

# 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 9th January 2026**



## Wittersham Weekly – The first edition of 2026!

Welcome back to you all. I do hope that you had a wonderful winter break and a positive start to the new year.

The first week back has absolutely flown by, and it has been a joy to see the children return on Tuesday, full of smiles and eager to share stories of the special time they spent with family and friends. We very quickly settled back into the rhythm of school life, with Smugglers beginning their Forest School sessions and maths and English skills being reignited across the school.

On Monday, our teaching staff took part in a training day focused on strengthening classroom practice, ensuring clarity in learning and developing the consistent use of paired talk across the school. It is such a blessing to have dedicated time to reflect together as a team and to prepare thoughtfully for the term ahead. We are continually looking for ways to refine our craft and ensure that the children are given the very best learning opportunities, with a particular focus on supporting pupils to articulate their thinking and become more active participants in their learning.

Our Wraparound Care provision continues to grow and develop, with a wonderful range of new resources arriving at the end of last term. These additions are already having a positive impact, providing children with more opportunities for play, creativity, movement and relaxation before and after the school day. Several parents shared that collecting their children this week was a little tricky, as they were reluctant to leave, which is always a reassuring sign that the provision is meeting children's needs well.

Mr Hawkins has been incredibly busy creating an array of fantastic items and has even started running away from me when he sees me coming! He has built new tables, sensory chairs, storage units, scooters, tricycles, tents and, very shortly, a ping pong table. These resources will only continue to strengthen and develop our Wraparound Care provision, ensuring it remains a fun, engaging and supportive environment for all children who attend.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and kindness. We work best when we work together, and that partnership between home and school truly matters. I would also like to gently remind everyone of the importance of treating one another with the same kindness and respect that we model and expect for our children.

As we look ahead, I wish you all a 2026 filled with peace, happiness and joy. I do hope and pray that the year ahead is kind to us all.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Mrs Coulson

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

# PRAYER

## New Year, New Term Prayer

Dear God,

As we begin a new year and a new term together, we thank you for the rest, joy and time with loved ones that the holiday has brought.

We ask for your blessing on our school community as we return to learning. Give us fresh energy, open minds and kind hearts. Help us to show courage when things feel challenging, cooperation as we learn and work together, and compassion in the way we treat one another each day.

May our classrooms be places of curiosity, encouragement and growth. Guide our children and adults as we take new steps, try new things and continue our journey together.

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

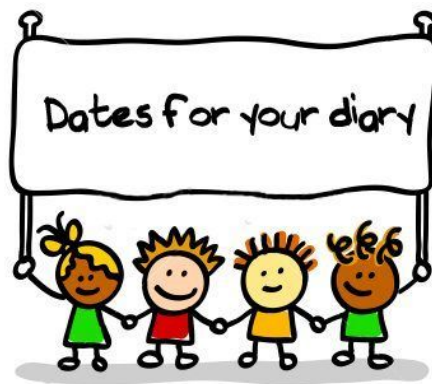
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
92.9%	94.3%	92.7%	92.3%	94.3%

Whole school: **93.3%**  
Whole School Target: **96%**

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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Tuesday 13th January** - Bible Explorer sessions begin in Year 5.
- **Thursday 15th January** - Whole School Special Meal - Pizza and iced sponge extravaganza!
- **Monday 26th - 30th January** - Wittersham Anti-Bullying Week
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Year 5 and 6 Multi-Skills Event
- **Thursday 29th January** - Godinton House Trip for Year 3
- **Wednesday 4th February** - WSA Vikings Cake Sale
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Safer Internet Day
- **Friday 13th February** - WSA Valentines Disco
- **Friday 13th February** - Last day of Term 3
- **Monday 23rd February** - First day of Term 4
- **Monday 23rd February** - Young Voices Concert @O2
- **Thursday 26th February** - Author visit for KS2
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day 2026



# WITTERSHAM PRIMARY GYMNASTICS

NEW TERM booking is open now

**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**3.15PM - 4.15PM**

**GIRLS AND BOYS**

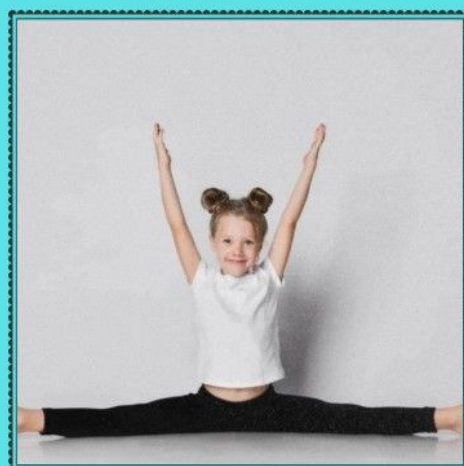
From rolls & handstands to  
cartwheels, jumps, balance,  
strength, & flexibility.

Together we build skills,  
confidence, smiles & have  
plenty of FUN!

**TO SIGN UP**

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