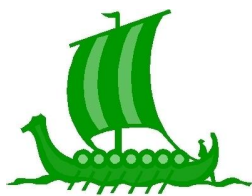


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: learning and growing together in the light of God'



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 6th March 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 4 Week 2

Another week has passed and I think it is safe to say that the sunshine has been a very welcome visitor here at Wittersham – and one that we hope continues to visit us! Feeling the warmth, seeing the children enjoying the playground disco, create some rather stunning chalk pictures and not having to wear coats outside has made the start of March feel pretty special.

This week certainly seems to have flown by and has been a very busy one, including a well-attended Parents' Evening, KS2 sporting events, a governor visit and a truly epic World Book Day.

Thank you to everyone who came along to Parents' Evening. It is always so lovely to see you all and to share the celebrations of every one of our learners. We are very grateful for your ongoing support and engagement. Mrs Catt and I love running the café and having the chance to catch up with you all – it is genuinely one of my favourite events on our school calendar. Teachers spoke very positively about the meetings, which were purposeful, reflective and focused on celebrating the children while also thinking carefully about next steps in their learning. At a time of great change and uncertainty in education, we are truly grateful for the strength of our partnership with families so that, together, we can continue to ensure our children grow and develop both academically and emotionally.

Sporting wise, it has also been a busy week with what Mr Hawkins described as “the big one” – the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 athletics event. As always, Mr Hawkins spoke with great pride about all the children who participated, highlighting their cooperation, determination and courage to give everything a go. Thank you to Mr Hawkins for organising these opportunities and to all the grown-ups who helped with transport – these events simply would not be possible without your support.

On Thursday we welcomed Fran, one of the members of our Governing Board, into school. Fran visited EYFS and Year 1 to see how the children are progressing and also spent time learning more about our whole-school assessment developments following our recent Ofsted report. The School Improvement Plan continues to be a key driver in our work, and our Governors play an important role in both supporting and challenging the school as we continue to develop. Fran, who previously worked as a headteacher and now works as a School Improvement Adviser, brings a wealth of experience to her role. It was wonderful to share our work with her and she commented on the fantastic classroom environments and how confidently the children were able to talk about their learning and assessment.

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We then ended the week with what I think may have been our best World Book Day yet – and my goodness, the costumes! We had a Lorax, Iron Man, princesses, Oompa Loompas, Wednesday Addams, Where's Wally, Harry Potter and so many more wonderful literary characters joining us in school. A huge thank you to Kerry Dean for capturing the day and, of course, to all the preparation that clearly took place at home to create such fantastic costumes. I am now hoping to see the same level of creativity from parents at the quiz tonight!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

(PS - be sure to take a look at the attendance update below!)



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PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for books, stories and the joy of reading.
Thank you for the characters who make us laugh, think and imagine new worlds.

Help us to enjoy reading this week and every week.
Help us to listen carefully to stories and think about what we can learn from them.

Help us to show courage, cooperation and compassion, just like the characters we admire in our favourite books.

May the stories we read help us to grow, to be kind to one another and to keep our imaginations alive.

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 really positive improvement in attendance and punctuality across classes this week, with whole school attendance now standing at **93.8%**. National attendance currently stands at around **94.8%**, so we are still slightly below where we would like to be, but the improvement we have seen this week is very encouraging. Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

A quick reminder that 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 impacts your child's learning and can disrupt the start of the day for the whole class.

Please also remember that **all messages regarding absence, medical appointments, late arrival or early collection must be sent directly to the school office via the office email address**. This ensures that registers can be updated promptly and collections coordinated safely.

Missing school quickly adds up. Just one day each week across the year equals around 39 days of learning lost – nearly eight weeks of school.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with attendance, please do get in touch. Our School Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes, is available to support families and help address any barriers. By continuing to work together, we can ensure every child has the best possible start to each school day.

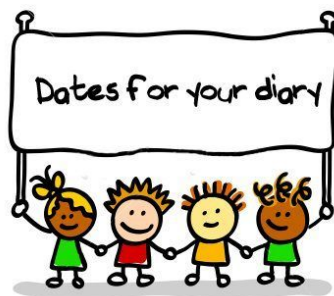
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94%	94.2%	93.1%	93.4%	94.7%

Whole school:
93.8%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday 6th March** – World Book Day 2026 All children are welcome to dress up as a book character
- **Friday 6th March** – WSA Quiz Night
- **Tuesday 10th March** – Smuggler Class Come Dine With Me @ 11:45am
- **Wednesday 11th March** - WSA Mothers Day Sale
- **Thursday 13th March** – Rocksteady Concert
- **Tuesday 17th March** – Viking Class Come Dine With Me @ 11:45am
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Scootability (Year 1/2)
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Coffee, Cake and Chat
- **Thursday 19th March** – Godinton House Visit (Year 4)
- **Friday 20th March** – Red Nose Day (details to follow)
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Oxney Class Come Dine With Me @ 11:45am
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Viking and Oxney Museum Trip
- **Monday 30th March** – Fire Safety Visits
- **Tuesday 31st March** – Rother Class Come Dine With Me @ 11:45am
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Year R Hearing and Vision Screening
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Whole School Easter Service @ 9:00 am (everyone welcome)
- **Wednesday 1st April** - KS2 Touch Rugby Event
- **Thursday 2nd April** - WSA Easter Egg Hunt
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Last Day of Term 4
- **Friday 3rd April** – **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 – Thursday 14th May** – Bikeability (extended dates)
- **Thursday 21st May** – Last Day of Term 5
- **Thursday 21st May** – Carmel Jane School Photos
- **Friday 22nd May** – Whole School INSET Day
- **Monday 1st June** – Whole School INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – First Day of Term 6
- **Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th June** – Residential Visit

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



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AGES 7-12 YEARS (Y3-Y7)

FREE!



Saturday 21st March
10:30 - 13:00



Ashford Rugby Club
Kinneys Fields, Kinneys Lane
TN24 9QB



Fun rugby activities for girls of all abilities



Coaching and games
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Led by qualified coaches



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Wednesday 11th March 2026

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SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

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We're pleased to share access to **specialty discounted tickets (50% off)** for the upcoming **Super League Basketball Playoff Finals**.

The Finals will see the two top teams from the Men's and Women's Super League Basketball battle it out to become the last teams standing in the 2025/2026 season, earning the ultimate bragging rights, and waltzing off into the summer with the Playoff title to show for their efforts.

With both the women's and men's Playoff Finals taking place in a spectacular double bill, a capacity crowd of over 16,000 is expected to, once again, pack out the O2 and witness some of the best ballers in the country do battle, as well as enjoying first-class entertainment from some of the biggest artists in the world.

You can find out more on the event, including our promotional video, by visiting <https://www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026playoffs/>

Ticket Offer & Booking

Our school has secured tickets for just **£10 per person** — a saving of at least 50% (normal prices: £28 Adult/ £20 Child).

Book your tickets here:

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Simply click **"Add to Cart"** and adjust the quantity as needed. Tickets will be dispatched directly by Super League Basketball.