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!

Children in Need Day

Friday 13th November 2026 | TERM 2 • WEEK 2

A Week of Remembrance, Reflection and Celebration

What a wonderful first full five-day week of Term 2! This week has been filled with remembrance and reflection, with our children exploring the importance of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

As you may have seen on our social media pages, the children have demonstrated such maturity, compassion and respect. They have reflected thoughtfully on those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and those who continue to serve, protect and support others today. Our school values of Courage, Compassion and Cooperation have certainly been evident throughout the week.

On Sunday, our Head Students proudly represented Wittersham by laying a wreath at the Wittersham War Memorial. We are incredibly grateful to them and their families for representing our school community on this important occasion.

It was also wonderful to see children wearing their youth organisation uniforms for our Armistice Day commemorations. These organisations promote service, responsibility, teamwork and helping others, values which connect closely with our own. We are proud to provide opportunities for children to celebrate their involvement and sense of belonging







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If you are not already following our Facebook and Instagram pages, please do! We regularly share photographs and celebrations of all the wonderful things happening at Wittersham.

Compassion **Courage** **Cooperation**

Celebrating Our Wonderful School

On Wednesday, we welcomed another eight prospective families for what was scheduled to be our final Reception 2027 school tour. It was an absolute pleasure to showcase our wonderful children, staff and learning environment. Interest in Wittersham continues to be incredibly encouraging, and we may need to arrange additional tours to meet demand! I am always so proud to welcome visitors and share what makes our school such a special place.

Learning, Progress and Working Together

On Wednesday evening, our teachers came together for a productive and collaborative pupil progress meeting. We carefully analysed children's learning, celebrated achievements and identified where further support or challenge may be needed, including through targeted interventions and our nurture provision in The Nest.

What struck me most was the passion with which our teachers spoke about their children. Every child was considered as an individual, with thoughtful discussions about their progress, achievements and next steps.

These meetings are an essential part of our school improvement journey, ensuring that we continually reflect, develop and provide the very best opportunities for every child. Seeing the dedication and commitment of our staff makes me incredibly proud of our Wittersham team.

Attendance – Keep Up the Great Work!

Attendance continues to be strong this term, and I would like to thank our families for their support. We know seasonal coughs and colds are beginning to circulate, but it is wonderful to see children attending regularly whenever they are well enough.

Every school day matters, so let's maintain this positive momentum! Don't forget, our Attendance Shop will reopen at the end of Term 2, and I have already started purchasing some exciting prizes!

Children in Need – Making a Difference

As I write this on Thursday evening, our Children in Need celebrations are still to come, but I have no doubt that Friday's events and the Homewood Dance Dash will be fantastic!

I have already heard from many children who have been busy decorating their own Pudsey T-shirts, and I cannot wait to see their creations!

A huge thank you to our School Council and Miss Perrian for organising the celebrations, and to our families for supporting such a worthwhile cause. Children in Need helps disadvantaged children and young people across the UK, reminding us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. A wonderful example of our school value of Compassion in action!

Looking Ahead – Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, we will be recognising Anti-Bullying Week through our PSHE learning, exploring kindness, respect, friendship and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

We will begin on Monday with Odd Socks Day! Children are invited to wear their brightest, boldest and most wonderfully mismatched socks, either over tights or under trousers. It is a simple but powerful reminder that our differences should be celebrated and everyone deserves to feel valued and included.

I have already started carefully considering my own sock drawer to find the perfect combination!

A Chilly Reminder!

