

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 5th December 2025**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 2, Week 5

We began the week on the 1st of December, and the festive season has most definitely arrived. Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing, and it has been lovely to hear the children's wonderful singing drifting through to my office each day.

We also enjoyed a fantastic pantomime this week, which brought plenty of laughter and excitement. The children were completely absorbed in the performance and had a brilliant time.



Alongside all the festive excitement, our academic work has continued with the same strong focus. Assessments have taken place across the school, and the children have shown great courage and resilience in all areas of their learning. These assessments support our ongoing teacher judgements, and we will be sharing your child's progress and effort grades with you during the final week of Term 2. These will be emailed to you, just as the attendance and punctuality reports were last month. Please ensure you are able to access these reports and check your spam or junk folders if you have not yet received your child's attendance report from November.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their Christmas dinner requests for our whole-school meal on Tuesday 16th December. On that day, children will not need to submit their meal choices in the morning, as we will be using the information already provided. We currently have 110 children having a turkey dinner, along with many staff and governors, and the kitchen team are busy preparing for this festive feast, which is sure to be a wonderful event.

We also have our Christingle celebration on Tuesday 16th December in the evening. This event is open to all children and their families, so please complete the form sent out by Mrs Catt earlier this week if you are able to join us.

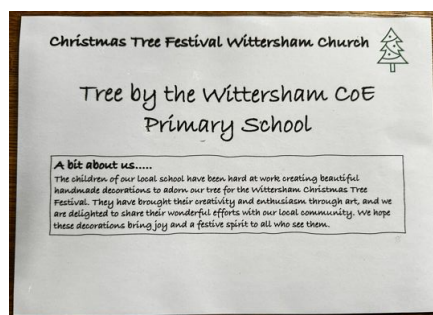
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All children have now created their Christmas decorations in class and added these to our beautiful school tree, which is proudly on display as part of the Wittersham Christmas Tree Festival. Any remaining decorations will take their place on our school Christmas board, alongside submissions for the Christmas Home Learning Challenge, where children have been invited to create something that demonstrates what Christmas means to them.

The tree looks absolutely wonderful, and you may like to visit the church over the next few days to see it on display, alongside many others created by groups across the village. With prizes for the most original and creative trees, it's a lovely opportunity to enjoy the festive atmosphere and celebrate the talent within our community.



The church will also be hosting a lovely afternoon of entertainment on Saturday, including choir carols, tea and cake, and a raffle. Everyone is very welcome to come along and take part.

We are all very much looking forward to the WSA Christmas craft afternoon taking place this evening, as well as the children's film event next week. Thank you once again to our amazing WSA team for everything they do to provide wonderful experiences for our children and for continuing to make such a significant contribution to the opportunities and resources available across the school.

If, like me, you are putting up your tree this weekend, I wish you a wonderful time filled with magical Christmas memories – and not too many stressful bauble-placement conversations!

Take care, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday for our penultimate week of 2025.

Take care



Mrs Coulson

PRAYER

Whole-School Prayer

As we move into Advent,
we take a moment to pause and pray together.

Loving God,

Thank you for this special season of waiting and hope.
As we prepare for Christmas, help us to share kindness with others,
to show compassion in our words and actions,
and to work together in peace and friendship.

Light our hearts with courage,
guide us to make good choices,
and help us to bring joy to those around us.
May this Advent be a time of hope, a time of calm,
and a time of looking forward with love.

Amen.



Attendance and Punctuality

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, regular attendance and punctuality are vital in helping children learn well and feel secure in their daily routines.

The school gate closes at 8:45am. Children arriving after this time must sign in at the office, and this will be recorded as a late arrival. Persistent lateness affects your child's learning and also disrupts the start of the day for the whole class.

Over the coming weeks, we will be arranging meetings with families of pupils who are regularly late so that we can work together to improve punctuality. Please also look out for your attendance and punctuality letter, which will be sent to all families next week. This will be emailed to the address provided when your child joined the school.

We have recently seen our attendance drop below 94 percent for the first time this year, which is concerning. Every day in school makes a real difference.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, please get in touch. Our School Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes, is available to support families and help address any barriers.

By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible start to each school day

Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94%	95%	94%	93%	95%

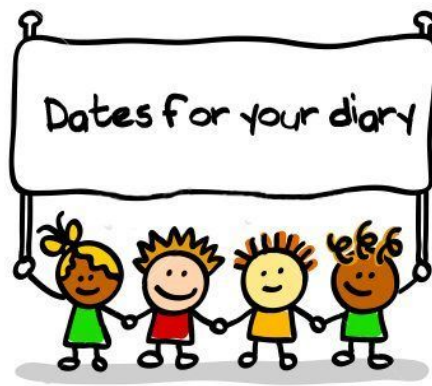
Whole school: 93.9% - this has remained steady this week and some classes have improved which is fantastic. Keep it up!

Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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
- **Wednesday 10th December** - EYFS and KS1 Nativity @4:30pm
- **Thursday 11th December** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 11th December** - WSA Christmas Movie Event
- **Friday 12th December** - Rock Steady Christmas Concert @2:30pm
- **Friday 12th December** - Movers and Groovers afternoon performance @ 3:50pm
- **Monday 15th December** - Year 6 Intergenerational Woodland Crafting Afternoon. Woodchurch House. 2pm-4pm
<https://forms.office.com/e/QXqVArk9sL>
- **Tuesday 16th December** - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 16th December** - KS2 (but all are welcome) Christingle Event at the Church @5pm
<https://forms.office.com/e/1TUDrWKGi2>
- **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



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

THE 2025 PANTOMIME!
RYE PLAYERS PRESENTS...

CRAZY CHRISTMAS HAUNTED HOTEL

at the



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