



# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 28 – Spring Term

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is trust



Target attendance for the Year 95%

This year's attendance is 95.3%

*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you Psalm 56:2*

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Welcome Revd Amy Webb

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the induction of our new Vicar, Revd Amy Webb at All Saints Church. Amy comes to us from Portsmouth Diocese where she has been in ordained ministry for the last ten years. She joins us with their husband, Mark and three children. We wish her all the best in her new role and we are looking forward to meeting her at school over the coming weeks.

## Groundforce Day is back!

We had lots of you asking if we are holding another groundforce day, so we will be opening up the school on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> between 1 – 4 pm as Witstock is now cancelled.

We'll be painting the old sheds, moving MORE chippings and we have about 10 tyres to dig in plus other smaller jobs and of course hotdogs at 4 pm!



## Staying Safe in the Sun

With the warmer weather arriving please ensure your child has a water bottle, sunhat/cap and please apply sun screen at home before coming to school. Sorry, but staff cannot apply sunscreen at school.

## Messy Church

Don't forget Messy Church is tomorrow at All Saints Church between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Lots of craft activities for a Saturday afternoon with songs, stories and refreshments.

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No need to  
book,  
just come  
along!



Family Open Day for parents and children starting school in September 2025 and 2026. A great chance for local families to get to know their school and explore our wonderful environment.

Our Early Years will be open, as well as our Forest School and pond dipping.

Church Lane, Witley, GU8 5PN  
Call: 01428 682420  
[office@witley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@witley.surrey.sch.uk)

**OPEN DAY**  
**SATURDAY**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**2025**  
**2pm - 4pm**

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During the holiday many of you will have been offered school places in reception or Year 3. The community of Milford and Witley have experienced a particularly low birth year so unusually we do have spaces for September in Year R!

In June we have an open day planned for our new children starting in September and any families beginning to look at schools for 2026. On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be open for you to come along as a family to play in the Forest School, explore the Early Years classroom and pond dip.

**Lost Property – please claim me!**

Our lost property box is full! Please do take a look and see if any of the items belong to you. Most of the uniform is not named. There are also coats and lost property from after school clubs.

We have quite a lot of surplus uniform like fleeces, etc. please do call into the office if you need anything. The items are free but you can, if you wish, make a small voluntary donation to FWS.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

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

Year R – Hanora and Henry    Year 1 – Ru and Billy    Year 2 – Amelia and Raife

Headteacher's Awards

Year R – Charlie W

Year 1 – Zoe

Year 2 - Oscar



## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Smith family for Colin the Caterpillar

Congratulations to Aiden 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.

## 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.



# FWS Upcoming Events



FWS

## SWEET STALL

Friday May 9th At Pickup  
£1 per bag. Cash or card.

Witley and FWS normally run a sweet stall at Witstock and we had already bought all the sweets before it was cancelled! So we will be holding our own Sweet Sale with the help of the entrepreneurs in Puffins.





**Looking for your next step? A change in career?**  
**Why not train to teach** with our one-year school led PGCE?  
**Seeking** to study in a group of schools that fundamentally believe in a holistic education? Fancy **support** with travel costs?

**Train to teach in Sept '25 with the Godalming Learning Partnership!**

Find out more about our unique school-led PGCE teacher training programme at our webinar:

**Wednesday 30 April @ 7.00pm**

Register for this event on Eventbrite using the QR code or link: [Train to teach with the GLP](#)

Our Course Coordinators will take you through how the course runs, entry requirements, the enrolment process, etc. You can then use the Q&A session to answer any questions you may have on the course itself or the partnership schools.





## WED 30 April 7-8pm GLP Train to Teach webinar

Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-to-teach-in-godalming-info-webinar-tickets-1303052678639?aff=oddtcreator>

Find out more about our fantastic teacher training PGCE course based in Godalming schools, with a focus on providing excellent experiences and support:

- **PGCE course in Godalming:** you'll be based in local partner schools, ensuring a practical and immersive training practice.
- **Outstanding training at Winchester University:** you'll be studying once a fortnight with Winchester University, known for its superior teacher training programmes.
- **Access to a range of schools:** you'll gain experience in multiple schools, all committed to prioritising the child's broadest educational experience.
- **Travel bursary:** you can apply for a travel bursary of up to £800 to help with the costs of commuting.
- **Small cohorts:** you'll be part of a deliberately small group to provide a personalised, hands-on training experience.
- **Focus on resilience:** you'll be guided to build resilience, key for navigating the challenges of this rewarding teaching career.

Join our supportive and career-focused programme and you will access:

- **Excellent employment opportunities:** Graduates of the *GET Teaching* programme are in high demand, with some schools in the GLP network now employing *GET Teaching* alumni as 50% of their teaching staff - shows the trust and value these schools place in our training.
- **Career advancement:** *GET Teaching* alumni don't just stop at being classroom teachers. Many are already progressing into middle management roles, with a clear path toward senior leadership positions.
- **Continued support for career development:** Even after completing the course, there is ongoing support for early career development, helping teachers continue to build resilience and grow in their profession.

**Make a difference in young lives – Train to Teach with the GLP**

## 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	26.04	MESSY CHURCH at All Saints Church 3.30.-.5.30.pm
Mon	05.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sat	10.05	GROUNDFORCE DAY – 1 – 4 pm – everyone welcome!
Weds	14.05	Year 1 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall – 9.05 am. Parents invited
Mon	19.05	Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May is 'Walk to School' week. Get your walking shoes on!
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		<b>MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Sat	07.06	School Open Day for new families joining us in September and prospective parents September 2026 2 – 4 pm
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.
Mon	07.07	EYFS End of Year Reports issued
Weds	09.07	Sports morning for all year groups starting at 9.05 am and finishing approx. 9.50 am. Parents welcome.
Thurs	10.07	KS1 End of Year Reports issued
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



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

[www.allsaintswitley.org.uk](http://www.allsaintswitley.org.uk)  
[office@allsaintswitley.org.uk](mailto:office@allsaintswitley.org.uk)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**3.30pm – 5.30pm**  
 in church



**Activities, songs, stories, tea**

**All ages welcome**



**HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB**  
**JUNIOR CRICKET**  
 Juniors train on Fridays and Saturdays



Whether your child is cricket crazy or just starting out, we'd love to see them.

Mixed 12-13 yr olds  
 Fridays from 18.00 - 20.00

Mixed 7-11 yr olds  
 Saturdays from 09.30 - 11.00

Dedicated girls section  
 Saturdays from 11.15

Training starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April for 12-13 yr olds  
 Winter nets start on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1-3pm

ECB Level 2 Coaching • Match time guaranteed  
 Idyllic and safe setting with a superb coffee shop overlooking the ground

Contact Sarah-Jane Gorrod for further information: [s\\_jbateman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_jbateman@yahoo.co.uk) or 07979 694825  
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