

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 December 2025**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 2, Week 6

Another wonderfully festive week has passed in the blink of an eye! As we near the end of Term 2, it has been another incredibly busy and joy-filled week at Wittersham. Our Nativity performance was truly a wonder to watch each time. The children were outstanding — so courageous, enthusiastic and full of joy on stage. Thank you to all staff for the rehearsals, costume design and support, and to all grown-ups at home who practised lines and sang the songs on the way to school. It really does take a team.

We also enjoyed our KS2 Netball House Tournament this week, which was a huge success. The teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship shown by all pupils was fantastic. Thank you to Miss Robinson and Mr Hawkins for organising this event. Congratulations to Bodiam House who were the overall winners.



Thank you to everyone who submitted their Christmas pieces for our Christmas Wall. The entries were overwhelming — from artwork and handmade trains to festive scenes. Every piece has been proudly displayed, and all children have received 10 house points and a special Headteacher's Award for their effort and creativity. The wall looks truly magical thanks to your hard work.

Last night, our WSA Christmas Movie Night took place here at school, and it was a truly magical festive event. A huge thank you to the WSA team for their organisation and all the work behind the scenes to make it so special. The popcorn and rainbow cookies were very well received, and the hall was filled with excited faces, blankets and Christmas cheer. It was a really lovely way to bring families together at this time of year.

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Christmas Jumper Day was also wonderful, with the school filled with sparkles, bright colours and some very impressive designs. We raised £130 for Save the Children, whose work supports children and families across the world. If you would still like to donate, the link remains open: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250012855>



A huge thank you, too, for your supportive comments on my recent post regarding the current cold and flu symptoms circulating at the moment. We know so many children are feeling unwell, and it certainly makes this time of year more challenging. We are incredibly grateful for everything you are doing to support your children and the school.

We continue to do all we can on our side, including additional ventilation, extra sanitising measures and close work with our cleaning team. The school also had a deep clean over the autumn break. We are seeing many symptoms across the school, including fluctuating temperatures, coughs, colds and sore throats, which doctors report they are also seeing locally. Please do keep a close eye on your child's temperature if they are unwell.

You are always welcome to come in to administer Calpol during the day, or leave it with us to give. If your child is unable to attend school, please inform the office by 8:45am via phone, email or Dojo so that we can register them safely. If we do not hear from you, this becomes a safeguarding concern, and we will need to follow up.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Christmas Dinner next Tuesday, our magical Christingle Service at 5pm at the church (all are warmly welcome), and our Elfridges event on Thursday afternoon. On Tuesday 16th December, children are very welcome to wear their own Christmas jumper for Christmas Dinner Day. Children may also wear their own Christmas clothing on Friday 19th December, our final day of term. **We kindly ask that all children wear full school uniform for the Christingle Service** .

Sadly, due to the current rise in illness, we have had to postpone the Intergenerational Woodland Crafting event planned for Monday. We hope to reschedule this nearer to Easter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend as we head into the final week of Term 2. We are very much looking forward to the celebrations ahead.

Take care, Mrs Coulson



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PRAYER

Whole-School Prayer

Loving God,

As we come into the second-to-last week of this year at Wittersham, we thank you for all the learning, laughter and special moments we've shared.

Please help us through these busy days ahead. Give us calm hearts, kind words and the strength to keep trying our best.

Help all our children to feel safe, happy and supported, and help our staff to feel encouraged and cared for too.

May we finish this term feeling proud of ourselves and excited for the year ahead.

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

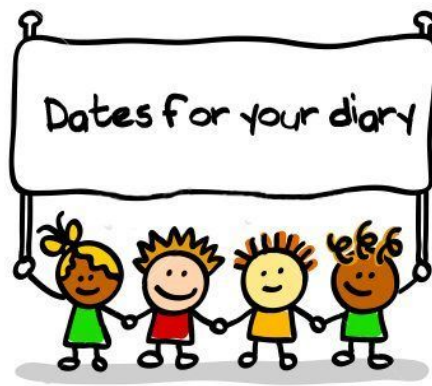
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94%	94%	92.9%	92%	94.8%

Whole school: 93.5%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday 12th December** - Rock Steady Christmas Concert @2:30pm
- **Friday 12th December** - Movers and Groovers afternoon performance @ 3:50pm
- **Tuesday 16th December** - Whole School Christmas Lunch. Children are invited to wear their own Christmas jumpers on this day over their uniform.
- **Tuesday 16th December** - KS2 (but all are welcome) Christingle Event at the Church @5pm
<https://forms.office.com/e/1TUDrWKGi2> All children are to wear full school uniform.
- **Thursday 18th December** - WSA Elfridges Event
- **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



12-14 DECEMBER

AT THE RYE THEATRE

PANTO TICKET HOTLINE

TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/RYE-PLAYERS

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For every stage

KATE'S



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INSTRUCTOR
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PROGRAMS FROM BABY TO
ADULTS
SMALL CLASSES
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Our Programs:

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TO 4 YEARS)
JUNIOR (PRIMARY SCHOOL
AGE)
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