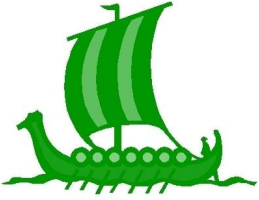


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 12th September 2025**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 1, Week 3

The term already seems to be racing ahead! We've had another fabulous week filled with fantastic learning, lots of rain, and even two school skip deliveries. The skips have been brought in so that we can continue our work to refresh and improve our learning spaces, creating clear and inspiring areas for the children.

I have also met with several contract companies this week as we move forward with plans to enhance the children's toilet facilities across the school.

All classes have now chosen and named their school fish, which has been a wonderful project. The Coulson family will be delivering the fish to our new aquarium this weekend, so our new Wittersham members will be swimming happily on Monday morning, ready to welcome everyone back.

We are also reviewing the current school lunch menu to ensure we continue to provide a delicious and balanced hot meal selection from our amazing kitchen team.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be securing our House Captains and beginning the search for the new 2025–2026 School Council.

Clubs have started off strongly, and Wraparound Care continues to gather momentum.
A reminder that:

- All wraparound care and internal clubs must be booked via ScoPay.
- Afternoon sessions must be booked by 12:00pm on the day of the session (with Monday sessions booked by the preceding Friday at midday).
- Breakfast sessions must be booked by midday the working day before.
- If you require an emergency place, please contact Mrs Crabtree in the school office.

Reminders:

- Shin pads are required for PE this term, as all children in Years 1–6 are playing football. These will also be needed for hockey in Term 2.
- All children should have a pair of wellies in school for outdoor play, especially as the weather gets wetter.

It is wonderful to see our new uniform being proudly worn across the school. Just a reminder: hoodies are for PE only. Fleeces may be worn as a substitute for a jumper or cardigan, and in the colder months can also be worn alongside one. Trainers should not be worn unless children are in PE kit; all pupils should wear black school shoes or boots. Finally, please make sure that **all uniform is named**, as we already have multiple unlabelled items in lost property.

Wishing you all a fabulous – and hopefully dry – weekend!

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation



Dear Lord,

Thank you for our school community where we learn and grow together.

Give us **courage** when we face challenges,
fill our hearts with **compassion** to care for others,
and guide us in **cooperation** so that we work as one team.

May our words be kind, our actions thoughtful, and our learning joyful.

Amen.

Attendance and Punctuality

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.

The school gate closes at 8:45am. Any child arriving after this time will need to sign in at the office, and this will be recorded as late. Being consistently late not only disrupts learning for the child but also for the class as a whole. Over the coming weeks, we will be arranging meetings with families of pupils who are persistently late to explore ways we can work together to improve punctuality.

Remember, our Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am and is a great way to ensure children arrive on time and are settled, ready for the day ahead. We do understand that challenges can sometimes make regular attendance or punctuality difficult. If you are experiencing 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.

Together, we can make sure every child has the very best start to each school day.

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
99.29%	98.21%	94.09%	95.81%	94.81%

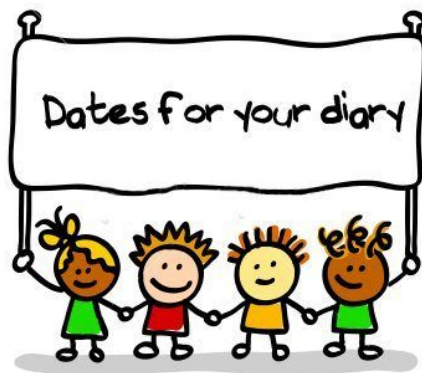
Whole school: **96.4% - Woohoo!**

Whole School Target: **96%**

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 15th September** - Rother Cake Sale
- **Monday 29th September** - Harvest Festival @9am all welcome to attend the Church service.
- **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
- **Wednesday 5th November** - Whole School Parents Evening PM

 *Please mark these dates in your calendars as we look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!*



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!



THE MUSIC WELL IN RYE,
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:



A fabulous CHILDREN/STUDENT'S SINGING CLUB

Taking place at the HUB on RYE HILL
on MONDAYS, 4-5pm, term-time.



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

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



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

This opportunity is supported financially The Music Well CIC as well as
welcoming donations wherever possible.

Enjoy viewing the Music Well's website: www.themusicwell.org.uk

Have your say on the draft Ashford Local Plan 2042

Ashford Borough Council is now consulting on the draft Local Plan (known as Regulation 18) which sets the council's proposed approach and direction of travel for a number of planning matters for development up to 2042.

Consultation runs until 5pm on Monday 13th October 2025.

View our draft Local Plan in person

We are holding a series of events where you can come and view the draft Local Plan. Simply 'drop in' to any of the following events. If you can't attend 'in person' we are also holding one virtual event:



Venue	Date	Time
Ashford Cinema, Elwick Road, Ashford, TN23 1AE	Thursday 11 September 2025	3 - 7pm
Tenterden Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden, TN30 6RA	Tuesday 16 September 2025	3 - 7pm
Kingsnorth Village Hall, Church Hill, Kingsnorth, TN23 3EF	Friday 19 September 2025	4 - 8pm
Sandyacres Sports & Social Club, Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford, TN25 4NT	Tuesday 23 September 2025	3 - 7pm
Mersham Village Hall, Church Road, Mersham, TN25 6NU	Thursday 25 September 2025	3 - 7pm
Wye Village Hall, Bridge Street, Wye, TN25 5EA	Monday 29 September 2025	3 - 7pm
Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams	Thursday 2 October 2025	5 - 6.15pm

To find out more visit: www.ashford.gov.uk/emerging-local-plan

