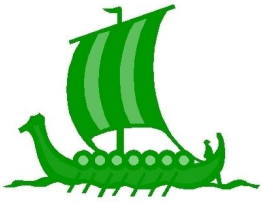


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 18th October**



What a whirlwind of activity we've had at Wittersham School this week as we race towards the end of Term 1!



**Harvest
Festival**

Our first WSA class cake sale of the academic year was a resounding success, filled with a wonderful variety of homemade treats that brought joy to children and staff alike. A huge thank you to the WSA for organizing the cake sale and to everyone who donated and purchased delicious treats! Your support made this event a wonderful success, and we truly appreciate your contributions.



The week began with our whole school Harvest Festival at the church filled with so many fantastic whole class performances. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend—the church was bursting with warmth and joy!

The sense of gratitude and community spirit was palpable as we came together to reflect on our blessings and support one another. A special shout-out to the incredible Wittersham School Church Choir, whose beautiful performances added a magical touch to the occasion.

Reverend Andrew was astounded by the sheer volume of contributions for Harvest; I think he struggled to fit it all in his car when he took the food to the local food bank!

Your generosity is truly appreciated and makes a significant difference in our community.



In the middle of this jam packed week, some of our Year 6 students participated in an engaging Bikeability course, where they honed their cycling skills and learned essential safety tips for navigating the roads, including the importance of wearing helmets at all times. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm as they embraced this important learning opportunity and took responsibility for their safety while cycling.

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What is Spirituality at Wittersham Church of England Primary School?



At Wittersham Church of England Primary, we believe that spirituality is about helping our children develop a sense of connection and meaning in their lives. It's not limited to religious beliefs but encompasses a broader understanding of the world, including values such as compassion, kindness, gratitude, and respect for others.

For our children, spirituality can be nurtured in many ways—from reflecting on their place in the world to appreciating the beauty of nature, showing empathy to others, and understanding the importance of belonging to a community. We encourage curiosity and deep thinking, allowing them to explore big questions about life, purpose, and the world around them.

Through our curriculum, Worship, and daily interactions, we aim to cultivate this sense of wonder and thoughtfulness, helping our students grow not just academically, but as mindful and compassionate individuals.

We encourage you to engage in these discussions with your children at home, helping them to express and explore their thoughts and feelings.



As part of our Year 6 Leadership Team, spiritual leadership is an important part of nurturing our students' personal growth and well-being. Our Spiritual Leaders, Cody and Phoebe, play a key role in fostering a reflective and caring environment where the rest of the school can explore and deepen their understanding of spirituality.

This week, Cody and Phoebe have prepared the following piece for our newsletter:

We feel that our recent Harvest Festival was a huge success. We hope that we shared our spiritual moments with you and would like you to share with us photos of your spiritual moments. This can be shared on Class Dojo. We loved the songs and wonderful poems each class performed. As Spiritual Leaders, we hope you'll return to our next church service.

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Christmas Card Designs

Just a reminder that all Christmas card orders must be returned to school by Friday, 25th October. All orders are placed online by following the instructions in the letter provided.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office team, and we will be happy to assist.

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
99.4%	97.7%	98.7%	91.7%	96.2%	94.1%

Whole school: 95.9%

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.**

I want to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of attending school **every day** for our children's growth and success. When children are present regularly, they can further develop their skills and understanding while also consolidating and retrieving prior learning. Consistent attendance helps them build friendships and develop crucial social skills that are essential as they grow.

Being at school provides a daily routine that teaches children how to manage their time and stay organised. It also helps them feel connected to our wonderful school community, which has a positive impact on their happiness.

However, I must inform you that sadly our whole school attendance has dropped below 96% for the first time this academic year. Please remember that all holidays will be marked as unauthorized, including day trips and attendance at shows, events, and activities.

Let's all work together to encourage our children to come to school every day. Their education, friendships, and future opportunities depend on it!

Please do come and speak with me directly if you wish to discuss any of the above information in more detail.

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Week Seven Wittersham School Prayer - developing our understanding of spirituality

Dear Lord,

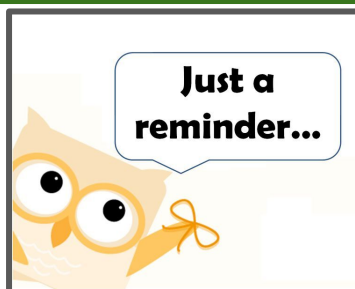
As we gather together as a school community, we come with open hearts and minds, seeking to deepen our understanding of spirituality. We thank You for the gift of life and the beauty that surrounds us each day.

Help us to recognize the sacred in ourselves and in one another. May we cultivate kindness, compassion, and love in our interactions. Inspire us to explore our inner selves and to reflect on the wonders of creation, finding meaning and purpose in our journeys.

Guide us as we learn and grow, nurturing our spirits and fostering a sense of belonging. Let us be a source of light for each other, supporting one another through challenges and celebrating our successes.

May our spiritual garden flourish with the seeds of hope, joy, and understanding. As we place our stones in this garden, let them remind us of our connection to You and to each other.

Amen



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.

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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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Wittersham School Association
Presents



Thursday 28th November 2024

7pm - 9pm

Wittersham Village Hall

£38 Per Person with all proceeds going to Wittersham School Association

Come along to a friendly workshop run by skilled local florists and make a festive door wreath for Your home.

Ticket price includes wreath making materials plus tea, coffee and mince pies.

Just bring your own secateurs or garden scissors.

To secure a place email annchairwsa@gmail.com

Places must be booked and paid by FRIDAY 6TH OF NOVEMBER

Registered Charity 1059824

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Wittersham Football
Clubs



Scarecrow Trail



SAT 19TH & SUN 20TH OCTOBER

10AM -2PM

prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd place!



Trail maps can be
purchased on the day
at the sports club for
£3

Not just Halloween
theme they can be as
imaginative as you
wish! We look forward
to seeing all your
wonderful ideas &
creations!!!

contact: Maryann on
07472234841 or
Miriam on
01797270335
To enter your
scarecrow



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LS COACHING ACTIVITY DAY



HALLOWEEN SPORTS CAMP!



DATES- 28TH OCTOBER

TIME - 9AM-3PM



Rye Primary School, TN31 7ND

All abilities welcome and encouraged!

**Join us for a fun, Halloween-themed activity day!
Football, cricket, fencing, hockey, lacrosse,
dance, gymnastics, arts and crafts, tri-golf,
Halloween games and much more!**

To book - message direct on 
07469710383 or click on the
link in my bio **@lsayercoaching**

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