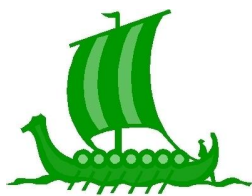


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 20th March 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 4 Week 4

As I sit writing, the sun is beginning to peep through the clouds — following yesterday's truly stunning blue skies and wonderful sunshine. I can hear the classes enjoying their Red Nose Day activities, dressed in a fantastic array of red clothes, odd socks and bright red noses — it has certainly been a very colourful day across the school!

In worship today, we spent time reflecting on the importance of Red Nose Day and the vital role it plays in raising funds both here in the UK and across the world. Comic Relief supports people facing poverty, hardship and inequality, helping to fund food, shelter, education and essential services for those who need it most.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that the total raised so far has reached an incredible £186 — and it is still rising! This is a fantastic achievement and far exceeds what we raised for Christmas Jumper Day (£128), making it an especially meaningful effort by our community. I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your generosity and support. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a real difference.

This week has been slightly quieter than the last, but still full of wonderful opportunities. Highlights have included fishing sessions, coffee and cake with Mrs Sterriker-Rhodes, a Year 4 visit to Godinton House to further develop geographical and map skills, the WSA AGM, governor visits, our Full Governing Body meeting, and a School Games live Easter event.

Our weekly Come Dine With Me events continue to be a real highlight — such magical moments in our school week. I look forward to sharing more reflections on these in the coming weeks.

One particular highlight for me was having the opportunity to show Jane Burnett, a member of our governing team, pupil autonomy in action across the school. Developing pupil autonomy is a key focus for us this year. We want our children to become confident, independent learners who understand what they are learning, how to improve, and what to do when they feel challenged. By giving children ownership of their learning through discussion, reflection and carefully planned opportunities, we are helping them to develop lifelong skills of resilience, independence and curiosity.

Please do take a moment to check the dates added to the newsletter this week, including Sports Day (which will be a full-day event) and our Term 5 Come Learn With Me sessions, which will take place in the afternoons.

New fishing letters have been sent out this week, and we are continuing to work through the list of KS2 children who expressed an interest. Please be assured that everyone who signed up will have the opportunity to take part this academic year.

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Looking ahead to our final full week of Term 4, we have the much-anticipated Vikings and Oxney trip to the British Museum, as well as our final visit this term from Daisy the Reading Dog, who has become a much-loved member of our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend — the sunshine is set to continue — and I look forward to seeing you all next week (perhaps in slightly less red!).

Take care,
Mrs Coulson



Red Nose Day Competition

A huge well done to all those who entered and shared their wonderful Red Nose creations. It was incredibly difficult to choose, as every entry was fantastic — we were so impressed with the creativity on display.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st place: Eliza in Oxney, awarded 50 house points

2nd place: Floss in Windmills for her rainbow-themed design, awarded 40 house points

Joint 3rd place: Aiya in Rother and Arthyen in Oxney for their unique takes on the classic red nose, awarded 30 house points each

All other entrants will receive 10 house points for taking on the challenge — a brilliant effort from everyone involved.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and creativity!



PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the joy, laughter and colour we have shared together on Red Nose Day.

Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown by our school community.

We pray for all those who are supported by charities like Comic Relief — those who may be facing hardship, hunger or loneliness here in our country and across the world.

Help them to feel hope, comfort and care.

Guide us to continue to show compassion in our daily lives, to notice when others need help, and to have the courage to make a difference, no matter how small.

Thank you for reminding us that when we come together, we can create real change. 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 **93.9%**. 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.

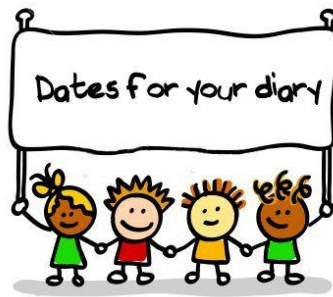
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.4%	94.1%	93.1%	93.6%	94.5%

Whole school:
93.9%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday 20th March** – Red Nose Day - wear own clothes, red or odd socks. Donations can be made online
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-wittersham-church-of-england-primary-school>
- **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
- **Friday 24th April** - Vikings Come Learn with Me @14:15 - 15:00
- **Tuesday 28th April** - Smugglers Come Learn with Me @14:15 - 15:00
- **Thursday 30th April** - Oxney Come Learn with Me @14:15 - 15:00
- **Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May** – Year 6 KS2 SATs Week
- **Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May** – Bikeability (extended dates)
- **Thursday 16th May** - Windmills Come Learn with Me @14:15 - 15:00
- **Thursday 21st May** - Rother Come Learn with Me @14:15 - 15:00
- **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
- **Friday July 10th** - Whole School Sports Day and Parent Picnic
- **Thursday 23rd July** - Last Day of Term 6 and the academic year

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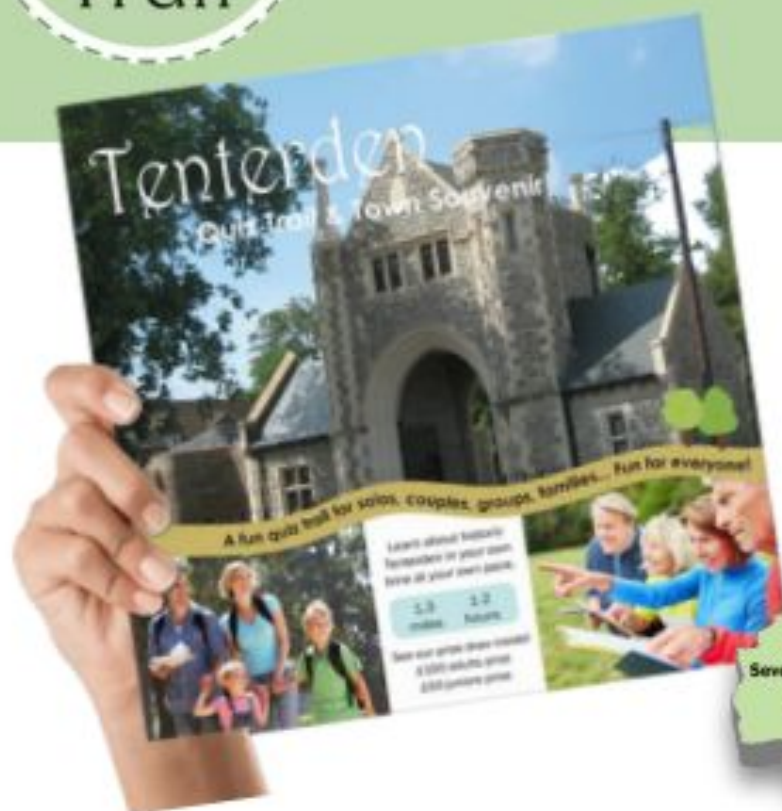
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You can find out more on the event, including our promotional video, by visiting <https://www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026playoffs/>

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

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