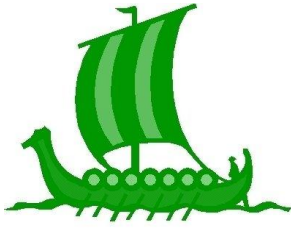
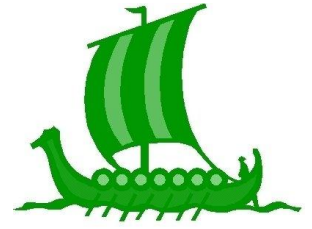


# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Newsletter Friday 3rd May 2024



It has been great to see the sun gradually making an appearance this week with the academic year flying by incredibly fast!

One of the standout moments to celebrate was Oat's class and the enthusiasm and curiosity they shared during the recent visit from the Jaws and Claws team. Their knowledge and insightful questions about animal classification left a lasting impression on our visitors. It was great to hear the children buzzing with excitement as they spoke about the animals they had seen and held. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising a great experience for our children.

In our ongoing efforts to promote environmental awareness, a group of our Year 5 students attended an eco-ambassador training day at Polo Farm in Canterbury. Their findings have been shared with the school council, and together they will develop an action plan to identify ways in which we can further support our planet and environment.

Another huge thank you to the WSA, whose Smuggler's cake sale raised an impressive amount of over £300. Thank you to all who contributed!

It is great to see so many children enjoying our new menu. The puddings and pasta have been particularly popular, and the meatballs on Thursday were a hit. Based on the feedback received, we will offer an option to have the meatballs without sauce the next time this weekly menu comes around.

Congratulations to our students who represented our school at the Handball and Indoor Athletics competitions this week. Their exceptional **collaboration, courage**, and support for one another during these inter-school sports events have made us all proud.

Finally, a friendly reminder that children should not be on the field at collection time at the end of the day. We kindly request your support in ensuring this rule is followed.

As we look ahead, we have several class trips and events planned in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on Dojo and your child's class bag for further information. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playing field, or out in the community, our school is a vibrant hub of learning and growth! Have a lovely bank holiday weekend- see you on Tuesday 7th May!

Whole School: **94.7%**

### Attendance

Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	<b>96.3%</b>	93.7%	94.9%	94.4%	94.7%	94.2%

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## This Week In Worship

In this week's worship, we explored the promises of the Order of the Mustard Seed: to express God's mercy and justice. Reflecting on Isaiah 1:17, we embraced its call to "Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenseless."

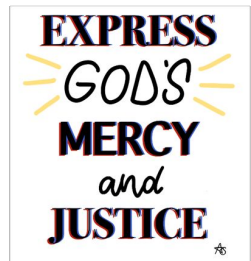
We contemplated Matthew 13:31-32, where Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed, revealing the power of small acts of kindness. An inspiring example was Project Malachi, sparked by a 10-year-old's generosity.

Finally, we considered the work of Mercy Ships and Christian Aid, embodying God's mercy and justice. We concluded with a heartfelt prayer:

Great God, may you hear the cries of those in need. Grant us wisdom and compassion to sow seeds of mercy and justice in our communities and beyond.

Amen.

What does  
the LORD require of  
you? to act justly and  
to love mercy and  
to walk humbly  
with GOD. micah  
6:8



### End of Day

As the school day comes to a close, we kindly remind you to ensure your children refrain from playing on the school field and equipment after school hours.

While we love to see our children active and enjoying themselves, safety is our top priority. The equipment and field may not be supervised, and we want to ensure everyone's well-being.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping our school environment safe for everyone.



### Wellbeing and SEND Coffee morning - Speech and Language Focus

Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning with a Speech and Language focus  
Wellbeing and SEND Coffee (and lots of cake) morning which will take place on **Wednesday 5th June** between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

The purpose of this coffee morning will be to chat about any Well-being or SEND concerns or questions you may have in a relaxed and informal environment. During this session, we will be joined by Andrea who is our NHS Link Speech and Language, alongside our school nurture and empowerment team.

