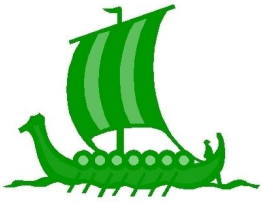


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



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



So here we are at the end of Term 1! What an incredible start we have had to the new academic year here at Wittersham Church of England Primary School!

Our new children and families have settled in beautifully, bringing fresh energy and spirit to our school community, and it's been a joy to watch the new classes across the school grow and thrive together. We've welcomed new staff into the Wittersham family, who have already made a wonderful impact, and enjoyed a heartfelt Harvest celebration that reflected the strong values at the core of our school. Our Year 6 leaders have stepped up admirably, setting an inspiring example for all, and we ended the term with the best-attended Parents' Evening session we've had in many years! Thank you to everyone that booked and attended their appointments and engaged in meaningful discussions about their child's progress. Mrs Sterriker Rhodes and I really enjoyed meeting with so many families and running our new Wittersham Coffee Bar!

As we head into the break, may I take this moment to say how truly grateful I am for the support I have received this term as I embark on this new role. I've truly cherished every moment so far and I am so excited for all the opportunities that lie ahead for us all. Here's to a festive, fun-filled Term 2 as we continue this exciting journey together!



This week, we were fortunate enough to be joined by three former Year 6 students who have been tremendous assets to us all!

They supported us during lunchtimes—the salad bar has never been so popular—helped in our lessons, created new displays, guided activities in the playground and took the role as Sports Coaches during PE sessions throughout the week. It was a joy to have them with us this week, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of them for their hard work and dedication! They all clearly demonstrated that the Wittersham Way continues to thrive within our community, even as our former pupils embark on their new journey into Year 7.

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Poppy Appeal



After half term, our wonderful Year 6 students will be leading our annual poppy sale in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. They will be selling a variety of Poppy merchandise after school each day in the playground. We kindly suggest a donation of 50p to £1 for each item.

This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to a meaningful cause, while also learning about the importance of remembrance.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
99.3%	97.7%	98.5%	91.8%	95.5%	92.9%

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.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in the Breakfast Club provision we were hoping to roll out in Term 2. Unfortunately, this option isn't viable at this stage due to limited uptake. However, we plan to revisit this at the start of Term 3, as I know that circumstances may change throughout the academic year.

Any bookings made will be removed from the system at this stage. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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Week Eight Wittersham School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we approach the half-term break,
We thank You, Lord, for the strength,
wisdom, and love that has carried us
through.

May this time of rest allow us to reflect on
all that we've learned and the friendships
we've nurtured.

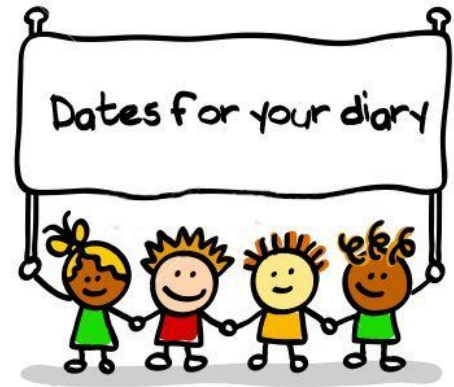
Help us to return renewed, with hearts full
of gratitude and minds ready to grow even
more.

Let our school continue to flourish, a place of
joy, kindness, and compassion, where
everyone feels valued and uplifted.

Guide us to care deeply for one another and
the world around us,

As we walk forward in faith, hope, and love,
always under Your watchful care.

Amen.



- Friday 25th October - **Last day of Term 1**
- Monday 4th November - **First day of Term 2** - *Please be aware that our new timings begin next term with all children finishing at 3:15pm.*
- Thursday 7th November - **Vikings Forest School Sessions begin** - please complete the relevant permission form if you have not already.
- Monday 18th November - **INSET Day**
- Monday 25th November - **Wellbeing Coffee morning** - everyone is welcome to attend.
- Thursday 12th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**
- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**

Just a
reminder...



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.



SAFE PARKING



Please be mindful when parking around
the school area and ensure that you are
not blocking any residents' driveways.

Your cooperation helps us maintain good
relationships with our local community
and ensures that everyone has access to
their property.

Thank you for your understanding and
support.

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WSA UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported Rother Cake sale. There are some very talented bakers in the school families. Thank you also to the helpers in the afternoon, without who the event could not take place. The sale raised an amazing amount of money, £384! This goes directly to the school and the class will be able to help decide what to spend the money on. News on the Oxney Cake sale after half term.

The wreath making workshop on Thursday 28th November is now hopefully fully booked.

There may be a couple of spaces available so get in touch if you would like to go on a waiting list for places. It is such a fun and friendly evening. If you have booked a place, please make the payment as soon as possible.

We are not able to run a big Christmas Fayre this year but are hoping to hold a smaller event, a Christmas movie night and run a Christmas gift shop similar to the Mother's Day and Father's Day sales we have. If you are free in the afternoon (1.30 – 3pm) or evening of Friday 6th December (approx. 5pm – 7.30pm) and would be able to help, please get in touch so we can make sure we are able to run an event – email me on annchairwsa@gmail.com

Thank you for sending the artwork back for the Christmas cards. We will be getting them off to the company soon. We will get the orders out to you as soon as we can once they are delivered to us. If you have forgotten to take it back to school, please get in touch with me.

