

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 15th May 2023



Last week in school was another busy one for our children. Windmills explored a range of different materials and created beautiful outdoor lanterns, Smugglers enjoyed whittling and bug hunting in their forest school session, Vikings have continued their learning of electricity with some great scientific write ups and Oxney published fantastic pieces of poetry taking inspiration from city landscapes. In addition, last week, children in Rother took their SATs tests. We were hugely impressed with the children's attitude in tackling these challenging papers. They approached each morning with great focus, determination and applied their knowledge brilliantly throughout. Well done all!

Although we still have much to look forward to in Terms 5 and 6, we have begun to consider plans for September. Next term Mrs Elgar will return from maternity leave to support children across the school, both in class and in the swimming pool. Sadly, Mrs Elgar will be leaving us in September as she will join a school closer to home and her young family. We wish her all the best with this new adventure and look forward to making great memories in her last term with us. From September, Mrs Catt will move from Vikings into Windmills, to lead teaching and learning. We hope to inform parents soon of our new Year 3/4 teacher for September.

From September, we will also reform our class structure in Key Stage One, forming a new Year 1 class (Oast) for mornings only. This will be taught by Mrs Chloe Smith, an experienced class teacher and new addition to our teaching team. We look forward to sharing more information regarding this with our parents and carers throughout the rest of the term. As always, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great week.

Attendance

Whole school: **94.1%**

Target: **95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.5%
Yr 1	92.6%
Yr 2	95.2%
Yr 3	94.4%
Yr 4	94.8%
Yr 5	93.6%
Yr 6	94.7%



This week in worship: 'Patience'

This week in worship we are exploring the meaning and challenges of having patience. Using the story of Noah as inspiration, we will think about how we show patience today.

You may like to consider some practical action such as using a seed bomb which is a mixture of seeds from wildflowers and powdered clay. You can buy or make the seed bombs with the help of an adult. When you have planted the seeds, you will need to be very patient!

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-make-seed-bomb>

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WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

We really enjoyed the Coronation Party at school and the children looked like they were having fun too. They all sang a beautiful song at the end and there was almost a tear in my eye. At the end of the event the children were all given a bookmark from the WSA.

Putting on events such as the Coronation Party all costs so we were really pleased to raise £400 with our stalls at the event at Wittersham Sports Field. We also have some bookmarks to sell too if anyone would like an extra one or two.

We do have one more Cake Sale for the year too and that is for Windmills on the Thursday 18th May. The theme Animals. It is also a cake sale with a twist as Mrs Hicks has asked us to raffle off a family ticket for The Rare Breeds Centre too. Tickets are £1 and if you would like to buy a ticket please send the money in on Thursday in a separate envelope to the cake sale money, with the child's name and number of tickets wanted on it. We will be drawing the raffle on Thursday too.

The Summer Fayre is now the big focus of our efforts. Volunteering was one of the themes of the Coronation Weekend so if you are able to volunteer and help at the Summer Fayre in any capacity, please let us know. Some of our usual helpers are not available this year so we do need extra help. It is a big event and can only be a success with help from the wider school community.

Together we can make a difference so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions or are able to help at an event! annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (WSA Chair).

A gentle reminder that children should not be using the outdoor play equipment or resources in the Windmill's outdoor space at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support in this.



Forest School

This week's Forest School Sessions (Friday 19th May) are for Oxney and Rother.

Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the outdoors.



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Wittersham School Association

Glitz and Glamour

DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

AT LONDON BEACH RESORT

3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE DJ

£45 per ticket

Scan the QR code to book your place



★ Arrival: 7pm
Meal 7:30pm
Carriages 11:45pm

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

★ For more information:
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Swimming Pool Update!

As you may have seen on Dojo last week, we were very excited to see our new air source heat pump being fitted on Thursday, in anticipation for our swimming lessons to begin in Term 6. Further information regarding this will be coming home with children this week.

We are hugely grateful for the efforts of the WSA and all of those who have supported their fantastic range of events raising money for the school environment fund. At the start of the year, the WSA set a target of raising **£25,000 to support**. As we are keen for children to make use of this fantastic facility as soon as possible, the school have taken the initial payment from the school budget and the WSA will reimburse the money as it is raised. They have already provided £8,000 in support of the required maintenance and refurbishments. [Please do continue to support the WSA events](#), as this will ensure we can continue to use the money raised to further enrich and improve the school environment for our children.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike Day. School partially closed
Friday 19th May	Forest School Session for Oxney and Rother
Monday 22nd –Thursday 25th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 24th May	Viking's Experience Pentecost Session in Church
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5th June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 7th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 13th June	Parent Mental Health Workshop (7pm)
Thursday 15th June	WSA Father's Day Sale
Thursday 20th July	Last Day of Term 6

Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 15th July	WSA Summer Fayre
Saturday 7th October	WSA Charity Dinner Dance

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