

# 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!  
Thursday 2nd April 2026**



## Wittersham Weekly – Term 4 Week 6



Hello everyone,

My goodness... as I sit down to write this, where do I even begin to reflect on this term?

It has been a term so full and rich that, if I am honest, even I had forgotten quite how much we had packed in. It was only when we took time as a school to reflect on our journey together during worship on Friday that I truly realised just how much Term 4 has held.

From Chinese workshops and Mother's Day sales to Scootability, fishing, Come Dine with Me, and trips to the British Museum and Godinton House, it has been a term full of wonderful experiences for our children. We have also seen our choir take to the stage at the The O2 Arena for Young Voices, and this week alone we have rounded off the term with fire safety talks for Years R–5 and a fantastic KS2 interhouse rugby tournament and ending it all with a thrilling WSA Easter Egg Hunt!

We also came together as a community for our Easter service – a truly special and reflective time as we marked Holy Week together. It was a moment to pause, reflect and connect as a school family. I am not sure about you, but I thought the singing was absolutely beautiful; the choir was incredibly moving and there was such a sense of joy and pride in seeing so many children standing up there, sharing their passion for singing.



**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

A great deal of time, care and preparation goes into a service like this, and we are very fortunate to be able to work alongside the church choir, Giles and Graham. Thank you also to Mrs Catt for continuing to lead and develop the choir so wonderfully.

The Year 6 storytelling was thoughtful and engaging, and it was lovely to see their confidence as they shared such an important part of the service. It was a truly meaningful way to come together at the end of such a busy and successful term.

Term 4 has been incredibly special in so many ways.

As we leave winter behind and step into spring, we are reminded of this season of hope and new life. As I write this final newsletter of the term, I am reminded of the Easter story and the journey we continue to take together. It encourages us all to show courage in the face of any challenges that may stand in our path, and to remember that, together, we can overcome and continue forward with strength and hope.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Easter break with your families. I hope you are able to enjoy some special time together and make the most of the longer, brighter days.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 5, which begins on Monday 20th April, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Take care,  
Mrs Coulson

A quick reminder to those of you who took part in our Come Dine with Me sessions or whose children participated in Scootability this term.

We would really value your feedback to help us reflect on these experiences and continue to improve opportunities for our children and families. If you are able to spare a few minutes, we would be very grateful if you could complete the surveys below:

Come Dine with Me feedback:

<https://forms.gle/4CjfCTonx9P72Ykt7>

Scootability parent/carer survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ADzrzV7Nw2>

Both surveys are short and should only take a few minutes to complete. For Come Dine with Me, please complete one form per child and per session attended.

Please submit your responses by 1st May.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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# PRAYER

Dear God,

As we come to the end of Term 4, we pause to give thanks for all that we have shared together. Thank you for the learning, the laughter, the friendships and the moments of growth we have experienced as a school family.

As we enter the Easter season, help us to remember the message of hope, new life and renewal. May we carry this hope in our hearts, showing kindness, compassion and courage in all that we do.

Bless our children, families and staff over the Easter break. May this be a time of rest, joy and togetherness, and may we return refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

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%	92.8%	93.8%	94.5%

**Whole school:**  
93.8%  
**Whole School Target:** 96%

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Courage

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## **Upcoming Dates for Your Diary**

- **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

# Enter our **FREE** family competition

Enter at Prize Draws  
on our home page - good luck!



A great activity for the Easter Holidays!

We're a Mum and two daughters team  
creating educational, history based **fun**  
Kent Quiz Trails!

They liven up a healthy  
family walk!

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We've teamed up with What's On In  
Kent to give away a 'Best of Kent  
Explorer Adventure Pack'!

 **Top Prize:** One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper  
with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trails  
short stories books, 5 Quiz Trails of your choice and lots of  
sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win  
3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website  
[www.QuizTrail.co.uk](http://www.QuizTrail.co.uk)

\*Closing date 31st March 2026 at  
11:59pm. Free to enter - no purchase  
necessary.



Download the app  
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activities and  
events going on  
in Kent!

Special offers too!

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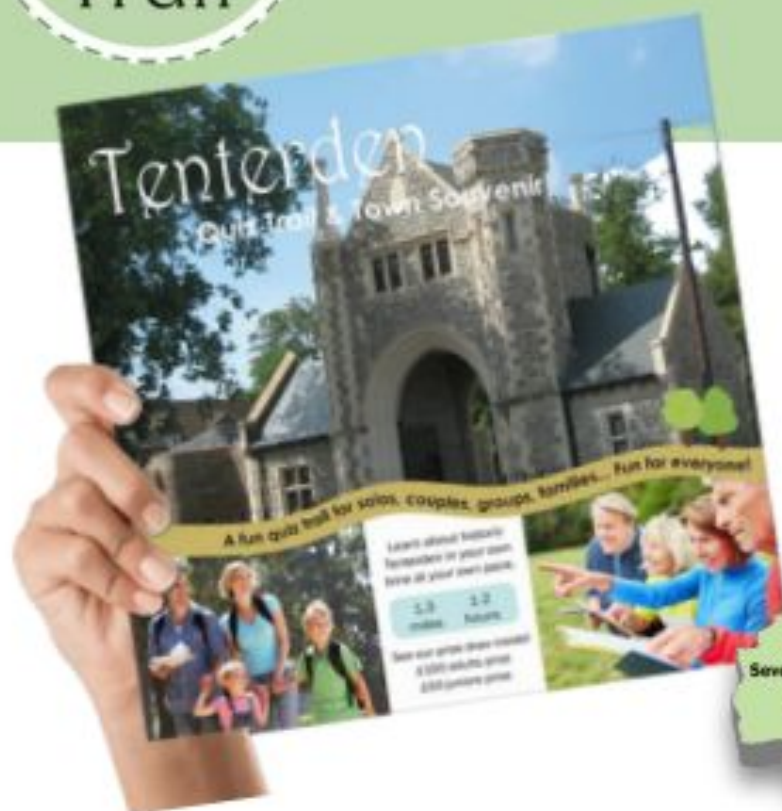
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**LOW - COST!**

