but please note that the pool officially opens for all children on Monday 2nd June.

Wishing you all a joyful, Eurovision-filled weekend! 🎤 ✨

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.8%	95.5%	92.7%	94.8%	92.8%

Whole school: 94.5% (staying steady this week so well done!)

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.

As part of our ongoing commitment to attendance and progress, we meet formally with teachers once per term for Pupil Progress Meetings. A key item on the agenda is attendance, and during this week's meetings, it was fantastic to identify and celebrate the classes and individual pupils whose attendance has shown real improvement. Well done – and keep it up!

Dear God,

Thank you for our whole school family—our classmates, our teachers, and all the adults who care for us.

Help us each day to show **compassion**, **courage**, and **cooperation** in everything we do.

Give us the strength to try our best, the heart to care for others,

and the wisdom to make good choices.

When we find things tricky, give us **courage** to keep going.

When we feel nervous or unsure, help us to be brave and trust that we can do it.

When others need support, help us to notice and be a friend.

Guide us all to go above and beyond, not for praise, but because we want to make a difference.

May our school be a place of joy, safety, and love, where everyone feels valued, encouraged, and confident to shine with courage.

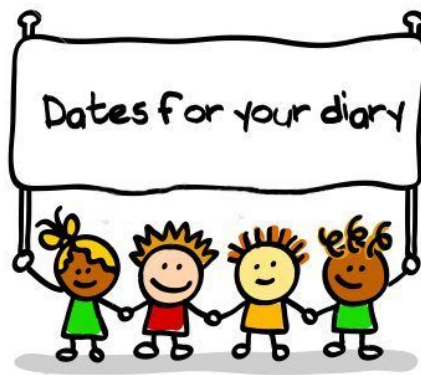
Amen.



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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Monday 19th May** - Year 6 Evacuation Experience
- **Monday 19th - Friday 23rd** - Global Issues Week
- **Wednesday 21st May** - *Come Dine With Me (Rother)*
- **Wednesday 21st May** - Residential Meeting @2:30pm
- **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
- **Monday 2nd June** - Swimming begins
- **Tuesday 3rd June** - New Year R Parent Meeting @4pm
- **Wednesday 4th June** - WSA Fathers Day Sale
- **Thursday, 5th June** - Rother Forest School Begins
- **Thursday 5th June** - Whole School Class Photos
- **Thursday 5th June** - KS1 Meeting for Windmill and Oast Parents @2:30pm
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** - Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **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 9:30am and all parents are invited to join us for a whole school picnic at 1pm.
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July** - Transition Week
- **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)**



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 20th June

On Friday 20th 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 4th 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 4th of July.

With best wishes
Wittersham School Association



Reg Charity No:1059824



PLEASE JOIN THE WSA FOR A

FATHER'S DAY

Sale

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

**GIFTS FOR DAD
OR A SPECIAL
MAN IN YOUR
LIFE!**



**ALL GIFTS WILL BE GIFT
WRAPPED.**

**£3.50 PER GIFT.
PLEASE SEND MONEY IN A
NAMED ENVELOPE.
ONE GIFT PER CHILD.**



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





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



**Wings of the Morning Field,
1 London Road,
Wrotham,
Sevenoaks, Kent,
TN15 7NS**



**THE EVENT WITH SOMETHING
FOR EVERYBODY**

**Sunday and Monday
25TH AND
26TH OF
MAY**

**10.00AM
TO
5.00PM**

KIDS

Joe Peek Puppets
Rides
Magic
Kids Games Area
and more

ATTRACTIONS

- Wrestling
- The British Lawn Mower Racing Association
- Amazing Reptiles
- Petting Farm
- The Spotty Boys
- Cookery Demo Tent
- Chain Saw Carving
- Kent Kite Flyers
- Archery
- Flying Ryan Stunts



**MAIN STAGE
toploader**



Discounted online tickets or pay on the day
Under 5's go free!
www.britishshow.co.uk

**MUSIC • FOOD &
DRINK •
ATTRACTIONS
• STANDS
• AND MORE**

**DOG FRIENDLY WITH FUN DOG
SHOW FOR CHARITY**

Dog Agility , Pedigree , Fun Dog show , Main Dog Show

- Archery
- Tudor Living History
- Equestrian Fun Club
- Ferret Rescue
- Jonathan Marshall
- Gemmas Farm
- Rural Crafts
- Birds of Prey
- Local trade stands
- Heavy Horses
- AND MORE!



**HOLIDAY
COURSES**



KENT

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming Holiday Courses in the May Half Term by scanning the QR code or visiting our booking website and using the below course code.

chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Area	Venue	Dates
Tonbridge	The Hayesbrook School	27th May

Course Code	Ages	Cost
SS-HYB-K-40	5-12 Years	£25.00



Kent
Family
Hub



Half Term Timetable

Ashford Family Hubs

27th May 2025 - 30th May 2025

Contact us

Ashford North Family Hub 03000 417567

Bockhanger Family Hub 03000 418600

Waterside Family Hub 03000 418700

The Willow Family Hub 03000 418800

Tenterden Family Hub 03000 418400

or email:

ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk



Find us on Facebook or Instagram at
[Ashfordfamilyhubs](#) or
[Ashfordfamilyhubs11to19](#)

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Ashford Family Hubs

27th May 2025

Baby Play

Tenterden Family Hub
Recreation Ground Road
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6RA

12.30pm - 2.00pm

For pre-walkers only

Drop In



27th May 2025

Compass Gardening Group

Ashford North Family Hub
Mabledon Avenue
Ashford
Kent
TN24 8BJ

10.00am - 2.00pm

For 11-19 year olds who currently attend one of our compass groups

Requires Booking



28th May 2025

Geocaching and Hot Dogs

For 11-19 year olds only.
Meet at Victoria Park Ashford,
TN23 4QA by Harpers Cafe.

To book a place please call
03000 417567 as places are
limited

12.00pm - 4.00pm

Requires Booking



29th May 2025

Baby Play

Waterside Family Hub
Turner Close
Willesborough
Ashford
Kent
TN24 0PQ

1.00pm - 2.30pm

For pre-walkers only

Drop In



30th May 2025

Baby Play

Bockhanger Family Hub
Belmont Road
Kennington
Ashford
Kent
TN24 9LS

1.00pm - 2.30pm

For pre-walkers only

Drop In