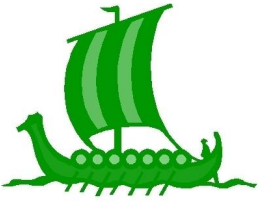


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 27th June 2025**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 6, Week 4

As I write this, we're on the eve of Sports Day, so while I can't yet comment on how the day has gone, I feel sure that it's been a wonderful one. The weather looks to have been kind, and I expect you'll now have some rather tired children ready for a restful weekend!

It seems I say this every week, but this one has been another incredibly busy one here at Wittersham.

You may have spotted our new uniform on display by the school office. From this term, hoodies and fleeces will now complement our school uniform. Hoodies can be worn with PE kits, while fleeces may be worn instead of jumpers and cardigans during Terms 2, 3, and 4.

Our kitchen team have also received smart new uniforms too, proudly displaying the Wittersham logo—bringing consistency across the school.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to take part in a rugby tournament, with two teams representing Key Stage 2. We're thrilled to share that neither team lost a match—an outstanding achievement! We are incredibly proud of all the children for representing Wittersham with such courage and pride.

Please see their smiling team photos—complete with medals—below! 🏆📷

We also had a fantastic school trip to Great Dixter, with children attending from Reception through to Year 6. We are so grateful to have received funding through the High Weald National Landscape Partnership, which has supported both this trip and a transformation to our outdoor learning environment.

A key part of the grant allowed us to install secure fencing and a new gate around our pond in the wildlife and forest school area. Previously, safety concerns and restricted access meant the pond couldn't be used to its full potential. Now, with the area securely enclosed, we can engage children in pond dipping, ecological study, and maintenance activities as part of our science and outdoor curriculum.

The trip to Great Dixter was a wonderful learning experience:

🎨 The children began the day sketching in the gardens, building their observational skills

🖌️ They used their drawings to create printed artwork, exploring creative expression

🐸 Pond dipping was an exciting first for many

🌳 The day ended with forest school activities in a new setting

This funding has had a tangible impact on our provision and we are incredibly thankful for the opportunity it has provided to extend and enrich learning for our pupils.

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Courage

Cooperation

Thank you to the WSA for attending Sports Day and providing drinks and cakes—we are always so grateful for your support.

With only a week to go until our very first Wittersham Festival, excitement is definitely building! Make sure you have your entry tickets and raffle tickets ready!

Next week continues to be action-packed, with:

🏏 The KS2 cricket trip

🎵 Rocksteady concerts

🔄 Transition events for all children

👤 Our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 2nd July after school

Please note that there will be no Sports Club on Wednesday due to this event.

☀️ During Meet the Teacher, you'll have the opportunity to:

👋 Meet your child's new class teacher

📖 Look through their work from this year

🎉 Celebrate all they've achieved!

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special moment with you and your children.

Wishing you all a wonderfully warm weekend—whether you're spending it outdoors or enjoying some Glastonbury coverage like I am—and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Coulson



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Dear God,

Thank you for the fun and joy of Sports Day – for the sunshine, the cheering, and the teamwork.

We are grateful for the chance to try our best, support each other, and enjoy the day together.

As we get ready for new beginnings and transition events, help us to show *courage* when things feel new, *cooperation* as we work and play with others, and *compassion* as we welcome new people to our school family.

Guide us to be kind, brave, and ready for the exciting changes ahead.

Amen.



Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
96%	95.3%	95.7%	93.1%	94.6%	92.5%

Whole school: 94.5% (slight dip this week)

Whole School Target: 96%

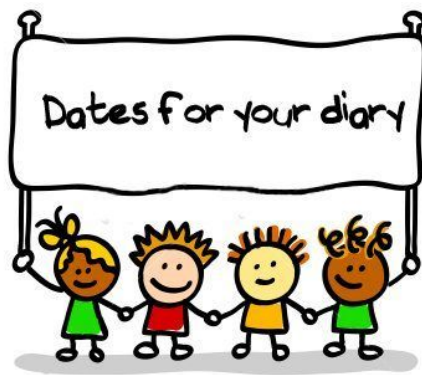
At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child's learning and development. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential in helping children make the most of their time in school and achieve their full potential.

We recognise that there can sometimes be challenges that make regular attendance or punctuality difficult. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our School Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes, is available to offer support and guidance to help overcome any barriers.

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 30th June** - KS2 Cricket Trip - back late
- **Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July** - Transition Week
- **Wednesday 2nd July** - Meet The Teacher event @3:15pm
- **Friday 4th July** - WSA Summer Festival
- **Tuesday 8th July** - Oast and Smuggler 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)

New Academic Year 2025/2026

- **Wednesday 27th August** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Thursday 28th August** - First day of Term 1 (Year 1 - 6)
- **Thursday 28th and 29th August** - Year R Home Visits
- **Monday 1st September** - Start of Term for new Reception children
- **Thursday 16th October** - Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 17th October** - INSET Day (School Closed for Pupils)
- **Monday 20th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term.
- **Monday 3rd November** - Start of Term 2



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



Local events and news!

RYE DANCE CENTRE
PRESENTS

*It's
Showtime!*

AT THE SINDEN THEATRE
HOMWOOD SCHOOL, TENTERDEN, KENT

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 7PM

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 3PM

(DOORS OPEN HALF HOUR PRIOR TO PERFORMANCES)

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW BY CALLING 01580 763826

OR VISIT WWW.SINDENTHEATRE.COM



Volunteers NEEDED

COME & JOIN IN!

We need help with

- Help with cake sales
- Summer Event - stalls, setting up & clearing away
- Father's Day Sale

Get in touch

-  Grab one of the WSA Committee on the school run
-  Drop us a message on WhatsApp
-  Pop a comment on one of our Facebook posts

WITTERSHAM PRIMARY
SCHOOL'S

BIG

SUMMER

**£5 PER TICKET
PER PERSON**

**FRIDAY 4TH JULY
5PM - 8PM**

BBQ

**STALLS &
GAMES**

**FACE
PAINTING**

BAR

FESTIVAL

**AMAZING
RAFFLE**

**LIVE
PERFORMANCES**

DJ COLOSSAL