Clues for adults PLUS clues for juniors which are **made for 5 to 11 year olds!**



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Quiz Trail  
Reviews • Excellent



**A fun low-cost, healthy activity that entertains all!**

Quiz Trails are written for adults and packed with local history. As well as adult leisure reading, Quiz Trails are a fabulous activity for adults and children to do together - **with a set of fun clues for each.**

You can take as long as you like to complete the trail, making it the perfect activity for a relaxed trip out.

**At just £5.99 a copy for a group to share,** Quiz Trails are the perfect way to spend time outdoors in the fresh air with loved ones - *great to do with grandparents too!* ALL trails are accessible.

[www.QuizTrail.co.uk](http://www.QuizTrail.co.uk)

Quote Discount Code  
**DISCOUNT10**  
at our checkout



Quiz Trails are an 'Approved Activity' for  
The Children's University



The Church of England in  
Tenterden, Rother and Oxney  
Appledram - Ebber - Newenden - Rolvenden - St Michael's  
Smallhythe - Stone - Tenterden - Wittersham

# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 7.30 pm**

**St John the Baptist Church, Wittersham TN30 7EA**

**Conductor: Michael Bascom**

**Tickets £15**

from:

**[wealdenconsort.org.uk](http://wealdenconsort.org.uk)**

Registered Charity Number 1216478

or

**On the door**

*Interval refreshments available*



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# RugbyWorks


## 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](mailto:theo@rugbytots.co.uk)**

**07888822667**

**To confirm**



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# SUPER LEAGUE

## BASKETBALL

# PLAYOFF FINALS

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

O2 ARENA • LONDON

**Subject - Super League Basketball Playoff Finals, Sunday 17 May 2026 | O2 Arena, London**

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:

<https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary>

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



**Wealden CFRs**  
Community First Responders

## CPR and defibrillator familiarisation training

Would you know what to do if someone suffered a cardiac arrest? Are you familiar with how to use a defibrillator?

**When: Tuesday 21 April 2026**

**Where: Wittersham Village Hall**

**Time: 18.30-19.30 (session 1)  
20.00-21.00 (session 2)**

**Cost: Free**

**Spaces are limited – Please email  
[clerk@wittersham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wittersham-pc.gov.uk) or call 07944 183798  
to book your space**

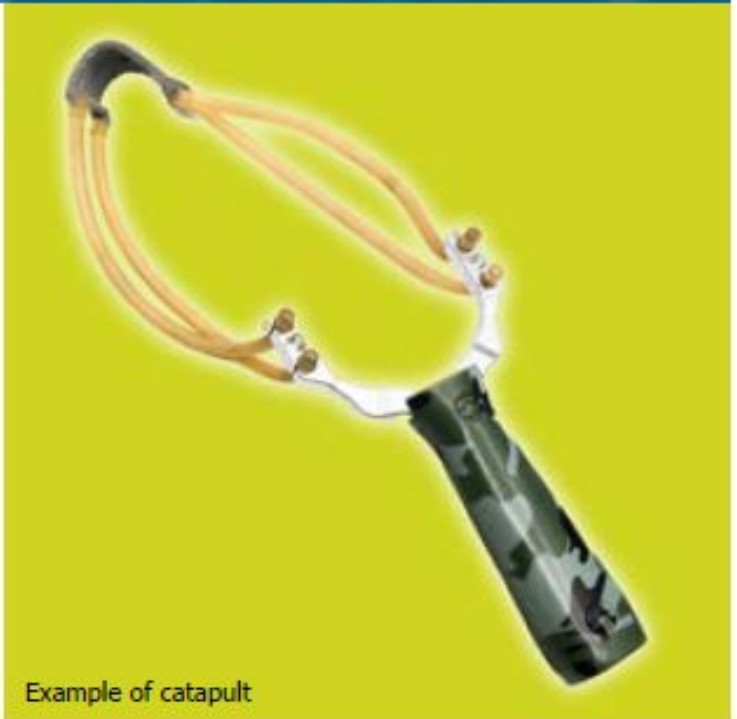
**Did you know?**

In the UK more than 30,000 people a year suffer a cardiac arrest when away from hospital or other health care facilities. When this happens in front of a bystander, who starts CPR immediately before the arrival of the ambulance, the patient's chances of survival double.

# Catapults – Know the law

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



Example of catapult

If you use it to **threaten** or **injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

## Is it worth it?

**Remember** – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



**Kent  
Police**

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)

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In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call 999

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

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