



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 18 – Spring Term

Friday, 24th January 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is joy



Target attendance for the Year 95%

This year's attendance is 95.5%

*Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body
Proverbs 16:24*

Dear Parents/Carers



Patron: Dame Julie Walters

The Town Mouse and Country Mouse

Founded in 1984 by Artistic Director, Tina Williams, The Pied Piper Theatre Company has been creating magical new plays for children for thirty years, reaching around half a million children in the UK, and beyond.

We were thrilled that she visited us this week with Charlotte Hall, Arts and Cultural Services Manager at Waverley Borough Council, who help sponsor the theatre group.



We are trying, where possible, to give you as much notice as possible with school dates and in September we have planned an INSET Day on Wednesday 3rd September with Key Stage 1 children returning on Thursday, 4th. EYFS home visits will take place on the 4th and 5th September, We have also planned an INSET Day on Monday, 3rd November straight after half term. We hope this helps you plan your family holidays.



Congratulations to Mrs Phillipa Allison our, Senior Teacher/SENCo who has been awarded her NASENCo qualification (National Award for SEN Co-ordination) at The Royal Festival Hall yesterday. Well done Mrs Allison!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Yasuda family who made the lovely lemon drizzle cake. Congratulations to Fiona in Year 2 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 – Ayda and Kalu

Year 1 – Tilly and William

Year 2 – Bertie and Rupert

Headteacher's Award

Year R – Charlotte

Year 1 – Roman

Year 2 - Felix



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.

St Hilary's Art Competition – are you feeling arty?

Once again, it is time for the St Hilary's Art Competition! Entries are invited on the theme of “**Nature and the Environment**”.



There are **2 categories: Years 1 & 2 or Years 3-6** and there is an **entry fee of £2 per art piece** in aid of local charity, Mane Chance. The submission deadline is **Monday 24 February** and all artwork is to be dropped off at St Hilary's School, Holloway Hill, Godalming, GU7 1RZ. St Hilary's will be holding an art exhibition on **Tuesday 4 March**, with the winners announced at 6.00pm. They hope all families who take part will be able to come along and see their displayed work.

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
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4 OPAL Play Training – parents/carers invited 9 – 12 o'clock
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st 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
		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
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	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

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PRIVATE FOSTERING AWARENESS WEEK

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

- Monday: Open Day with free lunch at Woodhatch, Reigate
- Tuesday: Online Information Session
- Wednesday: Instagram AMA
- Thursday: Staff Training Day
- Friday: Social Media Round Up

Find us on social media @surreyfofostering
Scan here to register for our events:

FOSTERING SERVICE

Starts January 26th
private.fostering@surreycc.gov.uk



ALDRO

AN INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7-13

ISI INSPECTION 2023
"EXCELLENT" IN ALL AREAS

BOOK YOUR PLACE!

NO SATURDAY LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER. FIND OUT MORE AT OUR NEXT OPEN MORNING.

NEXT OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 1ST MARCH

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Beating asthma together 13th February 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/abb4bb3b-ab3d-4b23-a331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Are you a parent or carer whose child has asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on at this event to look at the challenges facing children and young people with asthma and how we can help overcome them.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

Beating asthma together: Asthma triggers, the effects of smoking, vaping, housing and air pollution on asthma 10th March 7.30-8pm



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Does your child or young person have asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on this webinar which focusses on what action we can take to reduce their exposure to triggers that can make their asthma worse.

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RECRUITING
NOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Home-Start Surrey covers all 11 boroughs in 8 local branches:
East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom,
Ewell & Banstead, Guildford,
Runnymede & Woking,
Spelthorne, Surrey Heath &
Waverley
www.homestartsurrey.org

Volunteering for local families can change your life
and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon,
don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please
call: 01252 737453

Or email: volunteers@homestartsurrey.org



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