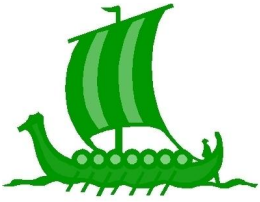


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 20th June 2025**



## **Wittersham Weekly – Term 6, Week 3**

Another end to the week is upon us, and as we edge closer to the end of the academic year, the weeks seem to be flying by!

This has been another fantastic week, with Year 6 enjoying a brilliant day in the sunshine at Hope Farm, learning all about where our food comes from and the many roles and animals found on working farms.

A huge thank you to the Lovejoy family for welcoming Year 6 and making the day so memorable.

We also welcomed a visit from Tenterden Museum, where we discovered more about the history of our school – including the fact that it was originally sited in the church car park! It certainly looked very different back then.

The Windmill and Oast cake sale was another great success – and certainly the hottest Stay and Play and cake sale we've had so far! The wonderful WSA team raised an impressive £289.22. Thank you to everyone who baked, contributed, and came along to support.

Going forward, all cake sales will take place after school, but we'll continue to make sure that children who can't stay due to clubs or the bus will still have a chance to buy cakes before the end of the school day.

We're really looking forward to Sports Day next week – please keep an eye on Class Dojo on Monday for a post with more information about the day.

Today's non-uniform day was perfectly timed with the weather, and once again, your donations were incredibly generous. Thank you for your continued support.

The Wittersham Festival is now just two short weeks away, and excitement is building! Due to overwhelming demand, we've had to order more raffle tickets, but don't forget – you'll need to purchase your festival tickets too! With amazing prizes and activities planned, it's shaping up to be a truly fantastic event. Please do spread the word and get your tickets early!

We've also seen the Wittersham Way shining brightly in recent community events. Our School Gardening Club proudly contributed a beautiful entry to the Village Flower Show, showcasing the children's creativity and care for nature – more information and photos can be found on the next page. In addition, we were incredibly proud to see several of our pupils representing Wittersham and Stone as part of Stone Cricket Club's AllStars and Dynamos programme. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Kit's dad, John, the children had the exciting opportunity to act as the Guard of Honour at the Kent Spitfires vs Gloucestershire match in Canterbury this week. It was a brilliant evening full of community spirit and one the children will remember for a long time – again, more about this on the next page!

As we head into what's set to be a rather warm weekend, stay cool, stay safe, and enjoy the sunshine.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Mrs Coulson

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

Wittersham Horticultural Society  
Leeds Farm House  
Poplar Road  
Wittersham

16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Bella, Evie-Rose, Isabel, Isla, Jack, Theodore, Violet and Winnie,

Firstly, everybody in the Society would like to thank you all for all the effort that you have put in to growing the plants that were on show at the Village Hall on Saturday. It was wonderful to see how well you all have done and it is always a pleasure to see the interest you have in growing plants from seed.

We could not decide who should be winners so you all should receive a highly commended certificate for all your effort.

You might be interested in seeing the Community Garden which is behind the Village Hall. It is a great example of how to create a lot from a small space and how a disused scrap of land can be made so productive. There are people running the garden there every Thursday so bring you Mum and Dad along to show them what can be done.

Keep Growing!!!



Mervyn Toogood



### 🌸 Wittersham Flower Show 🌸

Mrs Channon, Mrs Robertson and the school gardening club were kindly invited by the Wittersham Horticultural Society to submit some of their school-grown flowers for the Wittersham Flower Show last weekend. The group entered a stunning arrangement of sweet peas, grown with care by the children – and it was a real highlight of the show.

The pride, teamwork and sense of responsibility shown by the children throughout this project really brought the Wittersham Way to life. From tending the flower beds each week to choosing which blooms to enter, the children showed compassion, cooperation, and a deep respect for the natural world.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Channon for sharing her passion and helping our pupils connect with the environment and wider community. The school grounds are full of colour and joy at this time of year – a real testament to their hard work.

We're so proud of everyone involved.

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### **Cricket Under the Lights – A Night to Remember!**

We are incredibly proud to share the amazing experience that some of our pupils recently had as part of Stone-in-Oxney Cricket Club's AllStars and Dynamos programme – a brilliant community-led initiative run by Kit's dad, John, along with a team of dedicated parent volunteers from both Wittersham and Stone.

Every summer, these fun and inclusive sessions provide an introduction to cricket for children aged 5–11, supported by the ECB, and have become a real highlight of village life – complete with BBQs, a bar, and warm summer evenings spent together as a community.

This week, their enthusiasm and team spirit paid off in a truly unforgettable way. John entered a competition run by Kent Cricket, explaining why their team should be selected to form the Guard of Honour at the Kent Spitfires vs Gloucestershire match at Canterbury. His winning words celebrated the children's energy and support for each other – and they clearly struck a chord.

As a result, the team were invited to take to the pitch as official flag bearers, live on Sky Sports, welcoming the players to the field. It was a magical moment – and the excitement didn't stop there. The children had a post-match meet and greet with the players, cheered on the Spitfires into the evening, and even got shirts and bats signed (including one very special bat featuring Rupert's dad Tevis' signature, after he heroically caught a flying ball headed for the children!).

