



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 24 – Spring Term

Friday, 14th March 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%

Do for other people what you want them to do for you. Luke 6:31



Dear Parents and Children

Year 2 making pancakes

We have had an incredibly busy two weeks at school and I am hoping to catch up on all the news! Firstly, some important dates to bring to your attention.

Easter Celebrations

Our school Easter Assembly is on Tuesday, 1st April at 9.05 in the Jubilee Hall. Parents are most welcome. Please enter the hall via the staff car park entrance.

Rev Ann has informed us that we are able to join in with an Easter Service at our All Saints Church on Wednesday, 2nd April at 2.30 pm. Parents are welcome. The service is led by Ann for the children and they will be singing a few songs. The school Easter Assembly is the day before (see above). You can attend either, or both. However, please be mindful that the Church is small with restricted viewing.

Class Assemblies

Year 2 Class Assembly followed by Open Classroom

Year 2 will perform a class assembly at 2.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall on Monday, 31st March. Children can come in dressed as a King or Queen or a jester for the day! They can either dress in full costume or arrive wearing a regal crown and school uniform! We have plenty of costumes/crowns at school so please ask if you would like to borrow something.



Afterwards we have Open Classroom for ALL year groups from 2.45 – 3.30 pm where you can share your child's learning in their class.

Year 1 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall on Weds, 14th May at 9.05 am in the Jubilee Hall.

Year R Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall on Mon, 16th June at 2.15 pm followed by Open Classroom for ALL year groups 2.45 – 3.30 pm.



OPAL GROUNDFORCE DAY

Saturday, 22nd March from 1 – 4pm

Parents and kids come along and help us!

Refreshments available - hotdogs at 4 pm

Thank you to Isla and Arlo who, with the help of Mum and Dad, delivered over 30 tyres for our playground development! We will be setting them into the ground half depth to create a boundary for our den building area on the hill.

At the moment we don't need any more tyres, unless you have previously told us that you are dropping some off.

Please let the office know if you're coming along, so we can make sure we have enough refreshments. **Forest School will also be open BUT make sure you are wearing long sleeves and long trousers.**

We have lots of jobs to do, some small and some rather big jobs.

Below are some of the things we are hoping to achieve:

- Moving the wooden seat below to the main playground (currently near Forest School)
- Removing the old willow dome to create a larger outdoor classroom for EYFS. If you have any loppers, secateurs, etc. please bring them along.
- Clearing piles of leaves away (we have a large compost area for greenery and leaves so we don't need to take these to the tip)
- Some old furniture and bits need taking to the Witley tip
- Painting some benches, we have the paint
- Building a sand pit!
- Digging over the vegetable beds for Year 2, ready for some new compost. Spades needed, but please name them!
- If you have a wheelbarrow please bring it



Rodborough School Multiskills Sports

Both Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time at Rodborough School this week joining Milford Infant School and St Mark and All Saints in a multiskills session.

Both classes will be visiting again in June for an Olympic athletics morning.



Red Nose Day 2025

Red Nose Day is back on Friday, 21st March.

Children can wear anything red!

We'd also like the children to bring in a joke to share with their class friends in our 'Do something funny for Money' joke time in class. Please don't share your joke until then!

Donations to Comic Relief will be collected at the classroom door.

Suggested donation 50p. Thank you.

**DO
SOMETHING
FUNNY
FOR MONEY**



FWS Barn Dance!

Howdy y'all, it's time to come on down to old Witley Western Saloon for a toe tappin', thigh slapping good time.

Date: Thursday 3rd April, bar opens 7.30pm, barn dance starts at 8pm

Address: Chichester Village Hall, Witley

Price: £15 per adult (Includes live band, barn dance and cheeseboard)

Dress code: Non-compulsory Wild West!

Bar available accepting cash or card

So grab your partner by the hand, and get ready to kick up a heel!

Please complete this booking form by Sunday 16th March 2025. Don't forget to book well in advance to guarantee your place.

Please contact a member of FWS or email chairfws@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

<https://forms.gle/fi2QMincNwg9tU5v6>

Marwell Zoo

Year 2 had a beautiful day for their visit to Marwell Zoo. The trip supported their work in science where the children have been learning about animals and their habitats. Thank you to our parents who joined us for the eventful trip. You will be able to see some of their follow up work during our Open Classroom at the end of March.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

School Trips

Thank you to our volunteers who help us on our trips. We really appreciate your help as it is a huge responsibility looking after our children and keeping them safe out of school. Each trip has its own risk assessment and all volunteers are required hold an up to date DBS.



If you would like to help on any further trips then please contact your Class Teacher.

