

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 1st May 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 5 Week 2

Another week has passed, and it has been one filled with wonderful *Come Learn With Me* sessions. It has been so lovely to welcome grown-ups from Oxney, Smugglers and Vikings into school for some wonderfully creative activities. There has been some truly impressive artwork from children and adults alike! Windmills and Rother are still to come, and we very much look forward to welcoming you soon. Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far – it really does make these sessions so special.

We have also had some very productive School Council meetings this week, with lots of exciting discussions around new additions to lunchtime – more on this below. Our School Council plays a vital role in our school, ensuring that pupil voice is heard and that children are actively involved in shaping their school experience. Their ideas, feedback and leadership continue to make a real difference across our community.

This week, all children took part in the TCS Mini Marathon. This is a national event linked to the London Marathon, where children run, jog or walk 2 miles, representing the final distance that London Marathon runners complete as they finish the full 26.2-mile course.

I have to say, the courage and resilience shown by every single child was incredible. They gave it their all, with some completing an amazing 12 laps of the field. It was truly the Wittersham Way in action. A huge thank you to Miss Robinson and Mr Hawkins for organising this event, and very well done to all who took part.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be introducing scooter time at lunchtime, building on the fantastic Scooterability sessions that Years 1 and 2 have taken part in. Scooter time will take place at lunchtime only, with each class having their own allocated day. Both two-wheel scooters and three-wheel trikes will be available so that all children can take part and enjoy the experience.

Safety is, of course, our top priority. All children will wear a helmet when using the scooters, and knee and elbow pads will be available for anyone who would feel more comfortable with that added reassurance.

Our School Council have done a fantastic job of sharing the new expectations with their classes and gathering feedback, helping to ensure that this is something all children can enjoy together. You will find the scooter rules included below so that you can see how we are supporting the children to stay safe while having fun. We will, of course, be reminding the children regularly that these rules are in place to keep everyone safe and happy. If they are not followed, children will miss the next scooter session.

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Next week is a slightly shorter week due to the bank holiday. Year 6 will be taking part in a mock SATs session in preparation for their statutory tests the following week. We also have the WSA Smugglers cake sale, along with a WSA Stay and Play session. We very much look forward to seeing many of you there. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the fantastic work the WSA do. As we move towards our Summer Festival, they would love to welcome new members, so please do let us know if you are interested in joining this hardworking and dedicated group of volunteers.

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

Wittersham School Scooter Rules

We want everyone to have fun and stay safe. Everyone will have a turn to use the scooters.

Scooter Days (Lunchtime Only)

Scooters are only used at lunchtime – not at breaktime.

Each class has their own day:

- **Monday** – Windmills
- **Tuesday** – Smugglers
- **Wednesday** – Vikings
- **Thursday** – Oxney
- **Friday** – Rother

Be Safe

- You must wear a helmet
- If you feel worried, you can wear knee pads and elbow pads
- Ride carefully and at a safe speed

Take Turns

- You will have a 4-minute turn
- When your turn is finished, return your scooter straight away
- Wait sensibly in line

Ride Kindly

- Look where you are going
- Do not bump into others
- Stay in the scooter area

When the Whistle Blows

- Stop straight away
- Walk your scooter back to the shed
- Put helmets and equipment back neatly

Look After Our Equipment

- Helmets must be cleaned before someone else uses them
- Take care of all equipment

Important

- You must follow all of these rules at all times
- If you do not follow the rules, you will miss the next scooter session
- This helps keep everyone safe and happy

Remember

- Be kind
- Show the Wittersham Way
- Listen to adults
- Have fun!

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REMINDER

REGISTER FOR CLASS PHOTOS



Don't miss out!

Pre-register today for instant access to your child's photos once they are ready.



EASY • QUICK • ESSENTIAL

Thank you! 

Pre-register
today!



Important – register to view school photos

We are pleased to share that Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on Wednesday 21st May to take class group photographs.

To ensure you can view your child's photographs as soon as they are ready, all parents and carers are asked to pre-register. Please note that pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in three simple steps (it takes less than a minute):

- Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
- Enter your unique code: JR4XBYMABT
- Add your child's full name as it appears on the school register

Don't miss out – please make sure you pre-register today.

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PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of time to rest, to be with those we love, and to enjoy the world around us.

Help us to show kindness, courage and compassion in all that we do.

Keep our families safe and fill our days with joy, laughter and peace.

Help us to notice the beauty in the world around us and be grateful for each new day.

As we return to school, help us to be ready to learn, grow and care for one another.

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.

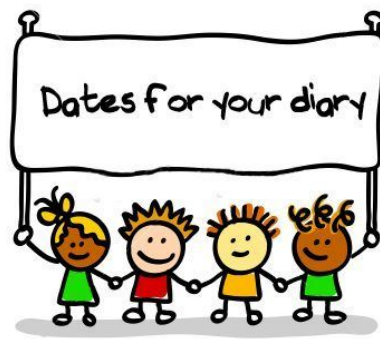
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.1%	94.4%	92.7%	93.8%	94%

Whole school:
93.8%
Whole School Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Wednesday 6th May** - Smuggler Cake Sale
- **Thursday 7th May** - Year 5 Godinton House Trip
- **Thursday 7th May** - WSA Stay and Play after school
- **Friday 8th May** - Year 5/6 Residential Drop in Session in Oast @14:00 - 15:15
- **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
- **Wednesday 10th June** - Mobile Library Visit
- **Thursday 11th June** - Rother Forest School Begins
- **Friday 12th June** - WSA Non-Uniform Day
- **Wednesday 17th June** - Vikings Experience Day @Tenterden Church
- **Friday 19th June** - Kent County Cricket Trip (Years 5 and 6 only)
- **Friday 26th June** - WSA Summer Festival
- **Friday July 10th** - Whole School Sports Day and Parent Picnic
- **Monday 29th June - 3rd July** - Year 6 Transition Week
- **Friday 17th July** - Rocksteady Concert
- **Thursday 23rd July** - Last Day of Term 6 and the academic year

WITTERSHAM SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS

Wittersham

PICNIC

CHARITY EVENT

Sunday 24th May from 2PM



BBQ & BAR

GAMES & FUN

TEAS & CAKES

In Support of Local Charities

Bring Your Picnic & Join the Fun!



