



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 22 – Spring Term

Friday, 28th February 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is resilience



Target attendance for the Year 95%

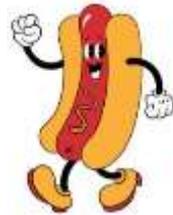
This year's attendance is 95.5%

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control

2 Timothy 1:7

Dear Parents/Carers

OPAL GROUND FORCE DAY is coming soon on Sat, 22nd March 1 – 4 pm. Hotdogs for all our families at 4 pm!



Our working party met last week to organise our ground force day. Your parent play champions are Alice Grindy and Fran Graffham. We are hoping to tidy the grounds as well as the following jobs:

- Disassemble reading shed and reassemble to top of hill
- Begin sandpit construction
- Dig out boundary on hill for tyres
- Tip runs with rubbish – not greenery
- Move picnic table from Forest School to main playground
- Pruning



Children are very welcome as Sue Edwards, our Chair of Governors, will be opening up the Forest School for the children. PLEASE ENSURE YOU WEAR LONG SLEEVES AND LONG TROUSERS.

OPAL Play donations

Thank you for the offer of donations so far. We have allocated the small shed in the playground for you to drop off any items. We need car tyres, lengths of decking, old pairs of wellington boots and large sheets of material for den building.

RSVP

Please can you email the office@witley.surrey.sch.uk if you are intending to join us at our ground force day. We will send out more information about the specific jobs we have lined up nearer the time.

World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March. Look out for book tokens in your child's book bag. Local book stockists include Waterstones, Sainsburys, Tesco and WH Smith.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book or in their pyjamas for a bedtime story (to make things a little easier).



Costumes don't have to be fancy, the most important thing is that your child can talk about their outfit and character. If you have an old costume then Year 2 are organising a costume swap for all year groups, just drop them off at Puffins Class.



As part of WBD we are asking you to take part in extreme reading.

All you have to do is to take a photo of yourself reading in an unusual place or doing something unusual and send it to your class

teacher or via the office stating the class you are in. We will choose some of the best ones for our newsletter next week.



Brooklands Museum Trip – Year 1



Free digital parenting workshop

12th March 2025 6pm-7.30pm 'Positive Parenting in a Digital World'

St James Primary School, Thursley Road, Elstead is delighted to host an in-person and live streamed talk with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation <https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/>

As parents, one of our primary aims is to keep our children safe in both the physical and digital world. While most of us feel confident assessing and managing risks in our everyday environments, the online world can often feel bewildering and challenging to navigate.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation, are experts in tackling online harm against children, and will guide parents in understanding potential risks, exploring strategies to manage these risks, and fostering positive and healthy online behaviour. Recognising that every family is unique, LFF will help each parent or caregiver feel confident in making the best decisions for their children.

Seven planets align

Sky watchers are in for a treat tonight (fingers crossed) as Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Venus, Neptune, Mercury and Saturn will all be briefly visible in the evening sky. Don't stay up too late!



Finally, please don't forget that Richard, from the Scouts, will be holding a short (15 mins) introductory discussion on **Monday, 3 March at 3pm in the Jubilee Hall** to explain a bit more about re-opening the Beaver section and possibly introducing a new Squirrel section, what would be involved in volunteering, and to answer any other questions you may have about Scouts. More information is further on in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Neal family for the yummy chocolate cake

Congratulations to Lola in Dolphins who won!

Allergies: Please note some cakes are shop bought and some are homemade and therefore we cannot guarantee that they are nut free.



Well done to the following children who are in our Gold Book this week!

Year R – Remy and Felix Year 1 – Daniel and Lola Year 2 – Fiona and Jack

Headteacher's Award –

Year R – Everyone for a super story time with Mrs Szczepanski

Year 1 – Everyone for a super trip to Brooklands

Year 2 – Everyone for being amazing when we have visitors in school



Safeguarding is everyone's business

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Helen Szczepanski – Headteacher – Lead DSL

Becky Latham – School Business Manager – Deputy DSL

Phillipa Allison – SENCo - Deputy DSL

Sarah Dutton – Home School Link Worker – Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about a child, please report to one of the DSL's

as soon as possible the same day.

Our Home School Link Worker – Sarah Dutton

Many of you know and have met Sarah Dutton, who is our HSLW. Sarah is based at The Chandler School and works between the two schools. Sarah's role is:



- to help parents coping with challenging children, giving parenting guidance and support
- to offer advice on how to maintain positive behaviour
- to encourage communication between the school and the family
- to listen and offer support on problems and issues, using counselling skills
- to support children with difficulties and provide a forum to talk about concerns in a confidential and non-judgemental environment
- to provide emotional support and build self esteem
- to help families with access grants and information
- to help improve family relationships and be available for families in crisis situations
- to carry out home visits to support families and children by providing outreach support

If you would like to speak with Sarah, please make an appointment via the office. Sarah is also able to make home visits. Please do not feel shy about seeking advice and support. It's a tough job being a parent...and Sarah is here to help!



