

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: flourishing together in God's love'



Weekly Newsletter Monday 5th December 2022



The tree is up, the children have been busy rehearsing for their nativity performances, carols are being sung, which means Christmas is well and truly on its way! Today, we celebrated Christmas with the first of our nativity performances. The Windmills were fantastic and should be incredibly proud of their achievements: for those coming to watch later in the week, you are in for a treat!

Another of our Christmas traditions opened today. Our school Christmas postal service provides children with the chance to bring in Christmas cards for their friends at school and post them in the Christmas post box. Please can we ask that you ensure names and classes are written on the front of the envelopes.

Finally, a huge thank you for all you have done to support our community appeals over the past few weeks. We have been truly overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciate all the support parents and families have offered over the past two terms: particularly in the current financial climate. Thank you.

I wish you all a great week and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Christmas events.

Attendance

Whole school: 94.9%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.8%
Yr 1	92.5%
Yr 2	95.2%
Yr 3	96.7%
Yr 4	94.4%
Yr 5	95.2%
Yr 6	95.5%



We would like to invite parents to join us for our Christmas Service in the church on Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am in the church.

We hope this will be the chance for us to gather as a community to listen and reflect about the true meaning of Christmas. This will be led by our spiritual council and supported by our pupil leaders and Reverend Jeanette.



Young Cooks!

Your invitation to be a Young Cook



Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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At our school we believe that the mental health and well-being of our school community should be at the forefront of our thinking.

In the week beginning 9th January 2023, we will celebrate this with our 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' week.

Throughout the week we will engage with a variety of activities linked to promoting physical and mental health with the aim of instilling new habits as we start our journey into 2023 together.

Alongside a daily-theme, we will also explore elements of individuality with an Odd Socks Day; highlighting the importance of anti-bullying and inclusivity in our world.

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Open Days

Is your child due to start school
in September 2023?

We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school.

Date are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.



We are very excited to share our updated library with you all. One of the finishing touches is to ensure it is easily accessible for children. To do this, we are in need of video cassette cases. If you have any which you are able to donate, please drop them into the school office. Thank you.



Mr Hawkins' top score on TT Rockstars is 72 in 60 seconds!

Can you beat him for a festive prize?
Send us a photo of your score!

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love



Dear Parents and Carers

After the excitement of the Christmas Fayre last Saturday, we continued our Christmas preparations with the Wreath Making Workshop. As always this was a lovely evening, and some rather spectacular wreaths were produced. Thank you to Bettina Leech for setting it all out and then with help from Gemma Lovejoy supporting everyone to create their designs.

Special thanks to Hayley Tait for supplying such a lot of amazing foliage and to everyone else who let Bettina have greenery from their gardens. It all helped to raise nearly £550 for the school.

Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations for the Bag2School last Monday. We had a good pile of bags taken away so hopefully we will have a nice surprise when the money is transferred to our bank account. We have another one booked for 31st March 2023. This is for 10p per kilo more than this time so please support this when the time arrives if you can

We are already making plans for what comes next – no resting on our laurels when there is a swimming pool in need of a lot of work. More news on these plans in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued support!
Ann (WSA Chair).



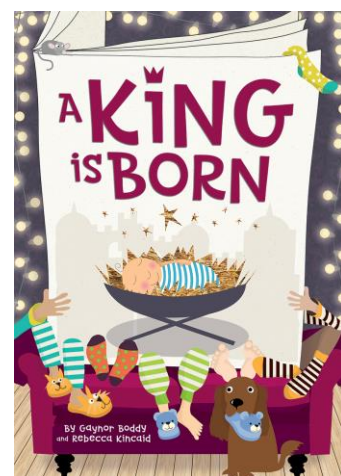
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 5 th December 2pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Tuesday 6 th December 5:30pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Jumper with normal uniform)
Tuesday 13 th December 2pm & 5:30pm	Smugglers Nativity Performances
Wednesday 14 th December 9:15am	Christmas Service in the Church
Friday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 3 rd December	Start of Term 3
Monday 9 th January	Start of Health Body, Healthy Mind Week
Monday 9 th January	Sports hall athletics Years 3-6
Wednesday 11 th January	Infant Agility for Key Stage One
Friday 13 th January	Oxney and Rother Forest School Session
Friday 20 th January	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Session
Friday 27 th January	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Session
Wednesday 1 st February	Multi Skills Festival
Thursday 2 nd February	Whole school First Aid Training



We are very excited to share our Key Stage One nativities with you all over the next two weeks.

The children and staff have been rehearsing incredibly hard and we are so proud of the effort they have put into their performances.

Tickets have been allocated to ensure we have enough room to seat our audience, so please ensure you bring these with you to the performances. A reminder of the timings is below:



The Windmill's nativity will be performed on:
Monday 5th December at 2pm and Tuesday 6th December at 5:30pm
The Smuggler's nativity will be performed on:
Tuesday 13th December at 2pm and Tuesday 13th December at 5:30pm