

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

*'On a voyage of discovery: learning and growing together in the light of God'*



## Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023



Another week has flown by here at Wittersham. Firstly, I want to express my thanks to all the parents who were able to join us for our Learn Together sessions this week. These sessions provided an opportunity for you to gain insight into how we teach reading at our school. I hope you found the experience valuable and that you were able to take away some skills and strategies to replicate at home. This collaborative effort between home and school is at the heart of our ethos—parents as partners in education. We look forward to sharing more opportunities to develop this link between home and school throughout the academic year.

I also want to extend my congratulations to our school football team for their outstanding results and performances this week. It is not only a testament to their hard work and dedication but also to the values we instil in our students. I have received commendations from other schools who were impressed by the exemplary behaviour and politeness displayed by our children. This is a shining example of our school value of cooperation in action, and I am immensely proud of our students for embodying these qualities.

Today, our school community gathered in the hall for a poignant Remembrance Service, where Reverend Jeanette and Andrew shared impactful insights, focusing on the extraordinary life of Noel Chavasse. Reverend Jeanette and Andrew eloquently conveyed the story of Noel Chavasse, the only person to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice during World War I for his unwavering courage and compassion in treating the wounded under fire. Andrew highlighted the words inscribed on Noel's headstone, quoting the profound words of Jesus: **'Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends.'** This poignant reminder emphasized the sacrifice of individuals like Noel and countless others, resonating deeply with our children and staff. Today's service served as a powerful tribute to those who gave their all, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts and minds as we remember on Remembrance Sunday. It is crucial for our students to understand the significance of Remembrance Day, and I am grateful for the reverence and respect they demonstrated during the service.

As we approach the weekend, I want to wish everyone a well-deserved break and an opportunity to spend quality time with your families. I look forward to seeing you all back for another busy week of learning and collaboration. Thank you for your continued support in making our school community a vibrant and enriching place for our students.

Have a good weekend.

Whole School: **96.7%**

### Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	97.2%	97.4%	95.7%	97.5%	96.9%	97.6%

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### This week in Worship:

In our dedicated week of Remembrance, aligning with our school values of compassion, courage, and cooperation, we draw inspiration from Joshua 4:4-8 to emphasize the profound impact of memory. Reflecting on both joyous and somber recollections, we explore the symbolism of war memorials, connect emotionally through music like Nimrod at the Cenotaph, and delve into the multifaceted meaning of the poppy, guided by Revelation 21:4.

As we approach Remembrance Day, our prayers for peace echo Philippians 4:6-7. Let's unite in celebration and reflection, honoring sacrifices and committing to a world of compassion and unity.

### A visit from Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin is the Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury.



We are thrilled to announce that Reverend Bishop Rose will be visiting our school on Tuesday, November 21st. This presents a wonderful opportunity for our school community to welcome her warmly and showcase the incredible spirit that defines our learning environment.

As we eagerly anticipate Reverend Bishop Rose's visit, we are particularly excited to share with her our school's new core values: compassion, courage, and cooperation. These values have become the guiding principles that shape our interactions, both within the school and beyond.

During her visit, Reverend Bishop Rose will embark on a tour of our school, providing her with a firsthand look at the vibrant learning environment we've cultivated. Additionally, she will have the chance to engage with our dedicated Spiritual Council, an integral part of our school community that actively contributes to our shared values.

A highlight of her visit will be the blessing of our new Nurture Space, a space dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere for all students. This space reflects our commitment to nurturing the well-being of each student in our care.

The pinnacle of Reverend Bishop Rose's visit will be her leadership in an act of worship. Through this special gathering, she will guide us in reflecting on how we can embody our core values of compassion, courage, and cooperation in our everyday lives. This promises to be a meaningful and inspiring experience for both students and staff alike.

Should you have any questions about Bishop Rose or her visit, please do let us know.

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the word!

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## OPEN DAYS

### IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you are looking for a wonderful school for your children to learn and grow, Wittersham could be the school for you! We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school. Dates are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.  
We look forward to meeting you and your child.



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# WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Only two weeks now until the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November from 12-3pm at the school. The raffle tickets are being printed and we will be sending some home next week. The raffle has some really amazing prizes including £100 cash prize (sponsored by Korker Sausages), a Christmas Meat Hamper, with gammon, from Lovejoy Farm partnership and a Sparkling Tasting Flight for 4 from Gusbourne Vineyards. As well as some of the regular games we have Open the Box – a chance to win up to £100 sponsored by Rush Witt and Wilson. Plus we have a new venture in our gift shop 'Elfridges'. My spare room is now full of a range of stock from mugs to socks to hats. Prices will mostly range between £1-£5 so that children (and adults) can buy gifts for loved ones. Purchases can also be gift wrapped or popped in a gift bag for 50p extra.

