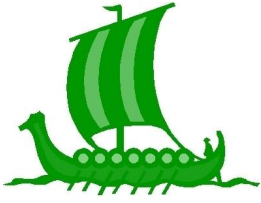


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 22nd November**



The crisp, frosty mornings are upon us and this week has certainly been a chilly one for us all! As the temperatures continue to drop, please ensure your child has a warm coat for school each day. Outdoor play remains an important part of their day, and we want everyone to stay warm and comfortable while enjoying their time outside. Please also ensure that coats and any accessories are named so that we can help them find their way back to their owners if lost.

Our preparations for Christmas are well underway, and there is so much to look forward to in the coming weeks! Across the school, the children have been practicing their Nativity songs with great enthusiasm, and their voices are filling the halls with joy and anticipation. Please remember to complete your child's **Christmas dinner choices** via the online form on Class Dojo by **Monday, 9th December** —this will help us ensure a smooth and special celebration for all.

In worship this week, we've been exploring **compassion**, one of our core school values. It's a value that holds particular meaning at this time of year, reminding us of the importance of kindness and thinking of others.

Wishing you a safe, warm, and restful weekend.

Mrs Coulson



Edward and Eliza were absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news with me! They recently sent letters and drawings to **David Walliams**, and to their delight, he replied with a fabulous signed photo and a personal note.

What an incredible example of creativity and initiative, and how exciting to see their efforts acknowledged by someone so well-known! It's fantastic to see the Wittersham journey making connections far and wide. Well done to you both, Edward and Eliza, and thank you for sharing this special moment with us.



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Dance Dash Update!

Dear All,

Please can I thank, from the bottom of my heart, each and every one of your students and staff for coming together to make this year's Dance Dash the best ever for me. We had new schools, we had returning schools and we had many schools that have been supporting us for over 30 years!

My heart was full, my eyes were glistening and my cheeks hurt from smiling so much! A day of such positivity and kindness is much needed and you all played your part in that.

Together we raised the most AMAZING amount of.....

£4,399.59

Thank you so much and think of what a difference this amount of money can make to those who need it.

I can't wait to see you all next year!

Thanks once again

Emily and the Dance Dash team

PS Keeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep Dancing!

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
98.8%	97.6%	98.3%	92.4%	95.9%	93.2%

Whole school: 95.6%

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.

Thanks to the amazing efforts of the WSA and the funds raised by our incredible parents and carers, we're thrilled to announce that a theatre company will be coming into school on November 26th to perform *Jack and the Beanstalk* for the entire school. Both children and staff are sure to enjoy this fantastic pantomime experience, and we are once again so grateful to the WSA for continually providing our children with such memorable opportunities.

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Term 2 Week 3 Wittersham School Prayer

Dear God,

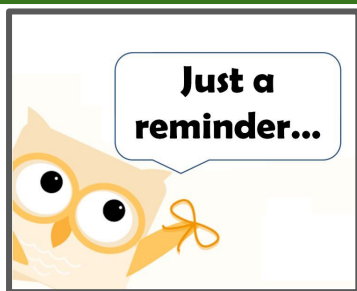
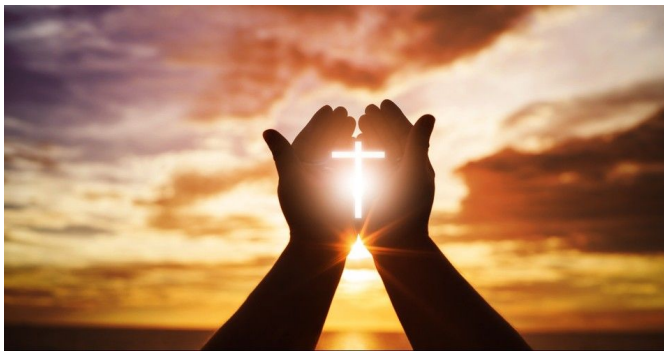
Thank you for teaching us how to care for others.

Help us to notice when someone feels lonely, sad, or worried,
And to show kindness through what we say and do.

Give us the courage to help,
Even when it's not easy or when we're busy.

Teach us to listen carefully,
To share what we have,
And to make others feel valued and loved.

Fill our hearts with compassion,
So we can brighten someone's day
And make the world a kinder, happier place.
Amen.



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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- Monday 25th November - **Wellbeing Coffee morning** - everyone is welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 26th November - **whole school Pantomime**
- Friday 29th November - **WSA Non Uniform Day - tombola donations please**
- Friday 6th December - **WSA Christmas Event after school**
- Tuesday 10th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity@1:30pm**
- Wednesday 11th December - **EYFS and KS1 Nativity@9:30am and 5pm.**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Lunch Day**
- Tuesday 17th December - **KS2 Christingle and Carol Concert @5pm.**
- Thursday 19th December - **Christmas Service for the whole school @2:15pm.**
- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in money or paid by Scopay for the Christmas Movie Night on Friday 6th December 5-7pm. The School Council will be choosing the movies next week. The WSA are busy wrapping gifts. Next Friday there will be a non-uniform day for donations for the tombola. Parents can stay and chat and have mulled wine or hot chocolate and a cake too.

