

# 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 8th May 2026**



## Wittersham Weekly – Term 5 Week 3

Well, what a short week it may have been, but goodness me, it has certainly been a packed one!

This week alone we have had WSA cake sales and Stay and Play events, a Year 5 trip to Godinton House, Governor visits, practice SATs sessions and Year 5 and 6 residential drop-in meetings. Looking back, I am honestly not quite sure how we managed to fit all of that into just four days, but somehow Team Wittersham has done it again!

The WSA Stay and Play event on Thursday afternoon was absolutely wonderful. It was so lovely to see the playground and field filled with families enjoying time together in the sunshine. A huge thank you must go to the Wittersham School Association for hosting such a fantastic event and raising an incredible £430 across both the cake sale and Stay and Play.

The WSA is made up of a small group of incredibly dedicated parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes to raise vital funds for our school. As we all know, school budgets continue to face increasing pressures, with funding cuts and rising costs making fundraising events more important than ever. The opportunities, resources and experiences that these events help provide for our children really do make a significant difference. We are - and continue to be - incredibly grateful for their continued support.

If you are interested in joining the WSA or helping with future events, please do reach out to Daisy or Lacey. There are lots of exciting events already being planned, including the Wittersham Festival 2026, and I know they would warmly welcome any additional support.

As a whole school, we celebrated a very special milestone — the 100th birthday of the incredible Sir David Attenborough. Classes spent time throughout the week learning more about his life, the natural world and the hugely important work he has dedicated his life to. To mark the occasion, we gathered together on the field to create a rather impressive “100” photograph! A huge thank you to Forest School Helen and Mrs Catt for coordinating this and to Mrs Scott for bravely climbing the many stairs of the church tower to capture the photograph and direct us all via walkie talkie!

In worship yesterday, we also spent time reflecting on the journey our courageous Year 6 children will begin next week as they sit their SATs assessments. SATs are national assessments completed by children in Year 6 and are designed to measure progress and understanding in English and Maths before children transition to secondary school.

Whilst the tests are important, SATs do not define who our children are. They cannot measure kindness, creativity, courage, determination, compassion or the many other wonderful qualities that make each child unique. We are already incredibly proud of every single member of Rother Class and the resilience, hard work and positivity they have shown throughout this year.

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Cooperation**

**They truly embody the Wittersham Way each and every day, and I know they are going to absolutely smash it next week.**

**A gentle reminder that all Year 6 children are warmly invited to attend our SATs Breakfast each morning before school begins next week. This is always such a lovely opportunity for the children to start the day calmly together with friends and familiar adults before the assessments begin.**

**We know that SATs week can sometimes feel a little daunting, so our focus is simply on ensuring the children feel happy, confident and supported. It is really important that children are in school each day next week and, where possible, a few early nights and calm mornings may help everyone feel rested, relaxed and ready to do their very best. We are incredibly proud of them all already and cannot wait to cheer them on throughout the week.**

**Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead and let us hope the sunshine decides to return and visit us again very soon!**



**Take care,  
Mrs Coulson**



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**Cooperation**

**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](http://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,

As we head into a new week, help us to face every challenge with courage, kindness and confidence. Be with our Year 6 children as they complete their SATs and remind them just how proud we are of them already.

Help our whole school community to continue showing compassion, cooperation and courage in all that we do. May our school always be filled with friendship, encouragement and joy.

As we enjoy the brighter days of spring, help us to care for the wonderful world around us and appreciate its beauty.

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.

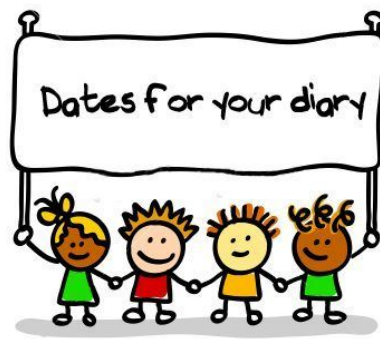
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.1%	94.3%	92.7%	93.9%	93.9%

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

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## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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
- **Thursday 18th June** - Year 6 Meal with Parents (info to follow)
- **Friday 19th June** - Kent County Cricket Trip (Years 5 and 6 only)
- **Friday 26th June** - WSA Summer Festival
- **Monday 29th June - 3rd July** - Year 6 Transition Week
- **Monday 6th - Thursday 9th July** - Whole School Careers Week
- **Friday 10th July** - Whole School Sports Day and Parent Picnic
- **Tuesday 14th July** - Whole School Summer Concert @2pm
- **Thursday 16th July** - Year 6 Production @6pm
- **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto: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  
HISTORY  
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

# KESTREL



## GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

AFFILIATED TO



**Unit 1 Counter Buildings**

**Woodchurch**

**Ashford**

**TN263SP**

**Email: [kestrelgymnastics2009@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## CONTACT

Daniel Ambler  
07752 953906



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**KENT LIONS FC**

# 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:

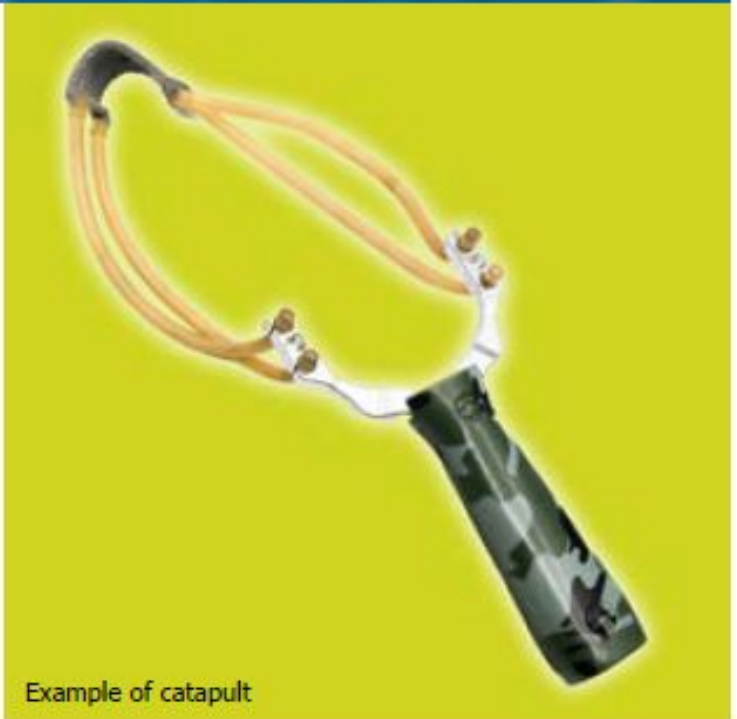
<https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary>

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](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://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.

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