

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 12th December 2022



On behalf of all the staff here at Wittersham, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The weather has certainly added to the festive feel in and around the school. Thank you again to all of those who made the journey in today. I hope you all continue to remain safe over the Christmas break.

As you are aware, we are also saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Cleverdon this week as she steps away from working in school to spend more time with her family. Mrs Cleverdon has contributed a huge amount to the school in her time here and whilst we will miss her dearly, we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you so much for your support over the past two terms, I know that the staff have been very appreciative. We would also like to say a special thank you to the WSA for their amazing fundraising efforts and to Windmills class for a fantastic nativity.

This week, we continue our festive celebrations with the Smuggler's performance of 'A King is Born', our Christmas Service and Christmas lunch. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events. Have a good week!

### Attendance

**Whole school: 94.6%**

**Target: 95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.5%
Yr 1	92.8%
Yr 2	95.2%
Yr 3	96.0%
Yr 4	94.1%
Yr 5	94.9%
Yr 6	94.6%



We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our Christmas service Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am in the church.



Well done to those who have challenged Mr Hawkins' top score on TT Rockstars of 72 in 60 seconds! There is still time to compete for a festive prize! Send us a photo of your score!

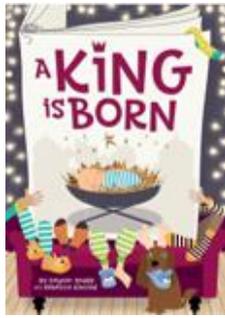
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Tickets for our Smugglers nativity, 'A King is Born' have been allocated to ensure we have enough room to seat our audience, so please ensure you bring these with you to the performances. A reminder of the timings is below:

Tuesday 13th December at 2pm  
and  
Tuesday 13th December at 5:30pm

The children have been rehearsing incredibly hard and it promises to be a fantastic show. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Term dates:

Please be aware of the following dates for Term 3:

### Starts:

Tuesday 3rd January

### Ends:

Friday 10th February



# Eco Christmas Garlands Family Workshop

Celebrate life giving plants & create a multi-sensory festive garland



Wed Dec 21 11am - 12.30pm Tickets: [EcoChristmasGarlands.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-christmas-garlands)

The Hub, Victoria Park, Ashford  
Age 7-11/£3 per child



Outdoor  
Studios

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

### Christmas Prayer

May all our families and friends who need miracles be blessed.

May whoever is feeling unwell and weak be given strength.

May all of those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened.

May your Christmas be filled with joy and happiness.

Amen

Christmas  
BLESSINGS



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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