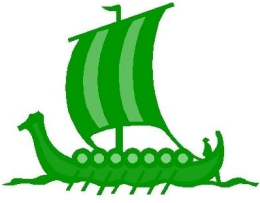


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 24th January 2025**



Halfway Through the Term!

Another week has flown by, and we are already halfway through this term! Despite the windy weather, it has been a fantastic week filled with achievements and exciting learning experiences.

Our school choir had an unforgettable opportunity to perform at the **O2 Arena** as part of the Young Voices event. They sang beautifully and represented Wittersham with pride, truly demonstrating our school values of **courage, cooperation, and compassion**. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Catt, Mr. Hawkins, and our wonderful parent helpers for their support in making this incredible experience possible.

We are also delighted to announce the results of our **Christmas Story Competition**. A big congratulations to everyone who took part—your creativity and hard work shone through. Special recognition goes to our winners, who were awarded a gift certificate for their outstanding entries. Well done to all!

This week, the children have been learning about the traditions and stories of **Chinese New Year** as we look ahead to this important celebration. They've loved exploring the history of the festival, discovering their zodiac animals, and engaging in activities that celebrate this vibrant culture. We look forward to continuing this cultural journey as we move into Week 4.

Hopefully, the stormy weather is now behind us as we head into the weekend. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable few days. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school next week!

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February

On Friday, 7th February, we are excited to be taking part in the **NSPCC Number Day**! This special event will focus on developing the children's problem-solving skills and fostering greater independence in their learning.

Throughout the day, children will engage in a variety of fun, hands-on activities designed to promote confidence with numbers and encourage them to think critically. It's a wonderful opportunity to explore maths in an exciting and meaningful way while also supporting the vital work of the NSPCC.

We look forward to a day filled with curiosity, collaboration, and lots of mathematical fun!

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96.7%	96.3%	95.6%	92.7%	95.1%	92.8%

Whole school: 94.7%

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 3 Wittersham School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for looking after us here at Wittersham as we begin a new week. Please help us to be brave, work well together, and show kindness to everyone in our school.

When things feel hard, remind us that we can keep trying, and when someone needs help, show us how to care for them with love and compassion.

Help us to enjoy our learning, try our best, and make Wittersham a happy and caring place for everyone.

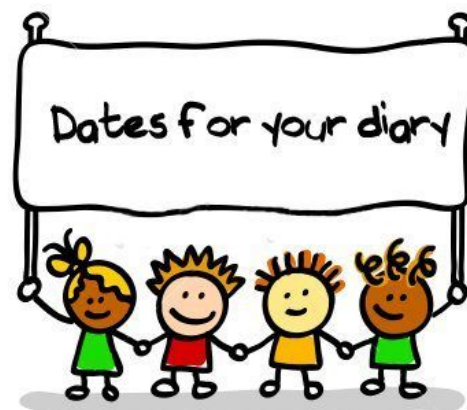
Amen.



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- **Friday, 7th February** – NSPCC Number Day
- **Tuesday, 11th February** – Safer Internet Day
- **Friday, 14th February** – Last Day of Term 3
- **Monday, 17th - Friday, 21st February** – Half Term
- **Friday, 7th March** – Wittersham Book Day
- **Wednesday, 12th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Friday, 28th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day



Dear Parents and carers

The WSA is looking for a new chairperson and secretary. These will be needed to take on the roles after the AGM which will be in the next couple of months (date tbc)– without these roles being filled the WSA will fold.

As the Chair you would need to lead the committee and steer the great team in planning and organising the fundraising event. The secretary's main role is to take minutes and help plan meeting agendas. All the other tasks require to plan and run events can be shared among the team.

Being on the committee does require a certain amount of time. Ideally the committee meets every 4-6 weeks, though sometimes leading up to big events such as the Christmas and Summer Fayre a few more meetings are needed. No one is asked to do anything that is outside of their comfort zone and a good way to plan events is to play to each other's strengths. Being on the WSA is **A LOT of fun too. There is nothing quite like seeing the children excited at a school disco, thinking carefully what to buy their mum at the Mother's Day sale or the amazing atmosphere at the bigger events.**

With a full complement of committee members there is more to share the workload and work to strengths. This means everyone does not have to be at every event and everyone get to enjoy the fun element of being involved a bit more.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the WSA but I need to take a step back now so that new parents with new ideas can take on the reins.

If you think you can help, please get in touch ASAP.

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



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