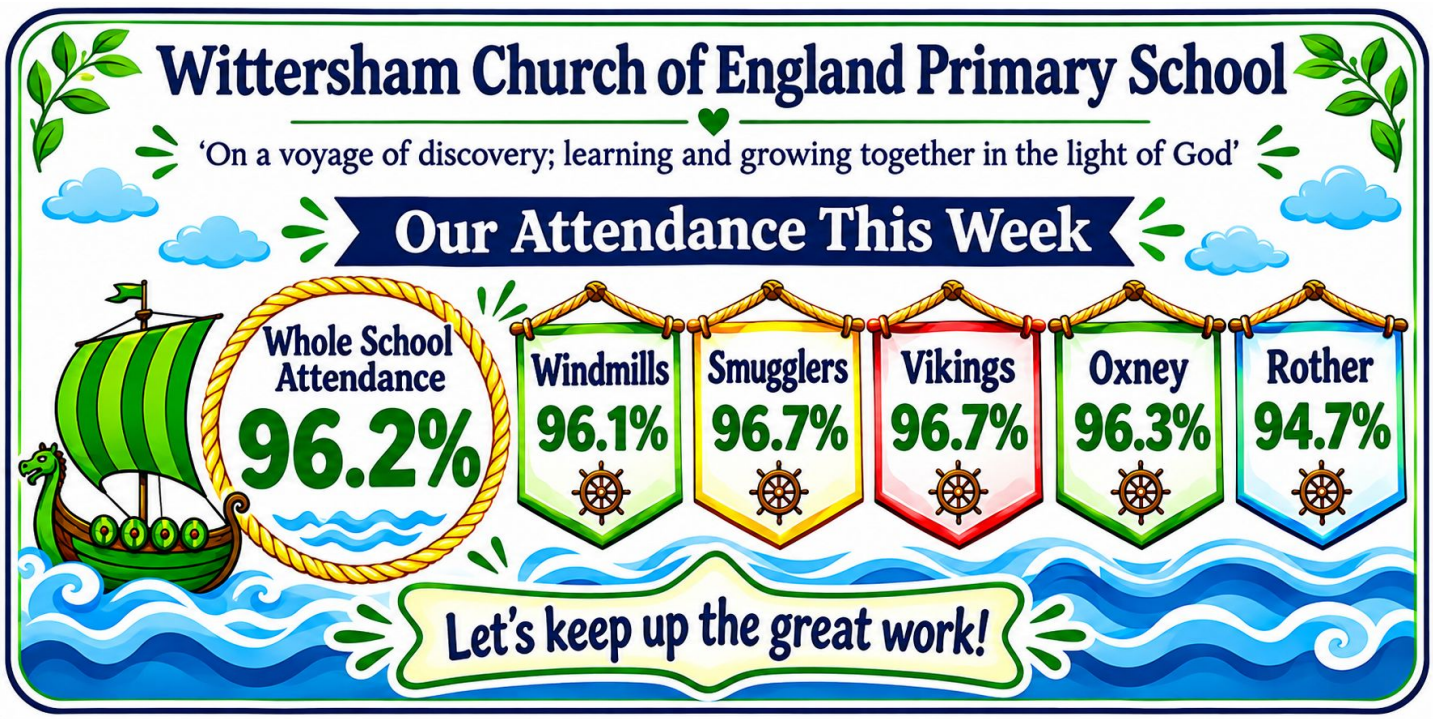
With temperatures expected to drop next week, please ensure every child has a warm coat in school each day. Hats, gloves and scarves are also welcome, and please remember to name all clothing!

Thank you for another wonderful week at Wittersham. I continue to be immensely proud of our children, staff and school community.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend. Stay warm, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day!

Take care,

Mrs Coulson



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WITTERSHAM Dates for Your Diary

Keep up to date with what's happening at Wittersham!

- **Wednesday 25th November -** Vikings Godinton House Trip
- **Wednesday 9th December -** Viking Experience Advent @Tenterden Church
- **Wednesday 9th December -** Morning Nativity Performance @9:30 am.
- **Thursday 10th December -** Evening Nativity Performance @5pm
- **Thursday 10th December -** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 11th December -** Christmas Rocksteady Concert
- **Tuesday 15th December -** Whole School Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 15th December -** Christingle Service @5pm @St Johns Church
- **Wednesday 16th December -** WSA Cake Sale
- **Friday 18th December** - Whole School Pantomime Trip
- **Friday 18th December** - Last Day of Term 2
- **Monday 4th January** - Whole School Inset Day - no children in school
- **Tuesday 5th January** - Start of Term 3
- **Friday 12th February 2027 –** Term 3 ends
- **Monday 2nd February 2027 –** Term 4 begins
- **Wednesday 3rd March 2027** - Parents Evening
- **Thursday 25th March 2027 –** Term 4 ends
- **Monday 12th April 2027** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday 13th April 2027** – Term 5 begins for pupils
- **Monday 3rd May 2027** – May Day Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 18th May - Friday 21st May -** Year 5 and 6 Residential
- **Friday 28th May 2027** – Term 5 ends
- **Monday 7th June 2027** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday 8th June 2027 –** Term 6 begins for pupils
- **Friday 23rd July 2027 –** Term 6 ends