February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

For many decades we have had a thriving Scout Group in Witley, now based in Jubilee Hall. Today we have active Cub and Scout sections.

Scouts is a club for boys and girls: Squirrels 4-6 year olds, Beavers 6-8 year olds, Cubs 8-10 year olds, Scouts 10-14 year olds, Explorers 14-18 year olds. It is all about learning, doing things, making friends and having fun.

We do potentially have some additional places available in Cubs and Scouts in the coming months. However, we are also very keen to re-open our Beaver section and possibly consider introducing the new Squirrel section.

We at Witley scouts, like all other Groups, rely on people like you playing their part to give young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life.

You don't need to be Bear Grylls to volunteer. We're looking for people to help out in all sorts of ways in our meeting place and behind the scenes. We would welcome any offers of help, but right now we are particularly hoping to find a couple of people who could help lead a re-established Beaver section.

Scouts happens when a lot of us give a little. You're not signing up for a lifelong commitment – just to help out, when and where you can.

To find out more, with the kind support of Witley Infant School, we are holding a short (15 mins) introductory discussion on **Monday 3 March at 3pm in Jubilee Hall** to explain a bit more about Scouts and what would be involved in volunteering and to answer any other questions you may have about Scouts.

We really hope you will come along for a chat.

Best wishes,

Richard Bacon

Group Lead Volunteer, 1st Witley Scouts

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GODALMING ROUND TABLE

Godalming Round Table is not a stuffy bunch of old blokes - we are local family men who want to have fun, a few beers with mates and do some good for the local community at the same time. If you're aged 18-45, need to get out more and want to help support your community - then we want to hear from you! But even if you just want to lend a hand with the Town Show next year, we would welcome your support.

We organise the Godalming Town Show & Carnival and the Christmas Sleigh collections and give away thousands of pounds to local charities and causes every year. Alongside all the work we do in supporting community events (including the Xmas Light switch-on), we have a packed diary of social events.

WHAT COULD YOU BE DOING NEXT WEEK?

Contact us on our **Facebook** page or www.godalming.roundtable.co.uk or email guy.wilby@hotmail.co.uk or call **07811 384848** to find out more...



ROUNDTABLE

GODALMING NO.429

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EASTER Camps

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5

WEEK 1- APRIL 7, 8, 9 (MON-WED)
WEEK 2- APRIL 14, 15, 16 (MON-WED)

9AM-3.30PM
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SCHOOL CALENDAR - [Witley C of E Infant School](#)

Please also check our 'new calendar' on our website for all school events.

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Weds	05.03	Marwell Zoo Trip for Year 2
Thurs	06.03	World Book Day – Extreme reading competition and WBD costume day!
Tues	11.03	Rodborough School Multiskills morning – Year 1 There is no charge for this event. Children will travel by coach to Rodborough
Weds	12.03	Rodborough School Multiskills morning – Year 2 There is no charge for this event. Children will travel by coach to Rodborough
Tues	18.03	Haslemere Museum Trip for Year R
SAT	22.03	GROUNDFORCE DAY – 1 – 4 pm with hot drinks and hot dogs. Everyone welcome to tidy up the school grounds.
Mon	31.03	Year 2 Class Assembly for Parents/Carers at 2.15 pm in Jubilee Hall Open Classroom for all year groups 2.45 – 3.30 pm
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH Sublime Science Workshop – all year groups during the morning
		EASTER HOLIDAYS 7 th – 21 st April 2025
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Sat	26.04	MESSY CHURCH at All Saints
Mon	05.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sat	10.05	WITSTOCK 2025 – Chichester Hall
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025

Mon	02.06	First day of term
Mon	09.06	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Tues	24.06	Tuesley Farm Trip for Year R (details to follow)
Tues	01.07	Chichester Harbour Trip for Year 1 (details to follow)
Fri	04.07	Sayers Croft Trip for Year 2 (details to follow) There is no charge for this trip.
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Weds	03.09	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Th	04.09	Year 1 and Year 2 return at 8.45 am/EYFS Home visits
Fri	05.09	EYFS Home visits
Mon	08.09	EYFS – all children in until 1.10 pm
Tues	09.09	EYFS – all children in full time until 3.15 pm
Fri	24.10	Last day of term – finish at 3.15 pm
		HALF TERM – 27 October to 31 October
Mon	03.11	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED