



## Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the**  
**Wittersham Weekly!**  
**Friday 20th December 2024**



As we wrap up the final week of 2024, Wittersham School has been alive with the joy and excitement of the festive season. It has truly been a wonderfully busy and heartwarming time for our school community, filled with special moments that reflect the spirit of Christmas and the bonds we share.

A highlight of our celebrations was the beautiful Christingle service held at the church. The sight of the children gathered together, singing their hearts out while holding glowing candles, was both moving and magical. It was a powerful reminder of the hope and light we carry into the world, and we are deeply grateful to all the families who joined us for this memorable occasion.

This week also marked a bittersweet moment as we said goodbye to Mrs. Smith. Her dedication, compassion, and commitment to the children have made a lasting impact on everyone she has worked with. She will be greatly missed by pupils, parents, and staff alike, but we send her off with our warmest wishes for success and happiness as she embarks on the next chapter of her journey.

On behalf of everyone at Wittersham School, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support and involvement throughout this year. It has been a privilege to share in your children's learning and growth, and we look forward to another year of exciting opportunities ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, joyful New Year. May your holiday season be filled with happiness and togetherness. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 6th January 2025, refreshed and ready for a new term brimming with learning, inspiration, and success.

Take care, stay safe, and enjoy the festive season!



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**Courage**

**Cooperation**

## Scooter Safety Reminder

As we approach the New Year, it's a great time to remind everyone about the importance of staying safe while using scooters. Whether traveling to and from school or enjoying a ride in the park, safety should always come first.

Here are some key tips to ensure safe scooting:

- **Wear a Helmet** : Protecting your head is vital. Make sure helmets are fitted correctly and securely fastened.
- **Be Aware of Surroundings** : Watch out for cars, pedestrians, and other hazards, especially when crossing roads or navigating busy areas.
- **Stick to Safe Areas** : Use pavements, designated paths, or scooter-friendly zones wherever possible. Avoid riding on roads or unsafe surfaces.
- **Slow Down** : Speed can lead to accidents. Keep your scooting pace steady and manageable.
- **Respect Others** : Be considerate of pedestrians and other scooter users. Keep to the left on paths and give way when necessary.

By following these simple steps, we can all enjoy the fun and freedom of scooting while staying safe. Let's work together to ensure our children travel safely and responsibly. Wishing you all happy and safe scooting!

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96.0%	97.2%	96.2%	92.7%	95.6%	92.7%

**Whole school: 94.9%** (this is the first time we have slipped below 95%)

**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.

Thank you to everyone who is arriving at school on time, ready to start their day before the gates close. Punctuality sets such a positive tone for the day and helps children settle quickly into their learning.

Our new signing-in system has also been a valuable addition, enabling us to better track and support families who may be struggling with lateness. We're here to help, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support with getting to school on time. Let's keep up this fantastic momentum—every day in school makes a difference!

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## A Christmas Prayer for Wittersham School

Loving God,

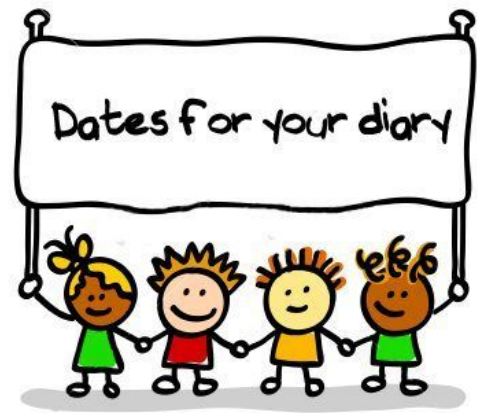
As we gather together to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, and the love He brings to our world. We thank You for the warmth and joy we share as a school community, for the teachers, staff, and children who make Wittersham School a special place.

Bless our families, that they may know Your peace and love this Christmas season. May the light of Your love shine brightly in our hearts and guide us in all that we do. Help us to show kindness, compassion, and understanding to one another, just as Jesus taught us.

We pray for those who are in need, that they may find comfort and hope this Christmas. We ask for Your protection and care for all in our community, that we may continue to grow in Your love and bring joy to those around us.

Thank You, Lord, for the many blessings we have. May we carry the spirit of Christmas with us throughout the year.

Amen.



- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**

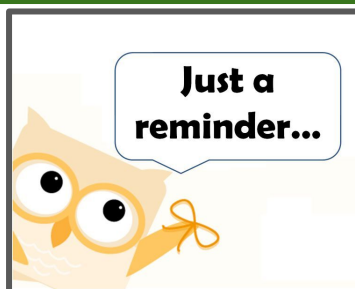


### Live Nativity at Hope Farm

We are excited to share that Hope Farm and Ashford Young Farmers are inviting you to a special **Live Nativity** on **Monday at 5:00 pm**. This event will take place at **Hope Farm, Wittersham, TN30 7NP**, and promises to be a wonderful, festive experience for all ages.

There will be **refreshments** available, as well as a **raffle** raising funds for the club. Please note that the raffle will be accepting **cash donations**.

Come along to enjoy the nativity scene, support a great cause, and get into the Christmas spirit!



### 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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**Dear Parents and Carers**

**A big thank you from me to all of you who have supported the events over the past few weeks, the card sales, the wreath making and the movie night have raised approximately £1800. This is an amazing amount for such a small school.**

**Thank you also to all the WSA team for all their hard work in making these events a success.**

**On the night, we ran out of time to draw the free raffle so Mrs Coulson is kindly doing that for us today. There will be 6 lucky children coming home with a goodie bag.**

**Please look out for the date of the AGM – this will be in February and my last activity for the WSA.**

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025.**

**Ann (Chair WSA)**





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Smallhythe - Stone - Tenterden - Wittersham



# Christmas Fun & Crafts

St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden,  
Saturday 21st December  
10am - 12pm

Drop in to create a bag full of  
Christmas crafts and goodies!

£2 per child

Refreshments included

All children must be supervised  
by their grown-up(s).

