



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 25 – Spring Term

Friday, 21st 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/Carers and Children,

Spring has really sprung at Witley, the primroses, crocuses and daffodils are now flourishing and green buds are appearing on the trees. Year R spent a sunny afternoon on a stroll around the grounds looking for those signs of spring!



OPAL GROUNDFORCE DAY

Saturday, 22nd March from 1 – 4pm

Parents and kids come along and help us!

Refreshments available - hotdogs at 4 pm

Please let the office know if you're coming along tomorrow, so we can make sure we have enough refreshments. **Forest School will also be open with Mrs Stanton, 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.

Please bring along, spades and wheelbarrows (name them if you can!).

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

- Wheelbarrowing all of the wood chippings down to Forest School and the Hill (thank you to the Brett-field family!)
- Digging a trench for the tyre wall.
- Moving the wooden seat 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.



Barn Dance cancelled!



Sadly, the Barn Dance hasn't caused quite the stampede we hoped it would!

We're a way off the numbers we need to break even and make it worthwhile for all the effort that goes into it, so we've decided to cancel. We're losing a bit of money in deposits etc. but it's not too major and we intend to get another Bingo night in at some point and possibly another little pop up event to top up the funds - you win some you lose some!

Thanks to those of you that signed up, we will get your refunds to you.

Hambledon Village Hall are doing something similar on June 7th so if you were well up for it we could all trot over there for a dance!

Friends of Witley School

Lottie the litter champion

Last weekend Lottie in Dolphins did a litter picking fundraiser around Witley School and down the alleyway towards The Chandler.

Lottie managed to fill one whole bin bag and was very proud of her efforts. She did this because she wanted to help her Dad raise funds for The Royal Society for Blind Children at this year's London Marathon.

With the generous support of the parents in Dolphins class she raised a super £65 for RSBC. When I told her the donation total Lottie had the biggest smile!

Parents have given the school permission to put Lottie's photo on our FB page to let the community know of her extraordinary achievement!

Well done Lottie!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

There is a funeral arranged for Monday 31st March at 3pm over at All Saints church. It is Open Classroom, so please bear this in mind as it will be busier at pick up, please walk/cycle if possible. Thank you.

Epilepsy Day – Wednesday, 26th March

Next Wednesday is Epilepsy Day and in support of one of our families we are asking children to wear something purple. You can, if you want, make a voluntary donation to the charity by popping a coin in your class's collection box.

Haslemere Museum

This week Year R visited Haslemere Museum, which is often referred to as the little British Museum. Pupils had a fun time travelling on the coach and learning the names of the animals and the countries they came from.

The bear was very popular and the spider crab was 'huge'.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Perkins family for the amazing Chocolate orange cake.

Congratulations to Simone in Year 1 who won!

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



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

Year R – Emma and Bea

Year 1 – Iris and Zach

Year 2 – Bear and Florence

Headteacher's Awards

Year R – Ida

Year 1 – Ru

Year 2 - Ellie



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.





AGE 4YRS +

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

7-17TH APRIL

GRAYSWOOD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LOWER ROAD,
GRAYSWOOD, HASLEMERE, SURREY, GU27 2DR

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - £30*

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM - £40*

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM - £46*

20% OFF IF YOU BOOK FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK!

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS,
ASSAULT COURSES AND MORE!



Registration and
booking essential.
Places are limited.

Email care@thehen-house.com for more information

Did you know we accept
Childcare Vouchers and Tax
Free Childcare payments?

*picnic style lunch add-on available for
only £4

FWS Upcoming Events

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April

EASTER EGG HUNT

25

April

BREAK THE RULES DAY

10

May

WITSTOCK

22

May

COLOUR RUN

20

June

SPONSORED DANCEATHON

29

June

**WITLEY V HAMBLEDON
CRICKET**

06

July

SUMMER SOCIAL

18

July

LEAVERS DINNER



SURREY HILLS SPRING FAIR 2025

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

at the Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford, GU10 2DL

TICKETS
£15.00 or £12.50 in advance
Kids under 16 go FREE



**Celebrate the start of Spring with traditional country activities
and the best of Surrey's art, crafts, food and drink**

- Countryside crafts & demos
 - Spring themed fair stalls & games
 - Blacksmith & saw mills
 - Steam engines & penny farthings
 - Nature & heritage walks and talks
- Plus the best from Surrey Hills**
- Singer songwriters and entertainers
 - Award-winning food & drink
 - Artisan art & craft producers

PLUS Free parking and friendly dogs on leads welcome



www.surreyhills.org



www.rural-life.org.uk



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and tickets



UK Health
Security
Agency

Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease or tick borne encephalitis.

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and of being infected:

- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you, your family or your pets
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- ticks can bite anywhere on the body, including in your hair. More than one tick can be attached to you at a time
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, persistent headache, confusion or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly**. Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.nice.org.uk/guidance

GOV-11370

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
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 - CANCELLED
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 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
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 26 th – 30 th 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.

