

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 15th May 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 5 Week 4

Another week has passed and somehow we have already reached the final full week of Term 5 — can you believe it?

I cannot begin this week's newsletter without mentioning SATs week. It was a huge week for our Year 6 pupils, who completed a total of six papers across four days:

- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1
- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2
 - English Reading
 - Mathematics Arithmetic
- Mathematics Reasoning Paper 1
- Mathematics Reasoning Paper 2

These statutory assessments are designed to assess children's understanding and attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 before they transition to secondary school.

As I predicted, Year 6 absolutely smashed it and demonstrated the Wittersham Way in bucket loads. They made us all incredibly proud and were a true credit to the school community. Their maturity, resilience, focus and determination shone through all week long.

A huge thank you must also go to all the grown-ups at home who supported the children throughout the week, alongside the grown-ups in school who provided multiple breakfast sessions each morning to ensure the children started their days feeling calm, settled and ready. I also want to thank our incredible Year 6 team for their unwavering encouragement, motivation and care throughout the year and especially during SATs week itself.

A further thank you must also go to our Chair of Governors, John Collins, who attended throughout the assessment period to oversee the administration of the tests and ensure that all procedures were carried out correctly and in line with statutory guidance. His support and presence across the week were hugely appreciated.

As always at Wittersham, it truly was a whole-team effort. Staff flexed class schedules, shared adults and adapted support across the school to ensure everything ran smoothly. It genuinely makes me so proud to be Headteacher of such a committed, caring and hardworking team.

This week also saw our Year 5 pupils complete their Bikeability training. Bikeability teaches children the skills and confidence needed to cycle safely on the roads and within the community. Huge congratulations to all Year 5 pupils who successfully achieved both their Level 1 and Level 2 awards this week — we are incredibly proud of you all. As we continue encouraging active travel to school, please remember that all children cycling or scootering to school should be wearing a helmet. Thank you for your support with this.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

We also welcomed our KCC kitchen audit this week. We have two of these audits each year alongside our formal Food Hygiene inspections, and once again the inspector was extremely impressed with the quality of food being prepared, the correct storage procedures and the healthy options available to children each day, including fresh fruit and salad choices.

We are now preparing and serving more meals than ever before, which is such a wonderful thing to celebrate and a real testament to our fantastic kitchen team. As chief dishwasher myself, I can certainly confirm that the plates I whizz through seem to increase every single week — a clear sign that school dinners are definitely a hit at Wittersham! 😊

Finally, Smugglers and Windmills classes shared details of their exciting upcoming trip this week, so please do ensure that all relevant consent forms are completed before half term.

With next week being only a four-day week and packed full of exciting learning and events, I am sure the half-term break will be upon us before we know it!

Wishing you all a wonderful Eurovision-filled weekend — always one of my favourite nights of the year! — and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

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.carmeljanes.com
- 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 come to the end of SATs week and our final full week of Term 5, we thank You for the courage, resilience and determination shown by our children and staff. Thank You for the kindness and support shared across our school community during such a busy time.

As we look ahead to the final days before half term, help us to continue showing compassion, cooperation and courage in all that we do. May we enjoy moments of rest, laughter and togetherness, and take pride in all we have achieved.

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.

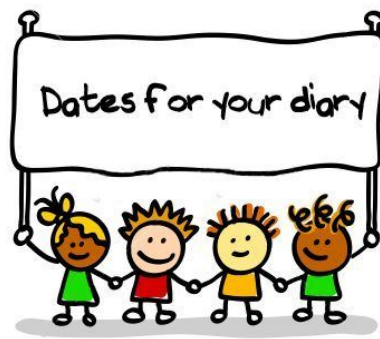
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.2%	94.3%	92.9%	94.2%	93.8%

Whole school:
93.9%
Whole School
Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **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 24th May from 2PM



BBQ & BAR

GAMES & FUN

TEAS & CAKES

In Support of Local Charities

Bring Your Picnic & Join the Fun!



16TH MAY

11:30 - 3:30

Peasmarsh Recreation ground TN31 6ST

PEASMARSH VILLAGE

 *Spring Fete* 

Raising awareness and support for **Autism**



Contact: olivia.v.nield@outlook.com for more information



16th May 2026



PEASMARSH VILLAGE

Spring Fete

DOG  **SHOW**

£1 ENTRY

TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR AUTISM



Furry friends of all experiences welcome!
Pay on the day

Register your interest before spaces fill up!



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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
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



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LITTLE SILVER

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SATURDAY
12-5PM

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meal free from
our children's
menu for every
adult main
purchased

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CALL US ON 01580 443005**

Great news!



Our first venue has been secured!