Have a great half term break.

Ann (Chair WSA)

Ashford Family Hubs

Half Term Timetable

28th October - 1st November 2024

Our Activities

Stay and Play

Elmer Workshop

Baby Play

Spooky Warren Walk

Compass Gardening Group

Robot Making

and more



Contact us

Ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Hubs:

Ashford North FH 03000 417567

Bockhanger FH 03000 418600

Tenterden FH 03000 418400

The Willow FH 03000 418800

Waterside FH 03000 418700

Find us on Facebook or

Instagram at

Ashford Family Hubs and

Ashford Family hubs 11to19

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council



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Monday 28th October 2024

Talking Walk In

Bockhanger Family Hub
Belmont Road
Kennington
Ashford
Kent
TN24 9LS

9.30am - 11.00am

If your **pre-school** child is struggling with talking, drop in and see a member of the Speech and Language team for advice.

Numbers are limited

Drop In

Child Health Clinic

Waterside Family Hub
Turner Close
Willesborough
Ashford
Kent
TN24 0PQ

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the session to be seen by a member of the Health Visiting Team

Drop In



Tuesday 29th October 2024

Compass Wellbeing Gardening

Ashford North Family Hub
Mabledon Avenue
Ashford
Kent
TN24 8BJ

10.00am - 2.00pm

For Ages 11 - 19 Years

Invite Only



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Wednesday 30th October 2024

Talking Walk In

Tenterden Family Hub
Recreation Ground Road
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6RA

1.00pm - 2.30pm

If your **pre-school** child is struggling with talking, drop in and see a member of the Speech and Language team for advice.
Numbers are limited

Drop in

Adult Education Elmer Workshop

The Willow Family Hub
Halstow Way
Ashford
Kent
TN23 4EY

10.00am - 12.00pm

Come and make Elmer the Elephant out of Milk Cartons
For ages 3 - 11 year olds
To Book please call: 03000 418800

Booking
Required

Stay and Play

Tenterden Family Hub
Recreation Ground Road
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6RA

10.00am - 11.30am

Enjoy Free play activities to support your child's development. A small area is available for babies only
For ages 0 - 4 Years

Drop in



Thursday 31st October 2024

Baby Play

Waterside Family Hub
Turner Close
Willesborough
Ashford
Kent
TN24 0PQ

10.00am - 11.30am

For pre-walkers, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences and a chance to make new friends.

Drop in



Spooky Walk Warren Woods

Meet in the Carpark for
Warren Woods
TN25 4DT

For Ages 11-19

3.00pm - 5.00pm

To Book please call: 03000 417567

Booking
required



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Friday 1st November 2024

Child Health Clinic

The Willow Family Hub
Halstow Way
Ashford
Kent
TN23 4EY

9.30am - 12.30pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the end of the session to be seen by one of the Health Visiting Team



Baby Play

Bockhanger Family Hub
Belmont Road
Kennington
Ashford
Kent
TN24 9LS

10.00am - 11.30am

For pre-walkers, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences and a chance to make friends.



Battle Robots

Ashford North Family Hub
Mabledon Avenue
Ashford
Kent
TN24 8BJ

For ages 13 - 19

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and build and race a robot.

To Book please call: 03000 417567



Other information

Small changes, big differences.

Upcoming course: Triple P for Baby
A positive start for babies and parents

Are you proud to be or concerned with a baby up to 4 months old?

This programme, delivered in a group setting, provides practical strategies to help the best outcomes for your baby's development - and becomes confident to walk, begin exploring language, learn to play with friends, crawl, sit up, stand, walk, and more. You'll also receive, clear information on baby's development, and more. It's easier with positive parenting strategies!

If you would like to join the informed list for this fantastic course!
Please email info@ashfordfamilyhub.co.uk
Or call us on 03000 417567

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Use our video kiosks at:
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Grove Farm Riding School, Iden



'Fright' Farm Fest



Running for 3 Nights



29th, 30th and 31st October 2024

Fright Farm, 5pm Arrival

Tiny Tot Trail

Held at Twilight, (4pm– 5pm) come and follow the Spooky path, with Lucky Dip on route, through the mysterious and creepy wooded walk ideal for Children 2yrs – 10 yrs. £15 per person.

On Exiting the trail children can meet the Ponies from the riding school, with Supper available from the Burger Van on site to finish the evening a great Halloween activity for the little ones.



New to Grove Farm, Iden

Fright Farm Fest a take on Halloween for the Braver Children 10 yrs and above, follow the Journey on a spooky trail. Be prepared to enter Fright areas, where anything could happen!

How Brave are you.....

Will Chainsaw Charlie the Ghost make an appearance, past the Trailer of Zombie Silhouettes or are they?, Pluck up the courage to pass through the Trick or Treat Tunnel, do you choose The Tractor Tomb of Horrors or The Witches of Weed Ally to name but a few.

Tickets are £20 per person, available for Pre Purchase by calling or messaging 07760126145

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