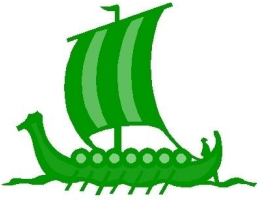


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 28th March 2025**



With just one week left of Term 4, it's amazing to reflect on how much we've managed to fit in. This week has been full of energy, learning and special moments that have really captured the spirit of our school community. Whether it's through acts of **compassion**, working together in **cooperation**, or showing **courage** in trying something new, the values we hold at Wittersham have been shining through in everything we've done.

One of the highlights was the Oxney and Viking trip to Kent Life. The children looked fantastic, fully embracing the spirit of the day, and the activities were engaging and memorable. A huge thank you to all the adults who helped make it happen – both in school and at home. Your support is what brings these experiences to life.

We were also thrilled with the success of the Viking Class Mother's Day Cake Sale, organised by the WSA, which raised an amazing £370! Thank you so much for your generosity and support – every slice sold helps make a difference for our children.

This week was also the PTA's Annual General Meeting, where we said a fond farewell to Ann Rogers, who has been a key member and led the PTA with dedication and passion for over five years. We are incredibly grateful for all she has done – Ann has made a lasting impact, bringing brilliant ideas and strong organisation to everything she's led. Her thoughtful planning and creative approach have helped to raise valuable funds and bring people together across our school community.

We also said goodbye to Janet Pudan, who has worked in our school kitchen for over 30 years. Her commitment and care have been second to none. We can't begin to imagine how many lunches Janet has lovingly prepared over the years. She will be sorely missed, and we thank her wholeheartedly for everything she's done for Wittersham.

To everyone celebrating this weekend, we wish you a very Happy Mother's Day. And don't forget – the clocks go forward on Sunday!

We're looking forward to seeing you all for the final week of term. Please remember that school finishes on Thursday, and we'll be heading to church for our end-of-term service at 2.15 pm on 3 April. We'd love for you to join us.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
95.8%	95.9%	95.3%	92.3%	94.7%	92.5%

Whole school: 94.5% (this has increased this week so well done!)

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 Date Proposal Parent Feedback

We are seeking your feedback on the proposed term dates for the 2025–2026 academic year. These dates aim to support strong pupil attendance, provide a consistent learning experience, and allow for well-timed breaks across the year.

Why This Structure?

- **Consistency for Pupils:** An earlier start to the school year allows for a longer October break without losing valuable learning time.
- **Focus on Learning:** INSET days are thoughtfully placed to give staff time to plan, reflect, and refine teaching, directly benefiting pupils in the classroom.
- **Good Attendance Matters:** This structure supports our continued focus on strong attendance so children can make the most of every learning opportunity.

We would really value your thoughts on the proposed dates. Please take a moment to complete the short survey below:

[Wittersham School Term Dates Proposal 2025–2026: Parent Feedback.](#)

Dear God,

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we thank you for the women who care for us, guide us, and love us.

For mums, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, teachers, and friends – and for all those who look after us like mothers thank you for their kindness, strength, and wisdom.

We are grateful for their laughter, their patience, and the way they help us to grow.

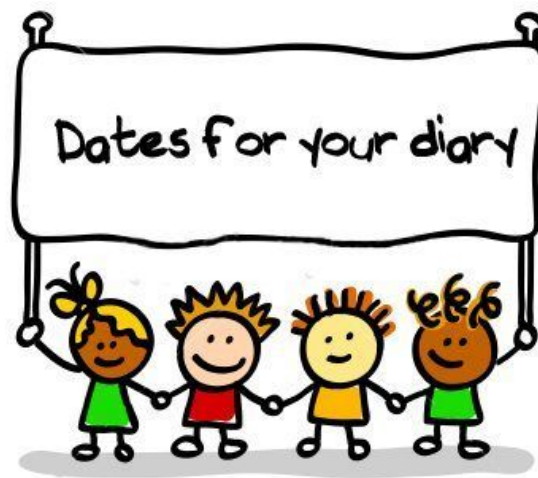
Please bless them and keep them safe. Help us to show our love and appreciation every day, through our words and actions.

Amen

Compassion

Courage


Cooper



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

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- **Friday, 28th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2:15pm** – *Come Learn With Me* (Rother)
- **Thursday, 3rd April, 2:15pm** – Whole School Easter Worship - parents/carers welcome to join us in the Church.
- **Thursday, 3rd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday, 4th April** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday, 22nd April** – First Day of Term 5
- **Wednesday 23rd April** - *Come Dine With Me (Windmill and Oast)*
- **Thursday, 24th April** – Windmill Forest School Begins
- **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 Easter Cake Sale
- **Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May** – SATs Week Year 6 2025
- **Wednesday 14th May** - *Come Dine With Me (Oxney)*
- **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
- **Thursday, 5th June** – Rother Forest School Begins
- **Tuesday 10th June - Friday 13th June** – Year 5/6 School Residential.
- **Thursday, 19th June** – Windmill & Oast Themed Father's Day Event
- **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!



WSA UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day sale last week. The children and helpers alike really enjoyed the event. I hope those receiving the gifts all love their present when they open it on Sunday as the children all took great care in choosing their purchases. The event raised £250.

