

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 12th June 2026**



Wittersham Weekly – Term 6 Week 2

Another week has passed and it has certainly been another wet one! Everyone keeps assuring me that sunnier weather is on the way, so I shall say with confidence that next week will be brighter for us all!

Despite the rather unpredictable weather, swimming has continued regardless. The children have been incredibly resilient, swimming through some truly impressive rain showers and, I have to say, appearing to enjoy it far more than the staff teaching and supporting the sessions! It has been wonderful to see every child participating and developing this important life skill with such enthusiasm.

Members of Years 5 and 6 also attended a cricket event on Tuesday with Mr Hawkins. Once again, the weather had other ideas and I think Mr Hawkins had only just dried out from the Year 5 and 6 residential before finding himself completely soaked all over again! Despite the conditions, the children were incredibly resilient and really did demonstrate the Wittersham Way in action. Both Mr Hawkins and several parents have commented on how wonderfully the children represented our school amongst many other Kent schools. We are incredibly proud of them and of the courage, compassion and cooperation they showed throughout the day.



This week we have also welcomed visitors from several of our Year 6 children's new secondary schools. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so positively, asking sensible and thoughtful questions and beginning to build relationships with the adults who will support them in September. I think it has been a valuable experience for everyone and has helped our Year 6 pupils to gain a clearer picture of what their next adventure will look like.

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As part of preparing our Year 6 pupils for the wider world that they will soon be exploring, we were also fortunate to welcome both a police officer and our local PCSO into school. They spoke to the children about keeping themselves safe, making positive choices and the responsibilities that come with increasing independence as they move on to secondary school. These sessions are always invaluable and help our pupils to feel confident and informed as they embark on the next stage of their journey.

We were also delighted to welcome our Community Warden into school. Community Wardens play an important role in supporting local residents, helping vulnerable members of the community and working closely with schools, councils and other agencies to keep our villages safe and connected. The children enjoyed discussing how they can work alongside and support the wider village community and were, as always, keen to play their part.

Another exciting first this week was our visit to the mobile library with Years 3 and 4. This fantastic opportunity was organised by Miss Robinson and the library staff were absolutely wonderful, offering brilliant book recommendations and sharing their enthusiasm for reading with the children. Thank you to Miss Robinson for providing this key opportunity to further develop our whole-school love of reading.



Reading at home remains one of the most important skills we can nurture and we encourage families to read together as much as possible. This does not always mean children reading independently; shared reading, where children and grown-ups take turns reading a page or chapter, can be just as valuable and often creates a lifelong love of books. In our house, my children and Granny are currently enjoying *The Faraway Tree* after seeing the film, and they are loving rediscovering such a traditional and much-loved text together each evening.

A huge thank you must also go to the WSA for organising this weeks Father's Day sale and to everyone who supported our non-uniform day this morning by providing a donation. Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated and make such a difference to the experiences and opportunities we are able to offer our children.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend filled with a little sunshine and certainly much less rain!

Take care,
Mrs Coulson

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PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for another week of learning, friendship and new experiences. As we journey towards the end of this school year, help us to continue to show courage, compassion and cooperation in all that we do.

Bless our children, families and staff and keep them safe over the weekend. Help us to notice those who may need kindness, to work together with thankful hearts and to appreciate the beauty of the world around us, even on the rainiest of days.

As some of us prepare for exciting new adventures and others continue along their journey, remind us that You are always beside us, guiding and encouraging us.

May we continue on our voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.

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.

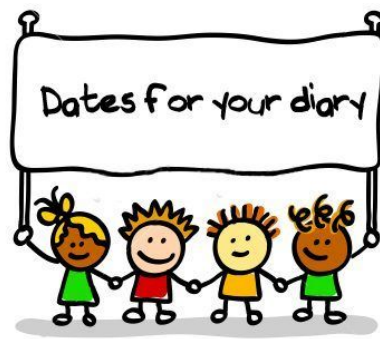
Windmills	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
94.1%	94.4%	93%	94.1%	93.7%

Whole school:
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Whole School
Target: 96%

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- **Wednesday 17th June** - Vikings Experience Day @Tenterden Church
- **Thursday 18th June** - Year 6 Meal with Parents
- **Friday 19th June** - Kent County Cricket Trip (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- **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** - Year 6 Leavers Service @9:30am
- **Thursday 23rd July** - Last Day of Term 6 and the academic year

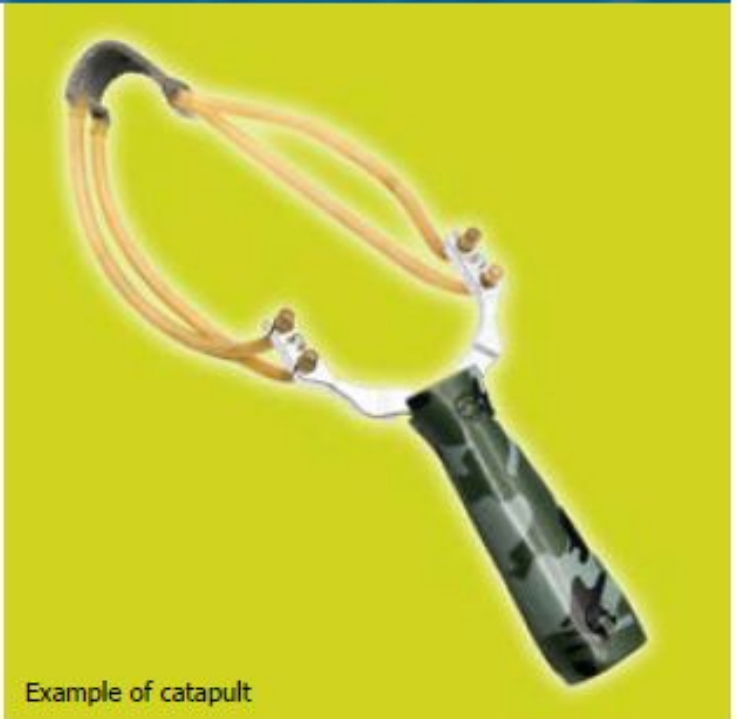


Please mark these dates in your calendars.

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.



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