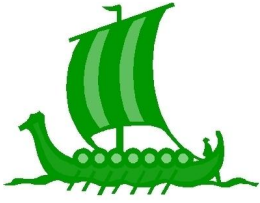


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 25th April**



Welcome back to Term 5!

It's lovely to be back and to see the school filled once again with energy and enthusiasm. I hope you all had a restful Easter break and were able to make the most of the sunshine we were lucky enough to have. Term 5 has begun with great momentum, and we're already off to a fantastic start.

We're delighted to have started our Breakfast Club this week, offering families a helpful option for a calm and settled start to the school day. As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusive and supportive wraparound care, please don't hesitate to get in touch if this provision would be beneficial for your family—we're always happy to help.

Our Windmills class began their Forest School sessions this week, and it has been a real joy to see the children fully immersed in outdoor learning. From investigating natural materials and building dens, to working together on creative challenges, the sessions are already helping to build confidence, teamwork and curiosity. The Forest School approach allows our youngest learners to connect with nature, develop problem-solving skills, and grow in independence—all while having a wonderful time in the fresh air.

A big thank you to our School Council for developing our brand-new Card Trading Club, which launches next week. This pupil-led initiative aims to promote fairness, social interaction and fun during lunchtimes. Full details were shared earlier this week, so do have a look if you haven't yet.

What a wonderful atmosphere we had this week during our first *Come Dine With Me!* The hall was full of laughter, conversation and families sharing food together. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible kitchen team for making it such a memorable occasion.

As we move into what is always a very full term, please keep an eye on the school calendar for key dates and events. With sports days, trips, transition events and end-of-year celebrations on the horizon, it's a good idea to make note of what's coming up.

At the end of this term, we'll be holding a Global Issues Week, with every class taking part in projects and discussions around important topics such as recycling, sustainability, and inclusion. It promises to be a powerful week of collaborative learning—more details to follow soon.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.7%	95.9%	95.7%	92.6%	94.9%	92.7%

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 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.

Hedgehog Visitors – Donations Welcome



We're very excited to share that some special spiky visitors will be joining our Windmills class during their Forest School sessions in a few weeks' time—hedgehogs!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn more about wildlife and how to care for it, thanks to a local charity who will be bringing the hedgehogs in and supporting the session.

To help support the charity's work, we are kindly asking for donations of **wet cat food** (in jelly, not gravy). If you are able to contribute, please drop donations to the school office over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support—we know the children will gain so much from this experience!

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the rest and joy of the Easter break.

As we return to school, help us to start this new term with open hearts and curious minds.

Give us the courage to try new things, the kindness to support one another, and the wisdom to make good choices each day.

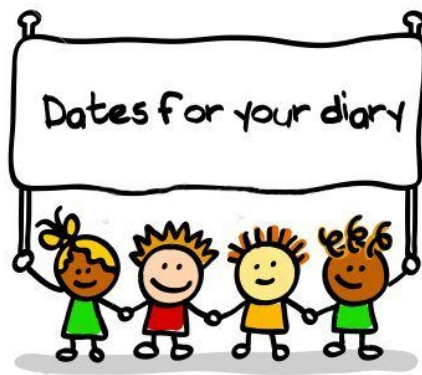
Bless our school community—our friends, our families, and our teachers— and guide us as we learn, grow, and work together.

May this term be filled with laughter, learning, and love.
Amen

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **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 Spring Cake Sale
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week Year 6 2025
- **Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May** - Year 5 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 14th May** - *Come Dine With Me (Oxney)*
- **Wednesday 14th May** - Windmills Educational Visit
- **Friday 16th May** - Vikings School Trip to Hastings
- **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
- **Monday 2nd June** - Swimming begins
- **Thursday, 5th June** – Rother Forest School Begins
- **Thursday 5th June** - Whole School Class Photos
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** – Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Cake Sale
- **Friday 27th June** - Sports Day and Parent Picnic
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July** – Transition Week
- **Tuesday 8th July** - Oast 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)**

 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



Upcoming events in the local area

RYE CRICKET CLUB

How To start playing cricket.



SIGNING ON NIGHT
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

From 7pm at the Rye Cricket Pavilion TN31 7LR

With Fully Qualified ECB Coaches

FOR NEW ATTENDEES CRICKET EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED

These Sessions are Supported by

THE RYE FUND & THE TED BAKER TRUST

Contact Martin Blincow to sign up.

Mobile: 07535482006
blincsfamily@aol.com

www.ryecc.play-cricket.com

SUMMER JUNIOR CRICKET AT THE RYE CRICKET SALTS



All Stars All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt with their name on it.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>



Cricket Dynamos Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport. Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental

skills required to play cricket. We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

These Courses Start Sunday May 11th

All Stars 10am - 11am Dynamos 11am -12pm

We offer Hardball games of Cricket.

We run two Under 11 Teams, and Under 13 and Under 16 teams.

The Summer Coaching Programme starts Wednesday 30th April 6-8pm for Under 11s and Under 13s

Under 16s have Nets on Friday Evening 6-8pm

Under 11s play on Monday Evenings

Under 16s play on Tuesday Evenings

Under 13s play on Thursday Evenings

The Cost is £70

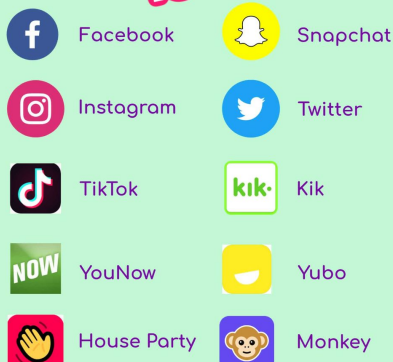
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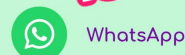
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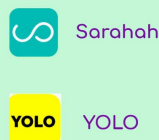
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