We are also planning to run a Christmas Gift Shop – Elfridges for the children to buy a gift for a loved one. We do need more helpers in the afternoon so if you can spare a couple of hours in the afternoon please get in touch with me. Any gifts leftover will be on sale in the evening. We are hoping to have a flat price of £3.50 per gift including wrapping or gift bag. Any stock left over will also be on sale in the evening too.

Next week we are kicking off the festive fun with the wreath making workshop on Thursday 28th November as always I am sure it will be a fab evening. Thank you to all of you who have booked tickets.

Have a good weekend.

Ann (Chair WSA)

DECEMBER **6** FROM 5PM UNTIL 7PM

WITTERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

£5 per child which includes a drink, snacks & a gift!
Payment can be made via Scopay or by bringing cash to the school office
Parents can stay & enjoy a drink, have a slice of cake and play the tombola while the children watch their film.



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





THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE LARDER

FREE Grocery, household and
hygiene products for all local
families with children under 11
years old

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

5.15PM-6.15PM

**EC30, Recreation Ground Road,
Tenterden, TN30 6HT.**

Email beth.rice@themildredtrust.org for info



**IF WE CAN HELP JUST TURN UP, BRING A BAG
AND CHOOSE WHAT YOU NEED!**

Charity No:1097210

The Big Wrap, Food & Hygiene Bank Appeal 2024

What We Do

We support families who may be experiencing difficult times in Tenterden and the surrounding villages by providing gifts for the children of the families, festive treat items and food vouchers for a hopefully more enjoyable Christmas.

For Christmas 2023 we provided for 83 families comprising 125 adults and 339 children, so we greatly appreciate all and any support.

Fundraising

This is very much an all community and local area appeal. We fundraise throughout the year and then in collaboration with St Mildred's and other local churches in November the Christmas Cheer appeal is launched. Funds provide food vouchers and festive treat items, and we appeal for donations of gifts for children and food and hygiene bank donations.

In recent years for so many it has been incredibly difficult, but generosity of all donations has been beyond expectation. Our fundraising this year has included funding from financial donations and local trusts as well as many fundraising events at different venues and will continue in the run up to our Big Wrap Day on 30th November in St Mildred's Church, Tenterden. Local schools also hold donation days for children to bring items in to be part of the community appeal. We collate all children's gifts donated and then wrap them to put in family Christmas sacks on Big Wrap Day where we welcome volunteer wrappers from 1pm onwards.

You can find us on Facebook or Instagram as Tenterden Big Wrap for further information or visit the website { [HYPERLINK "http://www.tenterdenbigwrap.co.uk"](http://www.tenterdenbigwrap.co.uk) }. If you need to contact us, you can message through social media or email { [HYPERLINK "mailto:tenterdenbigwrap@gmail.co.uk"](mailto:tenterdenbigwrap@gmail.co.uk) }.

For donations, either via a school or to bring to St Mildred's church on Saturday 30th November to be wrapped, the following is a guide:



Christmas gifts for children aged from baby to 11. For those aged 12 and over, we welcome toiletry and cosmetic gift sets.

We suggest a spend of up to £10. Smaller items are also very welcome as we will wrap with other items to ensure everyone receives gifts of approximately the same value.

All items please to be BRAND NEW and with labels. Please kindly avoid PC games, DVD's, CD's, weapon related toys and used or damaged items thank you.



All gift cards are very welcome.



Food (use by date at least March 2025) & Hygiene Bank items to include day to day essentials such as:

- Flour, cereals, sugar, teabags and coffee
- Tins of fish, ham, beans, ravioli, spaghetti, big soups, spam, hot dogs, and fruit, rice pudding, jams, custard etc
- Rice, dry pasta and pasta sauces
- Long life milk and squash/juice
- Toiletries, particularly feminine hygiene products
- Nappies, wet wipes and other baby essentials



Treat items (use by date at least March 2025)

- Mince pies and Christmas puddings
- Biscuits, chocolates and confectionary

Donations are very welcome via the QR code directly to the bank account or if you wish to make a cash donation, please put in to an envelope marked Big Wrap and deposit in St Mildred's collection safe.



Thank you in advance for your help and support in making this Christmas a happy one for all.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR DECORATIONS, CRAFTS, MUSIC,
DELICIOUS TREATS AND LOTS MORE!

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

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