Please note that your child does not have to be on the SEND register to attend this session and you may have some questions regarding your child's development or behaviour that we can discuss together.

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## KS2 SATs Week

Year 6 have been busy preparing for taking their end of KS2 SATs assessments. These are national tests that all Year 6 pupils sit and are scheduled to take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024.

The DfE have produced an information guide for parents that can be found [here](#).

Should you have any further questions regarding these assessments, please feel free to speak to either Mrs Spencer or Mr Hawkins

# Y6 SATs

## Residential Trip

Our Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Lower Grange Farm is fast approaching! kit list information sheets have been sent home which will hopefully assist your packing!

If you require another copy please collect one from the office.

A reminder that children must not take mobile phones or devices with them.

Watch this space as news regarding next year's residential will be coming home soon!



## LOWER GRANGE FARM

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May and Summer.

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## Sport Day

We are all looking forward to this year's Sports Day event.

We would love for as many parents as possible to join us.

The date for your diaries is 26th June 2024.

We have also scheduled a weather dependent backup date of Wednesday 10th July



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## WSA 'Stay and Play'

### Tuesday 7th May 3:10pm-4pm

Our fantastic WSA are excited to invite parents to our first 'Stay and Play' session. The purpose of this is to offer families a chance to connect with other parents, whilst our children are invited to play on the school field. Refreshments will be provided by our WSA team.

We are hoping to hold a session a term as a regular social event for our community to come together.

If you are able to attend, we would love to see you there. Please remember that, whilst this event is on school grounds, parents and carers are responsible for children and their safety.



### WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers



The hunt for a new treasurer is now urgent. We really need someone to come and take over this role ASAP. The system is a simple one and there would be support for whoever took on the role. Secondly, we need to start the hunt for a new Chairperson to take over from me when I step down from the role in January 2025. Without volunteers to take on these posts the WSA will fold. This will have major implications for the school and the activities that they are able to offer because of the funds the WSA raises. If you do think you could take on either of these roles please join us now.

Thank you for your support for Smugglers Cake sale, as usual we had some wonderful donations and were able to raise £300. We appreciate that cake sales have come thick and fast this year and will make sure we space them out better next year.

There is always something to think about for the WSA and we have started stocking up for the Father's Day sale which is the 6th June, gifts will be £3.00.

To help make the Colour Run a success we do need help finding sponsorship to cover the costs of the powder, T-shirts, glasses and medals so if you know of a business who would be interested in sponsoring part of the event, please get in touch with me or one of the committee members. As always we will have an amazing raffle – we are aiming to have a rainbow raffle to match the coloured powder that will be thrown. News on the dates of non uniform days to support the tombola and the raffle coming soon. As always if you have any ideas, please do get in touch [annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk)

Ann (Chair WSA)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 3rd May	Rother, Windmills and Smugglers Forest School Sessions
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 13th May 2:30pm	Year 5&6 Residential - Parent Meeting
Thursday 23rd May	Oxney trip to the Marlowe Theatre
Friday 24th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 3rd June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 3rd June	Viking's Trip to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve
Tuesday 4th June	Smuggler's Trip to Godinton House
Monday 17th June	Oxney Trip to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve
Thursday 6th June	Class Photos
Monday 10th-Thursday 13th June	Year 5/6 Residential
Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day
Friday 19th July	Last Day of Term 6 - End of Academic Year

## Top Performers!

It is always great to celebrate some of our top performers in TT Rockstars, Maths and Spelling Shed. Even just 5 minutes an evening can have a huge impact on children's ability to recall key facts, which support them in learning across the curriculum. There has been great engagement in these platforms so far this term – keep it up all!

# MathShed



# Spelling Shed

1st Emily W

2nd Jack M

3rd Jessica D

1st Cody

2nd

3rd Kit

1st Bertie P

2nd Hugo

3rd Esme

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