Wittersham
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Primary School

Courage Compassion Cooperation

A nurturing place to belong

Reception Places for September 2027

Come and discover Wittersham



A GOOD SCHOOL

OFSTED 2025

"A warm, ambitious and inclusive school where children are known, valued and encouraged to flourish."

At Wittersham, we combine the care and community of a small village school with high expectations for every child. Our children benefit from nurturing relationships, rich learning experiences, extensive outdoor space and an inclusive approach that helps every child to belong, achieve and thrive.

School Tours

Come and see our school in action!

Tours are led by our Headteacher with the opportunity to visit the school, look around classrooms, ask questions and meet the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and SENCO.

Thursday 24th September	morning
Tuesday 29th September	morning
Thursday 1st October	from 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th October	morning
Wednesday 11th November	from 1.00pm

Applications Open

Applications for transfer to primary school for reception year in September 2027 will open on

Friday 6 November 2026

and close on

Friday 15 January 2027.

To book a school tour

Please contact the school office:

01797 270329

office@wittersham.kent.sch.uk

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS
IMPORTANT UPDATE

Could your child be eligible?

Recent changes mean more families may now qualify for Free School Meals — even if you haven't been eligible before.

WHY APPLY?

- **Free, healthy school meals every day**
- **Saves money on food costs**
- **Extra funding for the school to support your child (Pupil Premium)**

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is **still important** to apply so the school can receive extra funding.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU RECEIVE:

- **Universal Credit** (within income thresholds)
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related ESA** (Employment and Support Allowance)
- **Child Tax Credit** (low income, not receiving Working Tax Credit)

WHAT'S CHANGED?

- More families may now qualify
- Eligibility is based on household income
- If your circumstances have changed, please check again

Or contact the school office if you would like a hard copy of an application form for the school to then process on your behalf.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying is quick and easy online:

Visit the Kent County Council website to apply:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

DON'T MISS OUT – APPLY TODAY!

You could be entitled to support that could benefit your child and our school.

The BigWrap

www.thebigwrap.co.uk

HOW YOU CAN HELP

amazon

Gifts for children

Brand new for ages from baby to 11. For ages 12 upwards toiletry and cosmestic gifts or Amazon Gift Cards value of £15.

Amazon Wishlist

The above QR code takes you to our Wishlist which should be helpful for gift ideas.

Big Wrap Day 28th November 2026 in St Mildred's church

Gift and other donations welcome from 9am and wrapping from 1pm to 3pm

Supporting local families at Christmas



The Hygiene Bank Tenterden & Cranbrook

THE MILDRED TRUST
RURAL COMMUNITY COMPASSION IN ACTION

Other Items

We also appreciate any items to support families for everyday living essentials.

Because you never know what troubles the person next door is going through....

Lovejoy FARM PARTNERSHIP

Lovejoy Farm Partnership

Christmas Fair



Fresh meat from our farm shop





Meet the animals



Craft stalls

Mince pies and mulled wine



Children's Christmas crafts



AND MUCH MORE !!!!