We're hosting our very first

Neuro-Café Tenterden



When:

This Saturday 16th May



Time:

11:30am - 1:30pm



Where:

EC30, Tenterden
TN30 6RA



Nothing formal. Just a relaxed space to:



chat



share experiences



ask questions



and meet people
who actually get it



It's free to attend
and open to anyone.

I'll be there, and I'll also have
**someone who specialises in
ADHD in children**, so we can
cover a good range of questions
and situations.

Enter our **FREE** family competition



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



A great activity for the holidays!

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

They liven up a healthy
family walk!

FREE TO ENTER!



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the WOK
app here!



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We've teamed up with
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Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper
with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trail
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

*Closing date 31st May 2026 at
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to discover
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activities and
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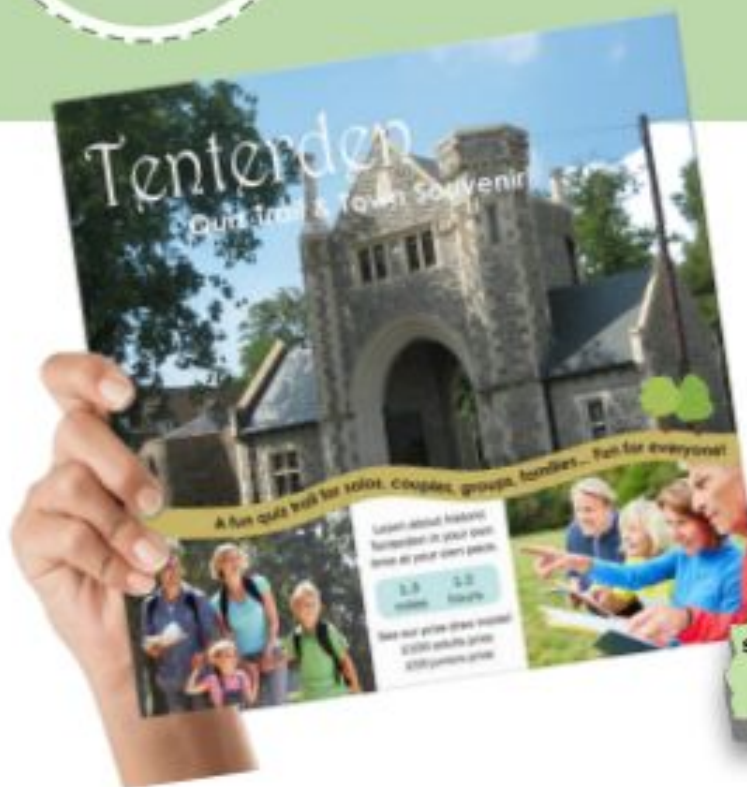
Let the adventure begin with

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



LOW - COST!

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



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

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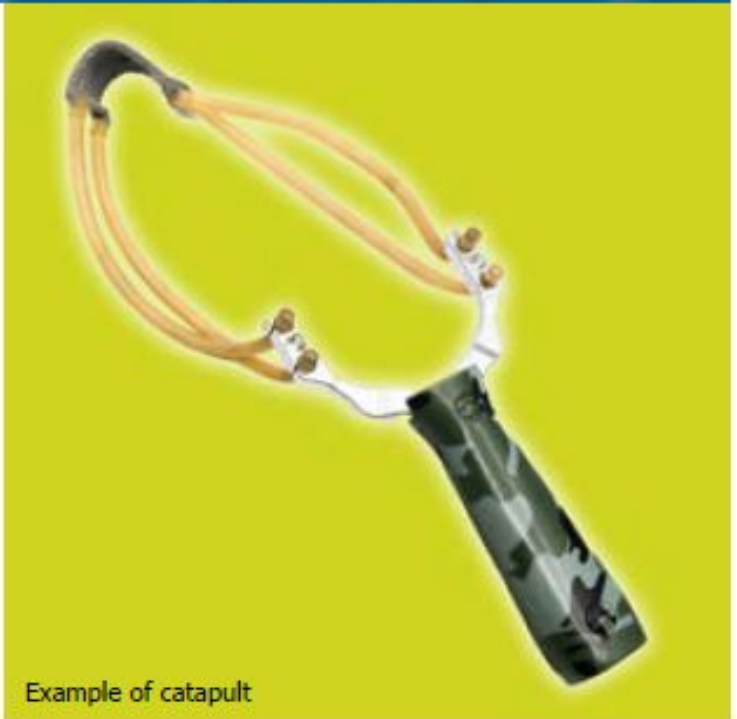


Quiz Trails are an 'Approved Activity' for
The Children's University

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**

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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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