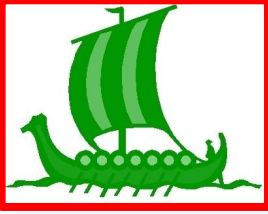


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 21st March 2025**



What a wonderful week it's been here at Wittersham! The sunshine has lifted everyone's spirits, and the school has been buzzing with positivity, learning, and celebration.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Red Nose Day efforts—we're proud to have raised an amazing £155.35 for this incredible charity, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Each class took time to learn about the charity's impact, and lunchtime was extra special with some delicious Red Nose Day cookies enjoyed by all!



On Thursday evening, we held our full Governing Board meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome two new governors to the team. We shared updates on the progress of our School Improvement Plan and discussed key areas we continue to develop to enhance our provision for all children. As always, the minutes from the meeting can be found on the school website in the Governors section.

We also want to say a big thank you to the WSA for organising today's fantastic Mother's Day Sale. It was a huge success, and we're so grateful to all involved in making these special opportunities happen for our school community.

This week, Windmills and Oast Class opened their doors for 'Come Learn with Me' sessions. It was lovely to see so many family members joining in with the learning—sunflower planting brought joy to Windmills, while Oast Class embraced the challenge of measuring activities with enthusiasm and focus.

And finally, a huge congratulations to our football team who played brilliantly in their league match on Tuesday, securing a brilliant 6–1 victory against Beaver Green. A fantastic result that reflects their hard work and team spirit—well done!

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.9%	95.2%	92.3%	94.7%	92.5%

Whole school: 94.4%

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.



Class Dojo Update

We are so grateful for the partnership between home and school, and Class Dojo is a fantastic platform for keeping us all connected. However, to support staff well-being, we kindly ask that messages sent after 6:00 p.m. are not expected to receive a response until the following school day.

If you have an urgent matter, please contact the school office directly. For non-urgent messages, feel free to send them through Class Dojo, and they will be reviewed and addressed the next day.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in fostering a healthy work-life balance for our staff.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for all that we have—our homes, our families, our school, and our friends. Help us to remember those who are in need, And to be generous with our time, our kindness, and what we can give.

Teach us to care for others,
To show compassion and courage,
And to make a difference in the world, no matter how small.

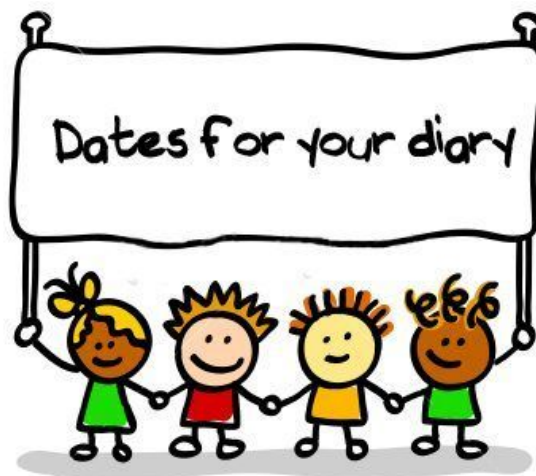
May we always look for ways to help,
To share joy, and to bring hope to those around us.

Amen.

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Courage

Cooper



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Friday, 21st March** – WSA Mothers Day Sale
- **Friday, 21st March** – Red Nose Day
- **Monday, 24th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Smugglers)
- **Tuesday, 25th March, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Vikings)
- **Tuesday 25th March 7:30 pm** – WSA AGM
- **Wednesday, 26th March** – Kent Life Vikings and Oxney School Trip
- **Wednesday 26th March** - Deadline for *Come Dine With Me* bookings.
- **Thursday 27th March** – Mother's Day Cake Sale (Vikings)
- **Friday, 28th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Rother)
- **Thursday, 3rd April, 2:15pm** – Whole School Easter Worship - parents/carers welcome to join us in the Church.
- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday, 22nd April** – First Day of Term 5
- **Wednesday 23rd April** - *Come Dine With Me* (Windmill and Oast)
- **Thursday, 24th April** – Windmill Forest School Begins
- **Wednesday 30th April** - *Come Dine With Me* (Smugglers)
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- **Wednesday 7th May** - *Come Dine With Me* (Vikings)
- **Friday, 9th May** – Smugglers Easter Cake Sale
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week Year 6 2025
- **Wednesday 14th May** - *Come Dine With Me* (Oxney)
- **Wednesday 21st May** - *Come Dine With Me* (Rother)
- **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
- **Thursday, 5th June** – Rother Forest School Begins
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** – Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Event
- **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)



WSA UPDATE

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Next week is the AGM - Tuesday 25th 7.30pm. We will be holding the meeting via teams and all are welcome to join the meeting via this link

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 382 828 976 302

Passcode: 82hA2UX2

If you join from a laptop you should be able to just click on the link. If you are joining via a tablet or phone you may need to download the teams app.

