

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 6th February 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 3 Week 5

Hello all,

I write to you again as the rain streams down the window, while I hold on to the memory of the beautiful blue skies we were treated to on Wednesday and the welcome sight of the sun setting a little later each evening. There is a gentle sense that spring is waiting just around the corner.

We have had a super week at school despite the less-than-sunny weather. Our wonderfully pink and heart-filled WSA cake sale was a great success. Thank you to the brilliant WSA for organising this and to the many families who donated some utterly delicious cakes.

During worship this week, Mrs Scott began to explore Safer Internet Day with the children, which takes place on Tuesday 10th February. This year's theme focuses on helping children to understand how to stay safe, respectful and responsible online. The day encourages important conversations about how young people use the internet, how they can protect themselves, and how to seek support if something does not feel right. As always, we continue to remind the children that safety at Wittersham means feeling safe physically, emotionally and virtually, both in school and beyond.

Mr Hawkins and I also met this week to plan the next phase of our fishing intervention, which will be beginning very soon. Fishing for Schools will be running our first sessions and Mr Hawkins will be leading additional sessions so that as many children as possible can experience this activity. Fishing offers a wealth of benefits for children, including developing patience, resilience, focus, confidence and a wonderful sense of calm in the outdoor environment.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our Come Dine With Me experiences. The deadline is Monday 9th February, so please do sign up if you have not yet had the chance. We have also shared a poll for a coffee morning led by Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes. Please complete the poll if you would like to attend next Thursday.

Next week we are looking forward to our whole-school Chinese meal as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations across the school, as well as the WSA Valentine's disco, which is sure to be a wonderful event for all.

Wishing you a fabulous weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday for our final week of Term 3 – can you believe it?

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

PRAYER

Dear God,

As the rain falls outside and the days slowly grow lighter, we are reminded that every season brings its own gifts. Thank you for the joy, kindness and sense of community we share at our school each day.

Help us to be safe in all that we do – in our actions, in our words, and in the choices we make both in school and online. Guide us to show care and respect for one another, to be patient, to be brave, and to always try our best.

As we move towards the promise of spring, fill our hearts with hope, calm and happiness. Help us to look after one another and to notice the small moments of goodness that surround us.

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.

Firstly, thank you to families. We have seen a clear improvement in punctuality across the school and many of you are working hard to ensure children arrive on time each day. This really helps create a calm and purposeful start to the morning.

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

It is also important to remember the impact of absence. Missing just one day each week adds up to around 39 days of learning lost across the year — nearly eight weeks of school. Even one day every fortnight results in around 20 days missed.

We have recently seen our overall attendance drop below 94 percent for the first time this year, which is a concern. Every day in school makes a real difference to children's progress, confidence and sense of belonging.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, please do 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.

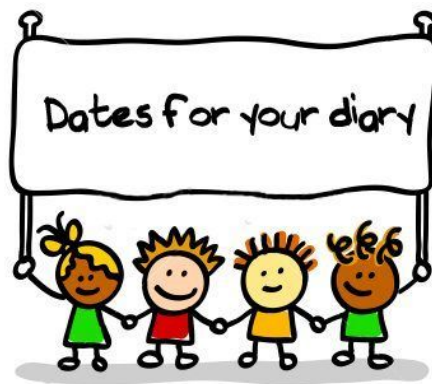
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
92.7%	94.2%	92.8%	92.9%	94.6%

Whole school: 93.4%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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 @ The O2
- **Thursday 26th February** - Author visit for KS2
- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Windmill Class Come Dine with Me @11:45am
- **Friday 6th March (DATE CHANGE)** - World Book Day 2026. All children are welcome to dress up as a book character on this day. More info to follow!
- **Friday 6th March** - WSA Quiz Night
- **Tuesday 10th March** - Smuggler Class Come Dine with Me @11:45am
- **Tuesday 17th March** - Viking Class Come Dine with Me @11:45am
- **Tuesday 24th March** - Oxney Class Come Dine with Me @11:45am
- **Tuesday 31st March** - Rother Class Come Dine with Me @11:45am
- **Wednesday 1st April** - Whole School Easter Service (everyone is welcome) @9:00am
- **Thursday 2nd April** - Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday 3rd - Sunday 19th April** - Spring Break
- **Monday 20th April** - First day of Term 5
- **Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May** - Year 6 KS2 SATs Week
- **Monday 11th, 12th and 13th May** - Year 5 Bikeability Training

 Please mark these dates in your calendars.

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AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026

