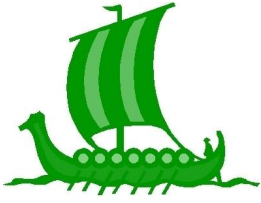


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 27th September 2024**



I am delighted to bring you this week's edition of the Wittersham Weekly Newsletter! Each week, I aim to keep you informed and engaged with the exciting events, achievements, and news from our school community.

As we end Week 4, I am excited to share that our Year 6 leaders have now been officially established, and they are already making a positive impact within our school community. Their enthusiasm and dedication to their new roles are evident, and we are confident they will be excellent role models for the younger pupils as they help to foster a supportive and inclusive environment throughout the school.

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of welcoming our School Improvement Advisor to Wittersham. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the vibrant and engaging learning taking place in our classrooms. The advisor was impressed by the focused and stimulating atmosphere, with students actively participating and demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning. The hard work of our staff and pupils continues to shine, creating an inspiring educational environment that we are incredibly proud of.

We are excited to continue building on this positive momentum, ensuring that Wittersham remains a vibrant place where children flourish and develop a passion for learning.

As I conclude this week's newsletter, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and engagement within our school community. Together, we are fostering a nurturing and enriching environment for our children to succeed.

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
97.9%	96.1%	99%	89.3%	94.8%	95.2%

Whole school: 96.5%

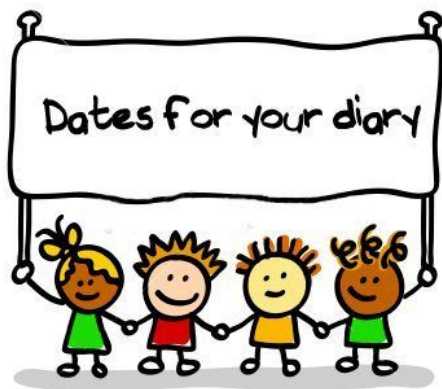
Whole School Target: 96%

**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.**

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**



- Wednesday 9th October - **School Photos.**
- Wednesday 9th October - **Year 3/4 Handball Tournament here at Wittersham.**
- Monday 14th October - **Harvest Festival in the Church at 9am. Parents are invited to join us.**
- Wednesday 23rd October - **Parents Evening 2pm - 8pm.**
- Friday 25th October - **Last day of Term 1**
- Monday 4th November - **First day of Term 2**
- Monday 18th November - **INSET Day**
- Friday 20th December - **End of Term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **Start of Term 3**

### **Parking Reminder**

As the cooler weather sets in, may we kindly remind everyone to park safely and considerately when collecting children from school. Please ensure that driveways, walkways, and emergency access points remain clear for the safety of our community. We also encourage carpooling or walking when possible to help reduce congestion.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe for all.



### **IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the **9th October**, to take Individual & Sibling photos.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

### **Week Four Wittersham School Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank You for the beautiful autumn season. As the leaves change colors and the weather becomes cooler, help us to see the beauty in the world around us. We ask that You guide us through this new term, helping us to learn and grow together.

Please bless our teachers, friends, and families. Help us to be kind to one another and always try our best. Keep us safe and happy, and let us enjoy all the fun things this season brings.

Thank You for being with us every day.

Amen.

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## **WSA UPDATE**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

**The search for a new a new Chairperson is now imperative. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Chair and the committee are a great bunch of people to work with, but it is time to hand the baton over to someone new. Without a new Chair there will be no Christmas Fayre and in the longer term no WSA. This would be a travesty for the school and the children who benefit from all the money raised.**

**I would be happy to support and guide the new Chair but as I am now working full time I do not have the capacity to organise big events and maintain the charity in way it deserves. Please do get in touch with me if you are interested in taking on this role. If we can find two people who could be Chair and Deputy Chair it would be ideal.**

**In the meantime, the smaller events are continuing. The first of which is Rother Cake sale on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The money raised from these events goes directly to the school. More information on what this will be for coming soon.**

**If you are interested in the role of Chairperson please get in touch to discuss [annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk)**

**Ann (Chair WSA)**



THE MUSIC WELL IN RYE,  
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:



A **FREE SINGING CLUB** for children  
and students.

at the RYE CREATIVE CENTRE,  
NEW ROAD, RYE  
on MONDAYS, 4-5pm, term-time.

OPEN to all Children and Students in Years R – Y11,  
attending local schools in the Rye area and beyond, being  
home schooled or in alternative provision.



*This is an exciting musical opportunity for children and young people, and is  
fun, friendly and fully inclusive.*



Singing Teacher is Mrs. Marian Ham,  
a local music and piano teacher,  
and a semi-retired Primary School Head Teacher.