Find us at Hope Farm, Wittersham, TN30 7NP

10am - 3pm Saturday 28th November



Meet Santa with Ashford Young Farmers

£10 per child to meet Santa and his elves

Follow us on Facebook to see what's in store:

@LovejoyFarmPartenership

@AshfordanddistrictYFC


Ashford's
CARNIVAL OF
THE BAUBLES
The Day of the Dance
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026
HUGE LANTERN PARADE | GIANT DISCO TURTLE
FESTIVE MARKETS | ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT
Visit: loveashford.com
Ashford Borough Council
LOVE ASHFORD
Kent Community Foundation
Whitehead Monckton
SPONSORED BY Ashford Designer Outlet
Hallett & Co


Ashford's
CARNIVAL OF
THE BAUBLES
The Day of the Dance
FESTIVE MAKERS MARKET
3 DAYS / 25+ STALLS
Location: Old H&M Unit
Local Food & Handmade Gifts
Friday 20 November - 9:30am–5:30pm
Saturday 21 November - 9:30am–5pm
Sunday 22 November - 10am–4pm
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MARKET


Ashford's
CARNIVAL OF
THE BAUBLES
The Day of the Dance
FOOD & DRINK STALLS
IN MIDDLE ROW
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 10AM–7PM
Featuring: Cane's Pizza - Newdewlz
- Hops & Hampers + more
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HO HO HO
Ashford
Borough Council
Design
Ashford Borough Council's
Christmas Card!
Children aged 4 to 11 can enter
Deadline: Wednesday
18th November 2026
Submit entries to
christmascardcomp@ashford.gov.uk
WIN £30 worth of Waterstones
vouchers and 10 printed cards to
send to family and friends.









CREATE MAGICAL
MEMORIES ABOARD

THE

SANTA SPECIAL

STEAM TRAINS

A festive Wonderland awaits at Tenterden Town station

BOOK ONLINE

kesr.org.uk/santa-2026/

LOCAL SCHOOLS
LOCAL BUSINESSES
OUR COMMUNITY
One Magical Christmas

SUPPORT
LOCAL
SHOP LOCAL

TENTERDEN CHRISTMAS *Window Trail*



FIND THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN SHOP WINDOWS ACROSS TENTERDEN

Look out for the festive items from the traditional Christmas song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' displayed in participating shop windows.

Pick up your trail sheet from Tenterden Town Hall and search for the 12 items in the town's shops.

1 COLLECT YOUR TRAIL SHEET

Available from Tenterden Town Hall.

2 SEARCH THE SHOP WINDOWS

Find all 12 items from the Christmas song.

3 CONNECT EACH ITEM TO WHAT SHOP YOU SAW IT IN.

4 ENTER THE PRIZE DRAW

Return your completed sheet to Tenterden Town Hall and be in with a chance to win a fantastic prize, donated by our local businesses!

A fun, festive activity for all the family

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
6PM – 9PM

TRAIL SHEETS AVAILABLE FROM
TENTERDEN TOWN HALL

Support Local ♥ *Shop Local* ♥

LOCAL SCHOOLS
LOCAL BUSINESSES
LOCAL COMMUNITY
One Magical Christmas

TENTERDEN CHRISTMAS *Window Trail*

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS TRAIL

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Write the shop(s) where you found each item.

1. *Partridge in a Pear Tree* _____
2. *Two Turtle Doves* _____
3. *Three French Hens* _____
4. *Four Calling Birds* _____
5. *Five Gold Rings* _____
6. *Six Geese a-Laying* _____
7. *Seven Swans a-Swimming* _____
8. *Eight Maids a-Milking* _____
9. *Nine Ladies Dancing* _____
10. *Ten Lords a-Leaping* _____
11. *Eleven Pipers Piping* _____
12. *Twelve Drummers Drumming* _____

Name: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Contact: _____

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TENTERDEN

LATE NIGHT

OPENING

SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL. LOVE TENTERDEN.



AN EVENING TO EXPLORE, DISCOVER & CONNECT

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

6-9PM

WALK INTO TENTERDEN, EXPLORE OUR HIGH STREET & DISCOVER THE BUSINESSES THAT MAKE OUR TOWN SPECIAL.

COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS & NIBBLES AT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

ORGANISED BY THE BUSINESSES & ORGANISATIONS OF TENTERDEN