Determination of admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026 including Witley C of E Infant School

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026 were determined by Surrey's Full Council on 4 February 2025. The following documents, which set out Surrey's arrangements, are available in full on the Surrey County Council website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/arrangements-and-outcomes/determined-arrangements.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Brett-Fields for the delicious mini-egg cakes.

Congratulations to Indy in Puffins 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 – Doug and Annabelle Year 1 – Sylvie and Eben Year 2 – Indy and Katie

Headteacher's Awards

Year R – Felix H

Year 1 – Everyone in Penguin Class

Year 2 - Isla and Arlo



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.

Surrey and Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has put Surrey forward for devolution and Local Government Reorganisation: [Local Government Reorganisation plans for Surrey](#).

We want to help those living and working in Surrey understand what this means, so we've created a new page on the Surrey County Council website which we'll be updating over the coming months as things progress: [Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation \(LGR\) - Surrey County Council](#). Recently added is a short explainer video as well as some frequently asked questions.

Updates will also appear on the Council's social media channels including [Facebook](#).

Have you changed your mobile number, home address, or any other contact details?

Please update your details via Arbor. If you have any problems logging on or using Arbor please contact the school office.



EASTER SWIMMING COURSE

Introduce your child to water, improve their confidence, technique and stamina. Less formal than weekly lessons, the progress with many of the children is outstanding. This is a 4 day intensive course running at **King Edwards School, Witley** from **Monday April 14th to Thursday 17th**.

Teachers are in the water with young, inexperienced children and class sizes are small. Minimum age 4 with no maximum.

Classes are created according to demand, age and ability then parents are emailed with an exact lesson time anywhere between 9 and 11am. Lessons are for 30 minutes or 45 minutes for the stronger swimmer.

The cost for 30 minutes is £48, 45 minutes £72.

To sign up please click this link or email sallycrathern@btinternet.com

OR [Sally Crathern Swim School | Witley | Godalming](#)

Witley C of E Infant School

ALL SAINTS WITLEY

SING HOSANNA

Sunday 16th March

11.30am

hot drinks and cakes

**Songs, craft, story and
prayer**

for all ages

Everyone welcome



Fun Science

www.fun-science.org.uk

Fun Science Easter Holiday Clubs!
Ewshot Village Hall
9th ♦ 16th April 2025

Rainbows!

Rockets!

Electricity and magnets!

Eggs for Easter!

Main sessions 10am to 3pm with stay and play options available. £30/day with sibling and block booking discounts offered.

To book: <https://tinyurl.com/EasterScienceEwshot>

COMPETITION! WIN A FREE WEEK AT CAMP!

PLUS £250 DONATION FOR YOUR
SCHOOL AND A MINI BILLY!

WIN A
MINI
BILLY!

KIDS COMPETITION

Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025!

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- ⦿ Based on existing activity with a twist
- ⦿ Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- ⦿ Add your theme to an activity
- ⦿ An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

WE WILL REPLICATE YOUR ACTIVITY IDEA AT CAMP!

YOUR CHANCE
TO WIN!

ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO
FUN@BARRACUDAS.CO.UK
BY 25TH MARCH

INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE
& NAME & LOCATION OF
SCHOOL WITH YOUR
ENTRY!

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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Winner announced 27th March
Camp open dates 7th - 17th April



LED BY
EXPERIENCED &
QUALIFIED SCHOOL
TEACHERS



7-17 April 2025



St James Primary School -
Elstead



4-11 years old

Activities:

- ✓ Outdoor Adventures
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Sport
- ✓ Performing Arts

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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	18.03	Haslemere Museum Trip for Year R – morning only
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 at 2.15 pm in Jubilee Hall Open Classroom for ALL year groups 2.45 – 3.30 pm
Tues	01.04	Easter Service in the JUBILEE HALL at 9.05 am – All parents invited. Please enter via the staff car park door
Weds	02.04	Easter Service at All Saints Church at 2.30 pm. Led by Revd Ann for the children. Parents are welcome
Th	03.04	FWS BARN DANCE 7.30 pm at the CHICHESTER HALL
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH Sublime Science Workshop – all year groups during the morning (paid for by FWS – thank you!)
		EASTER HOLIDAYS 7th – 21st 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
Weds	14.05	Year 1 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall – 9.05 am. Parents invited
Mon	19.05	Week beginning 19 th May is 'Walk to School' week. Get your walking shoes on!
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26th – 30th May 2025

Mon	02.06	First day of term
Mon	09.06	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Mon	16.06	Year R Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall at 2.15 pm followed by Open Classroom for ALL year groups 2.45 – 3.30 pm
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.
Weds	09.07	Sports morning for all year groups starting at 9.05 am and finishing approx. 9.50 am. Parents welcome.
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Weds	03.09.25	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	03.11.25	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

