

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 22nd May 2023



Welcome back to another week here at school. Over the past week it has been great to see our children outside and enjoying the better weather. On Monday last week, Rother class took part in an immersive school trip at Tenterden Railway. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and being able to speak with those who haven't experienced evacuation themselves.

Elsewhere, Windmills took inspiration from the Sikh story of the Milk and the Jasmine Flower to create sparkling party invitations, Smugglers and Vikings have produced fantastic pieces of writing, whilst Oxney have been using hot seating techniques to develop their understanding of characters from 'The Promise'.

Thank you to all of you who supported the Windmills Cake sale, which raised a staggering £470.28! All of this will go towards providing additional enrichment experiences for our children.

This week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children are off on their residential trip to Bushy Wood. We look forward to hearing about their amazing experience and the lasting memories they have made together as a group.

This is the final newsletter of Term 5. Thank you again for all your continued support. We are very lucky to have such an engaging and supportive community. I wish you all a very happy and restful break and look forward to seeing our children back in school on Monday 5th June.

Thank you

Attendance

Whole school: 94.2%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.4%
Yr 1	92.9%
Yr 2	95.5%
Yr 3	94.8%
Yr 4	94.9%
Yr 5	93.4%
Yr 6	94.7%



A residential prayer

As you may be aware, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children left for their residential trip to Bushy Wood this morning. We sent them on their way with the following prayer:

Loving Father,

*Thank you for providing this wonderful opportunity to test and challenge us. Watch over the children and staff as they try new activities; support and motivate them through the struggles and guide them to do their best. We ask that you watch over the school community, keeping them safe and happy.
Amen*

Viking's Experience Pentecost Workshop

On Wednesday 24th May, Vikings will take part in a Pentecost Workshop led by Reverend Lindsay and Reverend Jeanette.

This will be a chance for children to further understand what is meant by Pentecost by completing a carousel of different practical activities in the Church; before reflecting on why this is an important event for Christians.



Term Dates

A reminder for your diaries:

End of Term 5: Friday 26th May

Start of Term 6: Monday 5th June

End of Term 6: Thursday 20th July



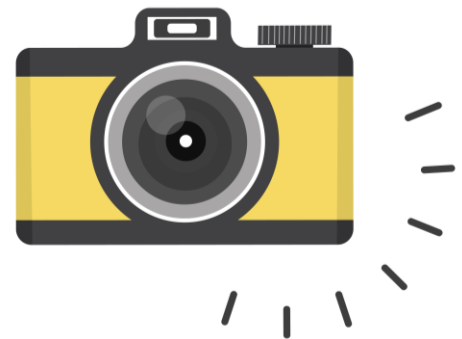
Windmills and Smugglers Trip

On Tuesday 20th June the children in Windmills and Smugglers will be visiting Bedgebury Pinetum as part of their learning of plants.

The children will have the opportunity to identify a variety of different trees and plants and will be taking part in different workshop activities to explore wellbeing, woodland art and the work of forest rangers.

Further information and a consent form have been sent out to parents.

Please return the consent form to the school office by Friday 26th May.



Class Photos

Our end of year Class Photos will be taking place on Wednesday 7th June.

As always, please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Thank you



WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Windmills Cake sale and raffle last week raised an astounding **£470.20**. Thank you for supporting both elements of the fundraising. I know it was a big ask and we really appreciate your support. Thank you to the helpers on the day as well as all of you who sent in cakes to sell. There were some great animal cakes.

The next event is the Father's Day sale on Thursday 15th June. This will be our first and we are all looking forward to it. I am sure that the children will love it as much as the Mother's day pop up shop.

The big event of next term is Summer Fayre. Some of our regular volunteers are not available so we really do need some new faces to come and help with the fun. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day to run a stall or can stay behind and help clear up at the end of the day, please do let us know. Last year's event was such a lovely day, and we want to make the one this year as good. If you can spare some time to help on Saturday 15th July, please get in touch annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (WSA Chair).

Sports Day

This year our school sports day will be held on **Wednesday 5th July**.

This will run in a similar format to previous years, parents will be welcome to join us.

We will be sending out additional information at the start of next term.

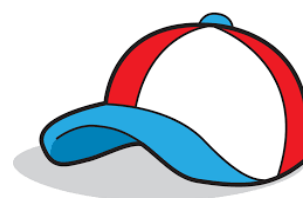


Sun Protection

As the weather continues to improve our children are spending a greater deal of time outside in our environment.

Please make sure children have applied suitable suncream in the morning and bring a hat into school.

Thank you



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



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

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

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For more information:
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Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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
Friday 9th June	Kent Challenger Games
Tuesday 13th June	Parent Mental Health Workshop (7pm)
Thursday 15th June	WSA Father's Day Sale
Tuesday 20th June	Windmills and Smugglers Trip to Bedgebury
Thursday 22nd June	Rother Bikeability Session
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Monday 26th – Friday 30th June	Homewood Transition Week
Wednesday 5th July	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July 9:15am	Rother Leaver's Assembly in Church
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

Would you like to join our governing body?

We are seeking to appoint new members to our governing body. These positions are as part of our foundation governor team. Any applicant suitable for the role would need to support the school's vision to value, empower and nurture our children.

If this is something you feel you could support, please contact Mr Hawkins via the school office.

Thank you