For a joining form and more information, please email  
Marian on [dmham128@btinternet.com](mailto:dmham128@btinternet.com)

This opportunity is currently supported by *The Fairlight Arts Trust, The Music  
Well CIC*, donations and a grant from the *RVA*, thereby enabling attendance at  
the club to be offered **FREE** for all children and students this year.  
Donations to The Music Well are always appreciated, as funding for the  
wonderful work of The Music Well is through grants and donations. Details of  
how to donate are on the website: [www.themusicwell.org.uk](http://www.themusicwell.org.uk). Thank you.

**Reminder!**

As the wetter weather  
sets in and we are  
using the field, we ask  
for all children to have  
a pair of named wellies  
in school throughout  
the school year.

We kindly ask that you  
check all uniform items  
and ensure that your  
child's full name is  
clearly marked on each  
piece. This will help us  
in quickly reuniting  
lost items with their  
owners and reducing  
the build-up of  
unclaimed property.

Thank you for your  
cooperation!

## Home-Start Information Morning ☕

Home-Start supports families with  
under 5s. Join us for a quick chat to  
learn about volunteering with Home-  
Start. Whether you're looking to give  
back, make new friends, or gain  
confidence after a career break, we'd  
love to talk with you!

Contact us today to find out more.

Email: [volunteers@home-start-ashford.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@home-start-ashford.co.uk)

Text: 07714 377998

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ASHFORD, TN23 1HU

Wittersham Primary  
School

Wednesday  
2nd October  
2pm - 3pm

## Home-Start Volunteer Event

Feel free to join us for the  
Home-Start Information event on  
Wednesday, 2nd October at 2pm.  
It's a great opportunity to learn  
more about how you can  
volunteer with this fantastic  
service. Please contact our FLO  
Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes for any  
further information.

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**The Mildred Trust**  
Rural Community Compassion In Action

## **THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE LARDER**

**Grocery, household and  
hygiene products for all local  
families with children under 11  
years old**

**From 1st October 2024**

**OUR DOOR IS OPEN AT EC30  
TENTERDEN TUESDAY EVES  
5.15PM-6.15PM**



**IF WE CAN HELP JUST TURN UP AND BRING A BAG**  
Charity No:1097210

# **Rye Cricket Club**

**1754**

**AUTUMN CRICKET SESSIONS**

**RYE SPORTS CENTRE**



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October for 8 Weeks**

**Hardball**

6.00 – 7.00 pm School Years 4-6

7.00 -8.00 pm School Years 7-9

With Fully Qualified ECB Coaches

Cost is £50 / £35\*

**FOR NEW ATTENDEES THE FIRST 2 WEEKS ARE FREE\***

**FOR NEW ATTENDEES CRICKET EQUIPMENT  
PROVIDED**

These Sessions are Supported by

**THE RYE FUND      THE TED BAKER TRUST**

Contact Martin Blincow to sign up.

Mobile: 07535482006      [blincsfamily@aol.com](mailto:blincsfamily@aol.com)

[www.ryecc.play-cricket.com](http://www.ryecc.play-cricket.com)

## Integrating Mindfulness for Parents & Children Together (IMPACT) Primary version

Does your child find it hard to self-regulate their emotions?

Do they struggle to manage “big” feelings?

Do they overreact to minor difficulties?

Is your relationship with them suffering as a result?

Is their behaviour impacting on your family life?

If you can relate to any of these questions and are struggling to find the answers then why not join our new course aimed at Parents and their Primary aged children together.

Come along with your child for an hour a week over 6 weeks and we will help develop your child’s ability to regulate their emotions by working with you in partnership, even if that current relationship is difficult, by using Mindfulness strategies and techniques.

Led by an experienced Head Teacher, Mental Health Practitioner and Mindfulness Teacher, David Bignell will lead you through various Mindfulness techniques that you can jointly practice at home, helping to:

- increase the child’s focus, attention and self-control
- improve their school participation and achievement
- resolve conflict and reduce disruptive behaviour
- experience lower levels of stress, low mood and anxiety

This training has proven benefits with the parent and child working together, regulating emotion and developing a shared understanding of the language used when discussing emotions

### Who is IMPACT for?

This Primary programme has been developed for children aged between 8 and 11 years old and is designed for children who struggle to label and talk about their emotions, find it difficult to regulate them and experience ‘big feelings’ which may occur suddenly or last a long time.

Parents will also benefit from learning more about how to help their child manage their emotions and develop skills that they can practise together with their child.

This training is being offered free of charge to any parent and child who feels they may benefit and are in the Tenterden locality through a self-referral process. If you would like to find out more or to register for a place please email:

[contact@tenterdenmindfulness.co.uk](mailto:contact@tenterdenmindfulness.co.uk)

This course takes place at Ivy Court Surgery, Tenterden on Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November and 7 December in person at 9.30am.