Tickets for the Wreath making event have all sold and I already have two people on a waiting list should anyone not be able to make it.

Thank you for all your orders from Cauliflower Cards. These have all be sent home now so I hope that you are all pleased with the results. I will hopefully be able to let you know how much your purchases raised for us next week.

Whilst we haven't been able to fit in a Disco this term as we have hoped but we do hope to fit in another cake sale, more news on that in the next week or two. The disco is now planned for the new year, and we have a new format for that so watch this space. Another date for the diary is Saturday 10th February, a quiz night so keep that date free if you want to join us for another fun night.



If you are able to help at any of our events, please drop me an email  
[annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)

As always thank you for all your support.  
Ann (Chair WSA)



## Free Football Tickets

Charlton Athletic would like to invite children and parents to The Oakwood Stadium for their next home match against Sunderland Women on Sunday, November 19th (KO 12pm)!

Parents can have up to 16 tickets for free per scan of the QR code.

All you need to do is:  
Scan the QR code  
Fill in your details and select how many tickets you need.

Then, on matchday, tickets can be collected from 10am at the stadium turnstile.

We hope you enjoy!

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## Forest School

Please see below dates for Forest School this term.

Friday 3rd November	Windmills and Vikings
Friday 10th November	Oast and Oxney
Friday 17th November	Windmills, Smugglers and Rother

As always, please ensure children come to school dressed in appropriate forest school clothing and bring a change of shoes. Children will be outside in all but extreme weathers.



## **FREE ENTRY** **CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET**

(indoors)

**Friday 1st December**  
**6pm – 8pm**

AGE UK ASHFORD, FARROW COURT,  
STANHOPE ROAD, ASHFORD, KENT TN23 5RF.

Tombola, Lots of festive stalls offering Christmas gifts, treats and nick-nacks, mulled wine and Christmas goodies served from the café. Santa will also be flying in for a quick visit.



If you would like to have a stall at this festive event, please contact us on

**01303 269602**  
**mfo@ageukhla.org.uk**

Registered charity number 1125274.  
Company number 659817.



## **We're supporting Children in Need**

**Wear something spotty  
to school**  
(suggested donation £1 per child)

**Friday 17th November**



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## E-Safety 2 Minute Read: Roblox

As your child explores the digital world through platforms like Roblox, ensuring their online safety is paramount. Here's a concise guide for parents to navigate Roblox responsibly:

**Age Verification:** Roblox is designed for users aged 7 and above. Confirm your child's age aligns with this requirement, and be aware of age-appropriate content within the game.

**Account Privacy:** Teach your child about privacy settings on Roblox. Ensure their account is set to private, limiting interactions to friends they know offline.

**In-Game Communication:** Discuss the importance of responsible communication. Emphasize that they should only interact with friends and acquaintances, avoiding conversations with strangers.

**Purchases and Transactions:** Monitor and control in-game purchases. Set up spending limits to prevent unintended transactions and educate your child on the value of virtual currency.

**Time Management:** Encourage responsible screen time. Set limits on how much time your child spends on Roblox to maintain a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

**Game Content Awareness:** Stay informed about the games your child plays on Roblox. Familiarize yourself with the content to ensure it aligns with your family values and is suitable for their age.

**Reporting Mechanisms:** Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour. Roblox has reporting tools; educate your child on how to use them if they encounter any concerns.

By staying involved and informed, you can ensure your child's positive and secure experience on Roblox, fostering responsible digital citizenship from a young age.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 10th November	Oast and Oxney Forest School Session
Friday 10th November	WSA Non-School Uniform Day
Friday 17th November	Children in Need – Wear Something Spotty
Friday 17th November	Windmills, Smugglers and Rother Forest School Session
Saturday 25th November	WSA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Wednesday 6th December	Windmills, Smugglers and Oast Nativity Performance
Thursday 7th December	Windmills, Smugglers and Oast Nativity Performance
Friday 8th December	Rocksteady Music Festival 2:30pm
Friday 15th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Friday 15th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	Term 3 begins

### Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 25th November	WSA Christmas Fayre
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**A LESSON IN RESPONSIBLE PARKING**

BE THOUGHTFUL OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

Keep us and our families safe on the school run by parking responsibly and considerately.

Thank you.

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