Yesterday was Viking's cake sale and as always there was an amazing spread of cakes and bakes. My son was particularly impressed by the chocolate coated strawberries and is now included in his list of favourite tastes! Thank you to all who baked, helped and sent money in with the children to buy cakes. Together you have raised over £360.

The WSA will be running an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 2nd April. The WSA are incredibly grateful to the following businesses for sponsoring the cost of the eggs: Countryside Group, The Ewe and Lamb pub and Rush Witt and Wilson. The money given has allowed us to offer a little bigger treat than normal.

I would like to thank you to all who have supported me over the last 5 and a half years in my role as Chair of the WSA. During this time together we have raised a truly exceptional amount of money, in excess of £30,000. This has been given back to the school the school in various donations for items and events such as Jubilee and Coronation parties as well as for the ongoing upkeep of the swimming pool. This just goes to show what a bit of organisation, coupled with some enthusiasm, an amazing committee and wonderful and supportive school families, staff and community can achieve.

Two people do deserve a special mention as they have been an incredible support to me. Kelly Krzykowska and Helena Sargent. Helena was the Treasurer when I joined the committee and was an invaluable source of support and information. She even kindly stayed on the committee after her son left the school while the hunt for a new treasurer was on going. Kelly joined the committee at the same time as I did and was instrumental in the success of all the fundraising events. Her hampers and wrapping will be difficult to follow. There are no words to fully describe the real impact that she had on all the fundraising events.

Following the AGM on Tuesday 25th March there are now two co-chairs for the WSA – Daisy Maskell and Lacey Bull. I am sure that they will continue the good work of the WSA. I wish them and the new committee every success in their future endeavours.

I am now off to enjoy my spare time (and get space back in the spare room).

Have a great weekend

Ann (on behalf of the WSA).

Thank you!

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EASTER EGG HUNT!





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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



HEMSTED
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Thursday 17th
April
2pm

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Kent's No.1 for Kids Holiday Camps

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Check out our recent Ofsted inspection report on our website.

EXTENDED DAY OPTION AVAILABLE IN CANTERBURY. PICK UP AT 5:30pm

Dates & Locations

Folkestone	Sandgate Primary School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Ashford	The Wyvern School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Canterbury	Simon Langton Boys	7th - 17th April 2025	
Bearsted	Bearsted Primary Academy	7th - 17th April 2025	
Sandwich/Deal	Sir Roger Manwood's School	7th - 17th April 2025	
Tenterden	Tenterden Infant & Juniors	7th - 17th April 2025	NEW VENUE



For children ages 5-11 (school years R - 6).



FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football camps that focus on the development of each individual child, join us for jam-packed days of skills and drills, penalty shootouts, competitions and tournaments. For ages 6-12 years. **Mon 7th - Wed 9th April 2025 in Canterbury & Folkestone.**



Camps days run from 9am - 4pm. Drop off from 8:30am at no extra charge. [Childcare vouchers accepted.](#) Book online; spaces fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Book for either a 3 day, 2 day or a full week camp*. Venture Camps run in Ashford (The Wyvern School), Canterbury (Simon Langton for Boys), Folkestone (Sandgate Primary School), Bearsted (Bearsted Primary Academy), Sandwich (Sir Roger Manwood's School) and Tenterden (Tenterden Infant & Juniors).

*Single day option available at certain locations. Please check our website for details.

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Ashford Family Hubs

Easter HAF Events

Monday 7th April 2025 -
Thursday 17th April 2025

***Free holiday activities and food if your child/ren
are eligible for free school meals***



Our Activities

Drumming Workshop

Hula Hoop Workshop

Challenge Day

Games Day

Contact us

ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Ashford North Family Hub 03000 417567

Bockhanger Family Hub 03000 418600

Tenterden Family Hub 03000 418400

The Willow Family Hub 03000 418800

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**Kent
Family
Hub**

Drumming Workshop

Requires
Booking

Wednesday 9th April

Waterside Family Hub, TN24 0PQ
Call 03000 418700 to book 1 session

1st Session

1st Drumming Session - 10.30am - 12.00pm
Lunch provided at - 12.00pm - 12.30pm

2nd Session

Lunch provided at - 12.30pm - 1.00pm
2nd Drumming Session - 1.00pm - 2.30pm

For ages 5 - 16 years



Challenge Day

Thursday 10th April

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ
Call 03000 417567 to book.

11.00am - 3.00pm
Lunch provided

Requires
Booking

For ages 11 - 19 (up to 25 with SEND)

Hula Hoop Workshop

Thursday 17th April

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ
Call 03000 418600 to book 1 session.

1st Session

1st Hula Session - 10.30am - 12.00pm
Lunch provided at 12.00pm - 12.30pm

2nd Session

Lunch provided at 12.30pm - 1.00pm
2nd Hula Session - 1.00pm - 2.30pm

For ages 5 - 16 years

Requires
Booking

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Games Day

Monday 14th April

Ashford North Family Hub, TN24 8BJ
Call 03000 417567 to book.

11.00am - 3.00pm
Lunch provided

For ages 11 - 19 (up to 25 with SEND)



RYE JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

2025

8-18 YEARS ALL LEVELS WELCOME

6th - 8th August 2025

6th August - Girls & Boys Singles

7th August - Girls & Boys Doubles

8th August - Mixed Doubles

Delicious hot food - Served all day

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2025



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