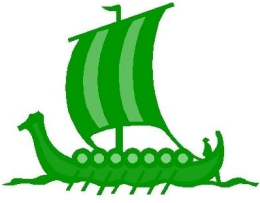


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Welcome to the Wittersham Weekly! Friday 17th January 2025



As we reach the end of Week 2, we reflect on yet another fantastic week here at Wittersham!

This week marked the start of **Bible Explorers** in Year 5, a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage deeply with stories from the Bible and reflect on their meanings.

We were also fortunate to welcome **Andrea**, our link Speech and Language Therapist, for a whole-school visit. Her support has been invaluable as we continue our journey toward becoming a **Communication Friendly School**. As part of this, we are excited to begin integrating **Makaton** into our daily routines to promote inclusion and enhance communication across the school.

To end the week, we enjoyed a special assembly led by Forest School Leader Helen's Mum, a dedicated volunteer for the **RSPB**. Her assembly on birds was both inspiring and educational, sparking curiosity in our pupils just in time for next week's **Big Garden Birdwatch**. Our Eco Team, Edward and Jessica, did a fantastic job organizing this visit, encouraging everyone to think about what birds they might spot in their gardens.



As we continue our journey as a school community, I want to remind everyone of the importance of our school value of **compassion**. Whether in our classrooms, on the playground, or in the wider community, compassion is what helps us connect, support, and uplift one another. At the heart of it all, we are just humans trying to do our best—let's remember to model kindness and understanding in all that we do.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

| Windmills | Oast | Smugglers | Vikings | Oxney | Rother |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| 96.5% | 96.3% | 95.4% | 92.5% | 95% | 92.8% |

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 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.

Term 3 Week 2 Wittersham School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the beauty of nature that surrounds us each day. We are reminded of Your creation through the birds in our gardens and skies, each one a symbol of Your care and love. Help us to pause and appreciate these small wonders, teaching us to care for the world You have entrusted to us.

May we learn to live with compassion, not only for each other but also for the environment and every living creature. Guide us to make thoughtful choices that reflect our role as stewards of Your creation.

Bless our school community with kindness, understanding, and unity as we work together to do our best in all that we do.

Amen



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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



Support and guidance in the local area



Empowering people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities.

South East Hub



Autism Central

FREE DROP-IN SESSION



Join us for our free Drop-in Morning at The Willow Family Hub in Kent on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 10:00-11:30.

This is a themed session on Education and EHCP's staffed by Roisin our experienced Family Wrap Around Coordinator. It will include a workshop and discussion. There will be time for questions on Education and SEND specific content. This session is aimed at local families.

The Autism Central South East Hub aims to help families to learn more about autism and the support available to them.

The Willow Family Hub address is: Halstow Way, Ashford, Kent, TN23 4EY. We hope to see you there!

- We are here to listen to you
- We are here to offer guidance
- Increase your knowledge
- Help you through challenges
- Increase your confidence
- Help you navigate services
- Provide you with skills that last
- Offer a FREE 1:1 appointments

CONNECT!

Group activities for neurodiverse young people aged 9-18
across Kent*



Creates fun opportunities in an Autism Friendly environment



Allows young people to connect through shared interests to
develop social skills

Empowers young people to build their confidence, resilience and wellbeing

Gives parents and carers the chance to have a break and meet others
with shared experiences

*Eligibility Criteria will apply.



Who is this service for?

- Young people aged between 9 and 18
- Young people who struggle to access universal or mainstream clubs and services
- For young people who are keen to meet others, have fun and try new things

*There may be fees and additional costs for some activities.

To refer a young person to Connect!

Email: youth@involvekent.org.uk

Call: 07474 708132

Web: www.involvekent.org.uk

