



# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 19 – Spring Term

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is joy



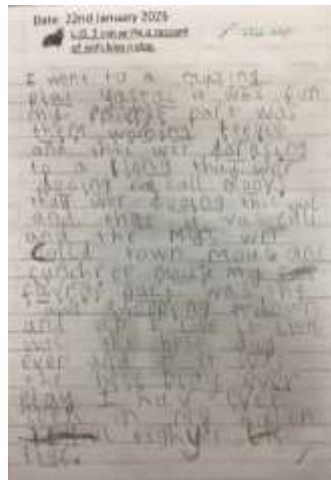
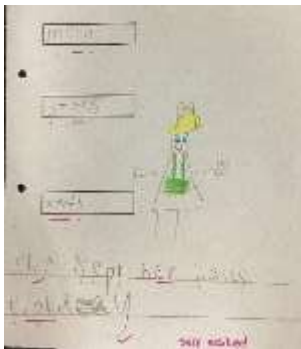
Target attendance for the Year 95%

This year's attendance is 95.6%

*As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart. Proverbs 27:19*

Dear Parents/Carers

## The Town Mouse and Country Mouse



Our visiting Pied Piper Theatre live performance last week provided an exciting stimulus for writing in each year group. At our staff meeting, after school this week, we looked at every piece of writing to understand the next steps for children and the areas each individual should focus on to make progress. This writing moderation will help inform our Interim Reports which will go out parents/carers before half term.

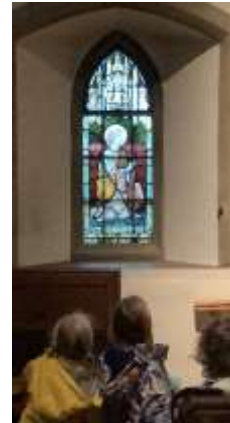
Well done to Emma, Evie and Aiden who have produced some amazing writing. It's great to see the progression from Early Years through to Year 2! Wow!



## Year R visit All Saints Church

I had the pleasure of joining Dolphin Class this week when they visited All Saints Church on Tuesday. The children were learning about what makes a place special as part of our RE curriculum and looked at the many different features in our Church particularly the beautiful stained glass windows.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski



## Year 2 Charity Sale after school

When the weather improves Puffin Class will be holding a sale of books, bric-a-brac and gifts after school. Thank you to those of you who have already brought in some unwanted Christmas presents/donations.

We are holding the sale to help Year 2 learn about money so please save your pennies!

Everything will be very reasonably priced. Date to be announced!

## OPAL – Outdoor Play and learning

To help parents/carers keep up to date with our OPAL news we will be producing an OPAL News Update which will be emailed separately from our weekly school newsletter. Look out for our first update next week.

Staff have an OPAL training day on INSET Day on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February and parents/carers are warmly invited for the morning.

Thank you to those of you who filled in our survey and offered your help. We are planning a Groundforce day in March to start work on improving the grounds but in the meantime can you help with any donations? We are in need of the following loose parts:

- Car tyres
- Lengths of decking (free of nails/screws)
- Cable drums
- Large sheets of fabric (for den building)

Please let the office know if you can donate any of the above items.



## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Britt family for providing this week's Victoria Sponge Cake.

Congratulations to Delilah in Dolphins who won this week!

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 – Toby and Olive      Year 1 – Zoe and Martha

Year 2 – Olivia and Samuel

Headteacher's Award - Dolphins Class for a super visit to our All Saints Church!

Year R – Bea

Year 1 – Lyra

Year 2 - Rupert



Here at Witley we are supporting children with speech and language in all year groups and there is a very exciting Parent Portal that you can access to help your child at home: <https://speechandlanguage.link/parent-portal/>

## How to use the site

Visit the development tab to help you work out what the next steps are for your child's learning and then go to the stage-appropriate activities section. You don't always need to create a special time for working on listening and talking, use our everyday activities to turn many routine tasks into supportive activities.

## 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.



## The Rag Bag Scheme

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We raised over £250 last year. Please drop them off in the small playground shed from Monday. We will arrange a collection in February.

**Rag Bag can only accept the following items:**

- Good quality wearable men's, ladies & children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags and belts

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE BAGS. Thank you**

**LITTLE HILARY'S**  
Baby & Toddler Group  
0-3 years

**Starting 3 February!**

Teacher-led Themed Sessions  
Story, Craft and Song Time  
Refreshments

Mondays  
9.30am - 10.30am  
term time

Register now

www.sthilaryschool.com  
Holloway Hill, Godalming, GU7 1RZ



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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
Tues	11.02	Safer Internet Day
Thurs	13.02	World Thinking Day at Witley. Members of Girl Guiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school.  3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM and Interim Reports issued for each year group
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4  OPAL Play Training – parents/carers invited 9 – 12 o'clock
		<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term and Brooklands Museum Trip for Year 1 (details to follow)
Tues	25.02	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00 pm
Weds	26.02	Parent Consultations 3.50 – 7.20 pm
Weds	05.03	Marwell Zoo Trip for Year 2 (details to follow)
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
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
		<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS 7<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Mon	05.05	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Sat	10.05	WITSTOCK 2025 – Chichester Hall
Fri	23.05	<b>INSET Day no. 5</b>
		<b>MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Mon	09.06	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
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
<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25</b>
Weds	03.09	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>