Alternatively I can also invite you directly to the meeting via an email. Please email annchairwsa@gmail.com

Today is the Mother's Day sale and next week we have the Viking's Cake sale. The following week we have an Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to the companies who have sponsored the eggs for this event. More details on this next week.

The AGM will be my last formal event and I will be stepping away from the committee once all the new structures are in place. I will write a final update next week to inform you all of the new team.

Have a great weekend

Ann



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

LAMBING DAY

Homewood School



Young Farmers' Club

Saturday 22nd March
Homewood School Farm
TN30 6LT

- Newborn lambs
- Bottle feeding sessions
- Face painting
- Newborn goat kids
- Games
- Refreshments



Entry:
£2 adults
£1 children
Under 2's go free

Cash only

Sorry no dogs

BUZZERS ACADEMIES

Easter Holiday 2025

Percussion • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing
Arts & Crafts • Taekwondo • Dance • Science • First Aid • Cooking

Where?

BALHAM - Telferscot Primary School, Telferscot Road, Balham, SW12 0HW
BECKENHAM - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY
BEXLEYHEATH - Upland Primary School, Church Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4DG
BICKLEY - St George's Primary School, Pembroke Road, Bromley, BR1 2RL
BROMLEY - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR
CONEY HALL - Wickham Common Primary School, Gates Green Road, West Wickham, BR4 9DG
CROYDON - Gresham Primary School, Limsfield Road, South Croydon, CR2 9EA
DARTFORD - River Mill Primary School, Central Road, Dartford, DA1 5XR
EDEN PARK - Unicorn Primary School, Creswell Drive, Beckenham, BR3 3AL
HAYES - Pickhurst Junior School, Pickhurst Road, West Wickham, BR4 0HL
LEE - St Winifred's Primary School, Newstead Road, Lee, SE12 0SJ
ORPINGTON - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Chelsfield, Orpington, BR6 9DJ
SEVENOAKS - Chevening Primary School, Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2SA
SWANLEY - Swanley Family Hub, St Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU
WEST WICKHAM - Oak Lodge Primary School, Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, BR4 0LJ

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 4 (Reception class) to 12

When?

Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April 2025
8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Camp day)

Price?

£37 per day (Camp day)
£7 morning extended hours & £7 afternoon extended hours
We accept **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS**

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WHEN?

February half-term
Easter holiday
May half-term
Summer holiday
October half-term
Christmas



Our Buzzers Camps are aimed at children aged 4 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All our Camps are based around **Sports** and **Multi-Activity Team Games**.

Each day of our Camps are tailored to ensure, inclusion and maximum participation in a **fun** and **safe** environment. Our team will ensure that all children make **new friends**, **are physically active** and **have their say** on the Camp day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Camp week, there will also be various '**Special Events**' such as Archery, Science, Pottery Painting, Fencing, Taekwondo, Cooking, Sand Art, Circus Skills, First Aid and Inflatables.

All Buzzers Camp staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All senior (Lead) Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Camp day will have a 'learning outcome' focused around:

- **ABC's** (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- **Communication Skills**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** & **TikTok** - @BuzzersAcademies

Download the Buzzers **App** - search 'Buzzers Academies' on your App Store

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BACK TO SCHOOL

ACCESSORIES EXTRAVAGANZA!

Wednesday 26th March

3.15pm-4.15pm

EC30, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden. TN30 6RB

FREE giveaway for families
with children under 12



Are your little ones growing out of their school clothes and need stuff for the new term?

Need some NEW school uniform extras?
From socks and bags to wellies, plimsolls,
drinks bottles and underwear....

For more information email info@themildredtrust.org

Puss in Boots



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Thursday 17th
April
2pm

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