THE FUN WITTERSHAM DOG SHOW

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY
11AM - 2.30PM**

£3 ENTRY PER CLASS /
£20 FOR 8 CLASSES

**STOCKS FARM
WITTERSHAM
TENTERDEN
KENT TN30 7ET**

ROSETTES & RAFFLE TO BE WON.
REFRESHMENTS & PARKING

CLASSES

YOUNG HANDLER • MOST HANDSOME DOG
WAGGIEST TAIL • BEST PUPPY 3 MTHS - 1YR
BEST RESCUE • BEST GOLDEN OLDIE
JUDGES CHOICE TO TAKE HOME • FANCY DRESS
PRETTIEST BITCH • BEST 6 LEGS

BEST IN SHOW ; CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

'HAVE A GO AGILITY' AGAINST THE CLOCK

FASTEST RECALL



**IN AID OF (FRIENDS OF) WITTERSHAM CHURCH
CONTACT: WITTERSHAMDOGSHOW2026@GMAIL.COM**

FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED
VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND
EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN.
A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!



RAF
MANSTON
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MUSEUM

RC RACE AND DISPLAY



10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY



OPTIONAL ONLINE
BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER
CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

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GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

AFFILIATED TO



Unit 1 Counter Buildings

Woodchurch

Ashford

TN263SP

Email: kestrelgymnastics2009@gmail.com

Phone: 01233861441



Regional Grades NDP 2026

EST in 2009

Timetable

All abilities welcome

Open Playgym (toddlers)

Monday and Friday 12:15-13:15 (pay on day)

Preschool 3years +

Monday and Friday 13:30-14:30

Adult Gymnastics

Tuesday 19:00-20:30 (pay on day)

Beginner's classes General/Recreational gymnastics

Monday to Friday 16:00-17:00 And Saturday 9:00-10:00

Advance Gymnastics

Tuesday to Friday 17:00-19:00 and Saturday 10:00-12:00

Tumbling/Acro

Friday 17:00-19:00

Teen Gym

Saturday 12:00-14:30

Squad Development

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 16:00-17:30

Floor and Vault Squad

Tuesday, Thursday 17:00-19:00 and Saturday 10:00-12:00

Women's and Men's Artistic Squad

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 17:00-20:00

Tuesday and Thursday 17:00-19:00

Saturday 12:00-15:00

Trampolining

Wednesday 17:00-18:00

Friday 16:00-17:00

New member limited time offer valid till end of June 2026

15% of your first month please use code **Welcome15** to be used at reception on arrival

To book please Email: kestrelgymnastics2009@gmail.com

KENT LIONS FC DISABILITY TEAM PLAYERS WANTED

AGED 7 ONWARDS

We are an all inclusive club, everyone will receive the same training and game time regardless of ability. Once a month, we play in the Kent Disability league.

We are looking to add to our 120+ players, across our U11, U13, U16 & Adult teams.

Junior Training **5:30-6:30PM** &
Adult Training **6:30-7:30PM**
every Friday at Pitchside in
Ashford. Postcode: TN23 5RW

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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:

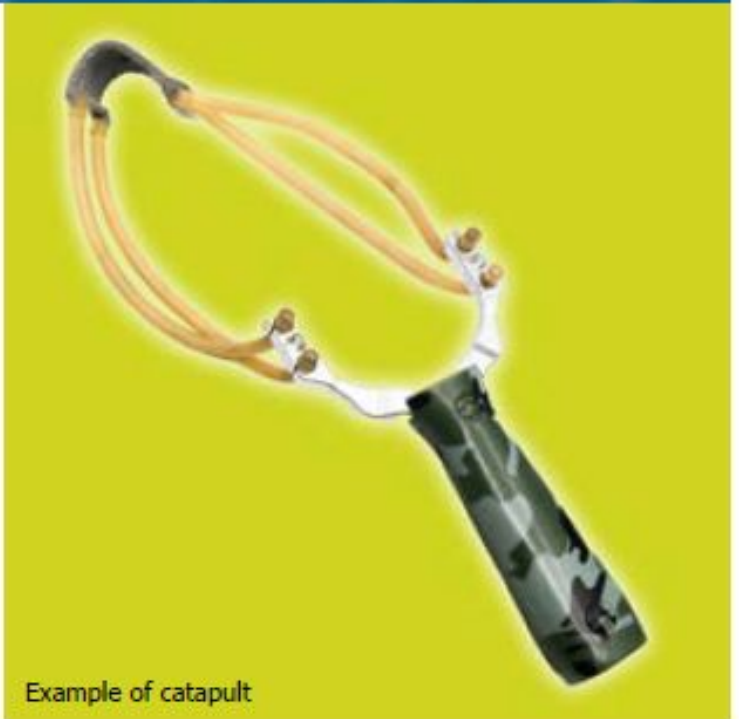
<https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary>

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

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

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

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**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

www.kent.police.uk 