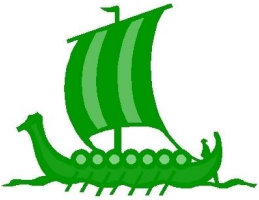


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the  
Wittersham Weekly!  
Friday 3rd October 2025**



## Wittersham Weekly – Term 1, Week 6

Another wonderfully autumnal week at Wittersham – we were treated to some lovely sunshine earlier in the week (not quite so much today!), and it all began with a spectacular Harvest Festival. It was so special to see so many members of our community, including the Church and School Choir joining us to celebrate together. The children truly blew me away with their talent, and the worship art was outstanding – it made the church look even more beautiful.



Thank you to everyone who spent time creating these pieces. Every child who contributed has been awarded 5 house points and a very special Headteacher's sticker. A photo will follow on Dojo on Monday when we are all together again.

We are also thrilled to announce that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £204.05 for the Red Cross. This charity supports people facing crisis both in the UK and across the world, and we felt it was an important choice to reflect our value of compassion in action. The money will go towards providing essential support where it is needed most.

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

This week, we welcomed the NHS Immunisation Team into school to administer the annual flu spray for those pupils whose families had given consent. All of the children who took part showed great courage and handled it brilliantly. If you missed the in-school vaccination, please remember that you can still access this service through your GP.

Our new School Council representatives have now been elected and are busy designing whole-class suggestion boxes. At our first official meeting on Monday, we will be reviewing school meals and beginning discussions on redesigning the school library – exciting times ahead!

Oxney also held a class debate this week, which Mrs Scott was delighted to attend. She was blown away by the confidence the children showed when speaking out loud to their classmates, as well as the effort they had put into their learning. The debate was inspired by their recent English work about Mount Everest, and it was wonderful to see how deeply the children had engaged with the subject – considering both the fascination and the dangers of climbing such a prestigious mountain. A real example of learning in action and pupils demonstrating courage in their ideas and presentations.

A big thank you also goes to all who attended our recent phonics workshops, and to Mrs Scott and Mrs Haddock for leading these. We hope you found the sessions beneficial – copies of the presentations are available on Dojo.

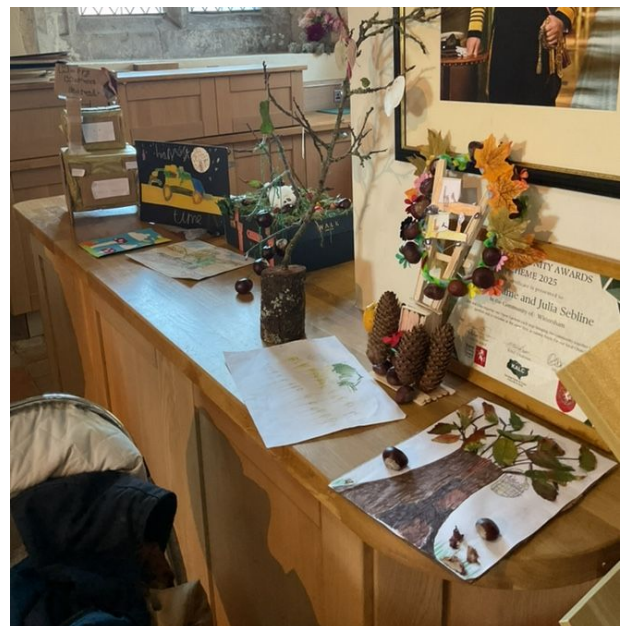
Finally, we were delighted to welcome three new pupils to our Wittersham community this week. They have shown great courage in settling so well, and we ended today's worship by inviting them to blow out the candle – a special moment for us all.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend – and don't forget about school photos next Thursday!

Take care,  
Mrs Coulson



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Loving God,  
 As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter,  
 we thank you for the beauty of this autumn season –  
 for golden colours, crisp air, and the harvest of the earth.



Bless our school community with courage,  
 cooperation, and compassion,  
 as we learn and grow together.

Help us to share what we have with others,  
 and to remember those who may be in need at this time.

May we see your presence in the changing seasons  
 and carry your light with us each day.

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
96%	96.59%	94.04%	91.69%	97%

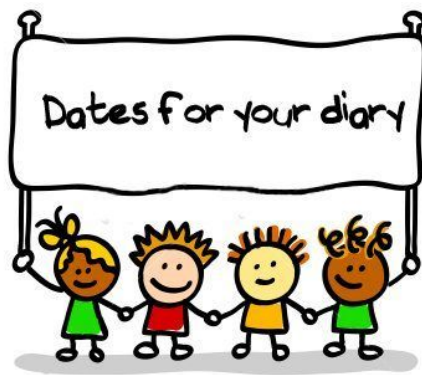
Whole school: 95%

Whole School Target: 96%

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## **Upcoming Dates for Your Diary**

- **Wednesday 8th October** - Coffee, Cake and a Catch Up @14:00
- **Thursday 9th October** - Individual School Photos
- **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!*

# E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



**Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?**

**No, it's Illegal...**

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

**Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?**

**No, it's Illegal...**

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

**What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?**

**The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.**

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



**Kent  
Police**

## **Think before you buy:**

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/road-safety](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)



# 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](https://kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