The highlight was shared again in school this week as the children brought their signed bats into Worship, proudly sharing their photos, videos, and memories of this very special evening. It was wonderful to see them relive the moment with such pride and joy.

We're so proud of everyone involved for representing Wittersham with such spirit – truly living out the Wittersham Way beyond the school gates.

A huge thank you to John, the volunteer team, and all the families who make experiences like this possible – a true celebration of sport, community, and opportunity.

**Compassion**

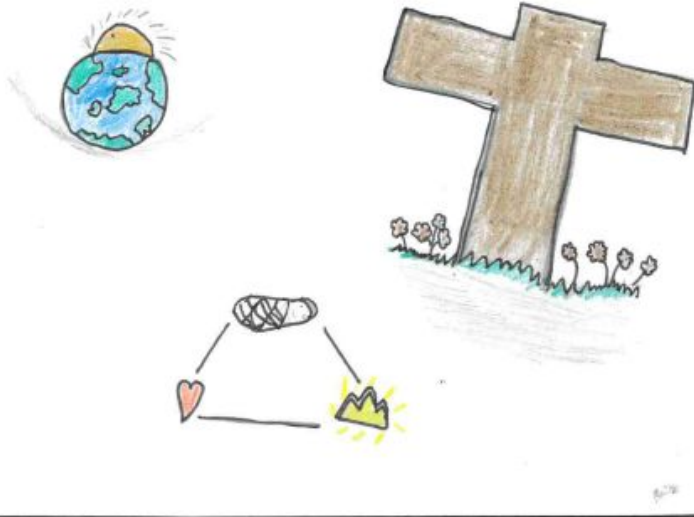
**Courage**

**Cooperation**

Dear God,

Please help us to show compassion, courage, and cooperation from the start and end of our school years. Also to forgive people who have done wrong against us, and to be merciful. Please help us to respect others and to go down the right path, and not to follow the wrong ways others might do. Thank you for being here to guide us to the brightness of your Kingdom. Help us to respect your world and to be respectful to nature.

Amen



### This Week's Prayer 🙏

This week's prayer was beautifully written by **Hugo in Year 6**, and he confidently read it aloud during Worship on **Thursday**.

I thought it was so lovely that I wanted to share it with you all as you head into the weekend.

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96.1%	95.4%	95.8%	93.1% (going up!)	94.8%	92.6%

**Whole school: 94.6%**

**Whole School Target: 96%**

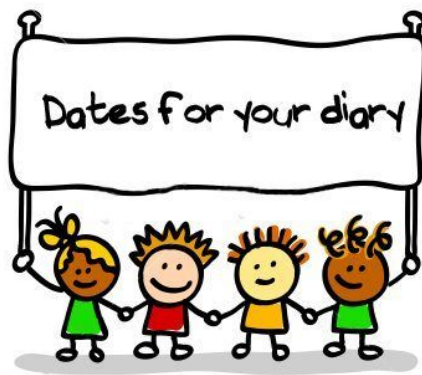
At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child's learning and development. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential in helping children make the most of their time in school and achieve their full potential.

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.

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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday 27th June** - Sports Day and Parent Picnic - this will begin at 10am (gates open at 9:45am) and all parents are invited to join us for a whole school picnic at 1pm.
- **Monday 30th June** - KS2 Cricket Trip - back late
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July** - Transition Week
- **Wednesday 2nd July** - Meet The Teacher event @3:15pm
- **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)

## New Academic Year 2025/2026

- **Wednesday 27th August** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Thursday 28th August** - First day of Term 1 (Year 1 - 6)
- **Thursday 28th and 29th August** - Year R Home Visits
- **Monday 1st September** - Start of Term for new Reception children
- **Thursday 16th October** - Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 17th October** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Monday 20th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term.
- **Monday 3rd November** - Start of Term 2

 Please mark these dates in your calendars as we look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!



# 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)



# Local events and news!

RYE DANCE CENTRE  
PRESENTS

*It's  
Showtime!*

AT THE SINDEN THEATRE  
HOMWOOD SCHOOL, TENTERDEN, KENT

SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7PM

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3PM

(DOORS OPEN HALF HOUR PRIOR TO PERFORMANCES)

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW BY CALLING 01580 763826

OR VISIT [WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM](http://WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM)



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# OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
**FROM 9:00AM**

Everyone Welcome!  
Young & Old, Beginners  
& Experienced.

- **FREE COACHING**
- **FREE DEMO'S**
- **BAR OPEN**

Sports to include...

**TENNIS**  
**PADEL**  
**SQUASH**  
**TABLE TENNIS**  
**CROQUET**



## FREE TENNIS & PADEL

For more information, please visit [ryelawntennisclub.org.uk](http://ryelawntennisclub.org.uk)  
or email us at [info@ryelawntennisclub.org.uk](mailto:info@ryelawntennisclub.org.uk)

📍 **115 MILITARY ROAD, RYE, TN31 7NY**



# 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

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

