

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter
Monday 16th January 2023



Last week was a great opportunity for us to reflect on our well-being and how we can further support this in and around our school community.

Highlights included our children taking part in mindfulness walks, providing dedicated time for yoga and self-reflection sessions and developing a whole school approach to 'well-being check ins.' It was also great to see so many odd socks on show! Thank you for all your support with Healthy Body and Healthy Mind Week, it is really appreciated.

This week, we look forward to continuing our Forest School sessions. This term, children are making damper bread using an open fire. It smelt delicious on Friday, and I look forward to hearing about the successes children enjoy in our wildlife area. A huge thank you to those who have donated logs and branches as these will really help to further develop the provision and opportunities, we offer to children in their Forest School sessions.

Have a good week.

Attendance

Whole school: 94.3%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.8%
Yr 1	92.7%
Yr 2	95.3%
Yr 3	95.5%
Yr 4	94%
Yr 5	94.1%
Yr 6	94.5%



This term in worship we are exploring the life of Jesus using stories from passages across the 4 gospels to explore Jesus' early life and how his ministry began.

In this week's worship, we focus in on Jesus' baptism and how he begins his work on Earth by sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

Forest School

Our next Forest School sessions will take place this term, as follows:

Friday 20th January 2023
Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only)

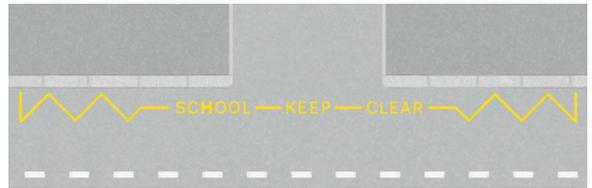
Friday 27th January 2023
Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only)

The children should come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear on the day of their forest school session.

Please don't forget to bring in a coat and warm clothing as we will be outside in all weathers.



Parking and drop off/pick up



Please can we ask parents and carers do not to park on the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school, even if our parking signs are not there (we are sometimes unable to put them out in high winds). Parking, or even stopping here, causes real danger and increases the risk to our children and families on the school run.

Thank you



LBC with Giverny.

High Halden Hall
20.00-20.45
£7.00 per class

Legs, bums and core is a full body aerobic toning workout that will make you work up a sweat. It's designed to target those annoying stubborn areas, (legs, bums and core).

You will burn fat, build muscle and tone up, what more can you ask for!!
You will need an exercise mat.

Monday nights except the second Monday of each month.

Contact me on, 07789208830
Instagram. Clubbercise_with_giverny



On the 2nd of February we will welcome Rhonna from FAB First Aid to deliver workshops to all our children and train them as young first aiders.

Children will learn the basics of first aid for burns, bumps, bleeding and choking and also, how and when to call 999.

Congratulations to Oxney who were victorious in last week's 'Battle of the Bands' competition.



They have won some extra breaktime this week! Look out for the next competition coming soon.

Oxney Class Cake Sale

Our next class cake sale is for Oxney class on Thursday 19th January, the theme for the sale is Maths and Winter, which is linked to our upcoming NSPCC times table event on the 3rd of February.

Each class will have the opportunity to buy cakes so please send children into school with their money in a sealed envelope. All cakes are priced from as little as 50p. To avoid squashed cakes, you are welcome to send your child in with a small box to help transport them home.



WSA Fundraising Launch



On Monday 23rd of January the WSA would like to invite families and our school community to their fundraising launch.

In the meeting they will share some of the exciting upcoming events they have planned for the year, whilst also sharing where and how the money raised will be spent.

This will be held in the school hall 14:45-3:05pm to coincide with school pick up. We look forward to seeing you there.



This term, we will join schools and nurseries across the UK on Friday 3 February 2023 for NSPCC Number Day mega maths day.

As part of the day, we will take part in a nationwide TT Rockstars battle, with every correct answer going towards raising vital funds for NSPCC whilst also contributing to our class and overall school score.

Children are limited to an hours play across the day, the competition starts at 7:30am and finishes at 7:30pm for those who want to continue the battle at home! Good luck all.

School Meal Taster Day for Windmills and Smugglers

Thursday 19th January

As you know, all infant pupils are eligible to receive free school meals.

We are offering a 'taster day' on Thursday 19th January for our Infants.

We hope this will encourage some more children to try school lunches in the future. There is nothing that you need to do about this as they can still bring packed lunches in and there will be no pressure to eat what we offer!



Date	Event
Thursday 19th January	Windmills and Smugglers School Meal Taster Day
Thursday 19th January	Oxney Class Cake Sale
Friday 20th January	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Session
Monday 23rd January 2:45-3:05pm	WSA Fundraising Launch
Friday 27th January	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Session
Wednesday 1st February	Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 1st February	Book at Bedtime 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 2nd February	Whole school First Aid Training
Friday 3rd February	NSPCC TT Rockstars battle in classes
Thursday 9th February	Viking Class Cake Sale
Friday 10th February	End of Term 3
Monday 20th February	Inset day (No children in school)
Tuesday 21st February	Start of Term 4



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a packed agenda for the WSA Meeting last Friday! Lots of projects on the go to plan, as well as agreeing the date of the Summer Fayre (15th July).

The good news is that we now have £8,000 saved towards the £25,000 target. There are some great things on the horizon to top the fund up. On Monday 23rd January, 2.45– 3.10, in the school hall, we will be holding an official launch of the fundraising campaign. At this I will be sharing how you can help us reach our target, what events we are planning and what we would like to do if we had sponsorship. There will be the chance to ask questions.

The first event of the year is Oxney Class Cake sale on Thursday 19th January, the theme for the sale is Maths and Winter. We are looking forward to seeing all the winter themed or maths themed bakes. Please see the flyers in the book bags for more details.

If like me you are in the middle of a big sort out, or are about to start one, you will be pleased to know that we have another Bags2School event planned for 31st March. Drop off at the Clubroom in the Village Hall from 08.00–09.00. The event in November raised £100. The next one will be worth 10p more a kilo so please tell your family and friends about it too. For more information about what they collect please visit <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

If you have any suggestions for new and innovative ways to raise money or would like to help at any of the events, please do get in touch with me – AnnChairWSA@gmail.com

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