

# 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 14th November 2025**



## Wittersham Weekly – Term 2, Week 2

### Another Bumper Week at Wittersham!

It's been another bumper-packed week here at Wittersham, culminating in our Children in Need Dance Dash this morning, which the children absolutely loved! Homewood performed brilliantly and danced to the song Golden, which prompted a lovely sing-along from our children as they cheered and celebrated the courage and cooperation shown by our visiting dancers. A big thank you to everyone who donated – all funds raised through our Dance Dash will go directly to Children in Need.

This week also saw the first of our twice-yearly kitchen audits, and I am very proud to share that our catering team scored extremely highly. The assessor was incredibly impressed with every aspect of the kitchen – from food standards and cleanliness to storage and organisation. She was also a big fan of the new jacket potato option, which has been a huge hit since we introduced it last week! A huge well done to our kitchen team for their continued hard work and for the fantastic Bonfire Meal they served yesterday.

We were delighted to welcome one of our new governors, Fran, to school this week. She spent time in both EYFS and KS1, keen to gain a deeper understanding of our current class structure — a key focus within our School Development Plan this year. Fran was incredibly impressed by how confidently the new Reception children have settled, the purposeful use of adults across the phase, and the breadth of engaging curriculum opportunities in Years 1 and 2. Although visiting in her role as a governor, Fran also brings valuable experience and insight from her professional background as a School Improvement Adviser for the local authority. We feel very fortunate to have her as part of our governing team.

On a slightly different note, the school fish tank has had a makeover this week as we eagerly await the arrival of some new fishy friends! My children and I had great fun on Sunday giving the tank a good clean and adding some glowing new decorations.

Looking ahead, we have lots coming up next week, including the Windmills Cake Sale, Whole School Fencing Day and our Wreath Making Workshop the following week. There are still places available so please reach out to the WSA if you would like to attend. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Shoebox Appeal for Ukraine – these will be collected on Monday afternoon, so any final donations can come in that morning. We continue to be blown away by the kindness and generosity of our Wittersham community.

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

Finally, a huge thank you to our Head Students, Aiya and Archie, who represented our whole school so beautifully on Remembrance Sunday by laying the wreath at the Wittersham memorial. This special occasion reminds us of the courage, sacrifice, and service of those who gave their lives for others. Aiya and Archie made the entire Wittersham community proud as we came together to remember, reflect, and give thanks.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Take care,  
Mrs Coulson

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# PRAYER

## Whole-School Prayer – Giving to Others

Dear God,

Thank you for all that we have – our homes, our families, our friends,  
and our school community.

Help us to remember those who do not have as much as we do.  
As we come together to support *Children in Need* and the *Ukraine Appeal*,

open our hearts to give generously, not just with money, but with  
kindness, care, and love.

Teach us to notice those who are struggling,  
to lend a hand, share a smile, and offer hope where it is needed most.

May our actions show your light and love in the world.

We pray for all children and families facing hardship,  
that they may find comfort, safety, and peace.

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
94%	95%	94%	92%	95%

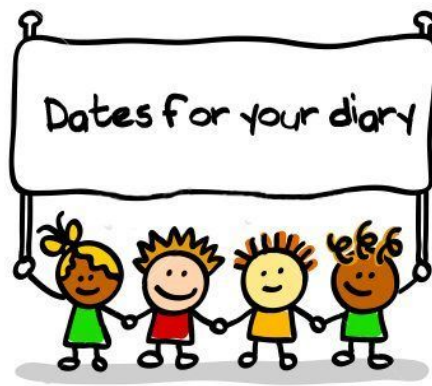
Whole school: 94.2% - this is a dip

Whole School Target: 96%

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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 17th November** - final date for Shoebox for Ukraine donations
- **Monday 17th November** - Whole school fencing day - PE kit to be worn by all
- **Tuesday 18th November** - WSA Windmill Cake Sale
- **Thursday 20th November** - Year 2 Trip to Godinton House
- **Thursday 27th November** - WSA Wreath Making @7-9pm
- **Tuesday 2nd December** - Whole School Pantomime in school
- **Friday 5th December** - WSA Christmas Craft Event
- **Tuesday 9th December** - EYFS and KS1 Nativity @13:30 (ticket info to follow)
- **Wednesday 10th December** - EYFS and KS1 Nativity @9:30(ticket info to follow)
- **Wednesday 10th December** - EYFS and KS1 Nativity @4:30pm(ticket info to follow)
- **Thursday 11th December** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 11th December** - WSA Christmas Movie Event
- **Friday 12th December** - Rock Steady Christmas Concert
- **Tuesday 16th December** - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 16th December** - KS2 (but all are welcome) Christingle Event at the Church @5pm
- **Friday 19th December** - Final day of Term 2 - Christmas Outfits welcomed!
- **Monday 5th January 2026** - INSET Day - School closed
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** - First Day of Term 3

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



# 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)

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