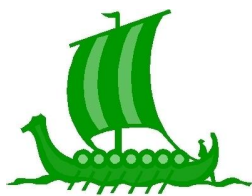


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 27th March 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 4 Week 5 (the last full week of term 4!)

So once again, I find myself sitting here writing this as the sun streams through the window of my office. Whilst the clocks go forward this weekend, meaning we 'lose' an hour in bed, the evenings will begin to feel lighter and longer — and hopefully the weather warmer too. Perhaps we can finally start packing away those scarves and hats!

This week has been filled with moments of real wonder, including the Vikings and Oxney trip to the British Museum, which was a huge success. I am sure you can all appreciate the level of organisation that goes into trips such as these. This included Miss Robinson and her soon-to-be husband visiting on Sunday beforehand to ensure all of the exhibits we needed were in the correct places. There is extensive risk assessment and planning involved, and this is often the reason why many schools choose not to offer opportunities like this, particularly trips into London.

More than one child shared that they had never been to London before, which makes opportunities like this all the more meaningful. I feel incredibly proud that we are able to offer experiences that broaden horizons and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who gave their time, energy and care to plan and facilitate the day so thoughtfully. The children returned full of excitement, curiosity and enthusiasm — a powerful reminder of the impact these experiences have, and exactly why we are so committed to providing them.

In singing worship this week, we have been practising our songs for our Easter service next week. We do hope you will be able to join us. Year 6 will be leading the worship, and it will be a special time for us to come together as a school community to reflect on this important season — remembering both the sadness of Jesus' death and the joy and hope of His resurrection.

We also held our penultimate Come Dine with Me this week, with Oxney parents joining us. Rother will have their opportunity next week. Please do look out for a feedback form coming out, as gathering your views is incredibly important in helping us shape and improve events like this in the future. The kitchen team truly value these opportunities to share their meals with you, and many of you have asked about the preparation that goes into each dish. All meals are made from scratch with great care, and we are incredibly proud of the quality and variety of our school meal offer each week.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated dressing-up clothes and games — we are incredibly grateful. As we head into our final week of term, if you are having a spring clean, please do keep us in mind.

A quick, polite reminder that, due to our after-school provision and to ensure the safeguarding of all children, we do need everyone to leave the school site promptly at the end of the day. Please ensure that all families are off site by 3:25pm at the latest.

As we move into the final week, please don't forget that we finish on Thursday 2nd April at 3:15pm and return to school on Monday 20th April.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with sunshine. ☀️ Take care, Mrs Coulson

Compassion

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Cooperation

PRAYER

Dear God,

As the clocks change and the days begin to feel lighter and longer, we thank you for this new season.

Thank you for the extra light in our mornings and evenings, reminding us of new beginnings, fresh energy and hope.

Help us to use this time well — to enjoy being outdoors, to notice the beauty around us, and to make the most of each day.

As our routines shift, help us to be patient, to rest well and to care for ourselves and one another.

May this change in time be a reminder that we are always growing, always moving forward, and always held in your care. 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.

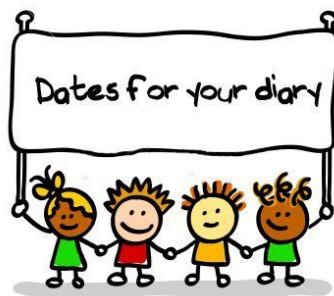
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.2%	94.1%	92.9%	93.7%	94.4%

Whole school:
93.8%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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 14th 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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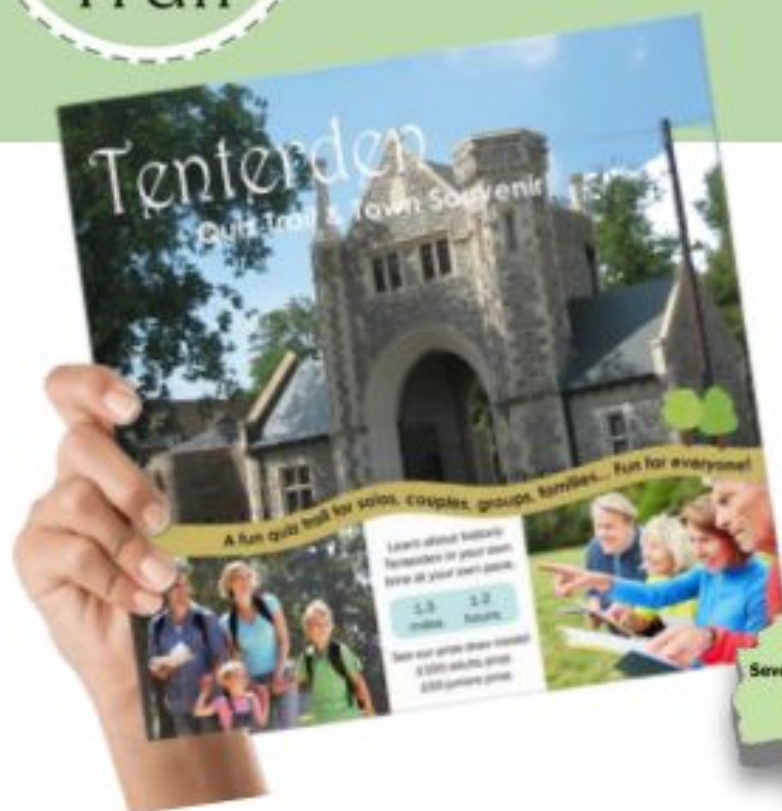
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Children's Easter Fun & Crafts

St Mildred's Church
Tenterden

Friday 3rd April
10am - 11.30am

Drop in to create a bag full of
Easter crafts and goodies!

£2 per child

Refreshments included
All children must be supervised
by their grown-up(s)



FREE
DRINKS
AND
CAKES

FREE
FACE
PAINTING

FREE CRAFT
FOR ALL
CHILDREN

EASTER CRAFTERNOON

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026

1.00 PM - 4.00 PM

@CHURCH ON THE WEALD

THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING

TENTERDEN HIGH STREET TN306JL



presents a choral concert of

Fragments & Pairings

*By Mozart, Howells, Stanford,
Byrd, Tavener & others*



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Saturday 11th April 2026, 7.30 pm

St John the Baptist Church, Wittersham TN30 7EA

Conductor: Michael Bascom

Tickets £15

from:

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Registered Charity Number 1216478

or

On the door

Interval refreshments available



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Rye Easter Holiday Sessions

Touch Rugby Holiday Camp



Open access for
ages 10-16



Wednesday 8th April



Rye Rugby Club, New Road,
Rye, TN31 7LS



10:00 - 14:00



FREE!



We invite young people to join our Holiday Sessions **FOR FREE!** Spend time in a safe and fun space where you can socialise with your friends and play sport.

REGISTER BELOW



Touch Rugby Taster Session



Open access for
ages 10-16



Friday 27th March



Rye Sports Centre, The
Grove, Rye, East Sussex
TN31 7ND



17:00 - 18:00



Holiday Club
Tuesday 7th April
10am to 3pm

 **5 to 7 Year Olds**
£20 (siblings half price)

**Bring Packed Lunch,
Wets just incase**

Rye Rugby Club
New Road, Rye, TN31 7LS

Contact theo@rugbytots.co.uk

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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**.

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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).

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