



# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 23 – Spring Term

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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%

*For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control*

*2 Timothy 1:7*

Dear Parents/Carers



**SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**



Year 2 enjoyed an educational visit from our Surrey Fire and Rescue Team last week. Sophie led the session and the children learnt all about staying safe and using a phone to ring for help. Ask your child in Year 2 to tell you all about the visit. Sophie sent this message afterwards and we are very proud of Puffins.

*Good afternoon,*

*It was a pleasure to visit your Year 2 class today to deliver our fire safety session. Your students really engaged with the session, and I hope that they will be more fire safe as a result!*

*Thank you once again for welcoming me into your class.*

*Kind regards,*

*Sophie*

Further information about the visit appears later on in the newsletter.



## 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](mailto:chairfws@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

<https://forms.gle/fi2QMincNwg9tU5v6>

## World Book Day

Thank you to Mrs Graham, our English Lead, who organised a very successful WBD and Jo (parent), who helped make the day so special! We hope you enjoy the extreme reading photos as well as our whole school reading afternoon!

Well done to Olive, Remi and Annabelle in Year R, Lyra, Harry and Rex in Year 1, Amelia, Rupert and Bear who won the extreme reading competition, winning a book of their choice.







## REMINDER and link to free digital parenting workshop

12th March 2025 6pm-7.30pm 'Positive Parenting in a Digital World'

St James Primary School, Thursley Road, Elstead is delighted to host an in-person and live streamed talk with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation <https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

## 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](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/arrangements-and-outcomes/determined-arrangements).

## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Williams family for providing the doggy cupcakes.

Congratulations to Coco in Dolphins for winning!

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 – Zach and Coco    Year 1 – Evie and Olivia    Year 2 – Willa and Chia

Headteacher's Award –

Year R – Kalu

Year 1 – Martha

Year 2 - Henry



## 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.



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### Smart watches and mobile phones



Please can we remind parents that electronic devices and smart watches are not allowed in school as per our school Acceptable Use Agreement for Pupils. A copy of which was sent to all parents earlier this academic year.

Please support the school with this rule. Thank you.

# SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Dear Parent or Carer



This week your child took part in a fire safety session led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. As part of our prevention work, we visit schools to teach children and young people key fire safety skills. We want all families to be safe from fire, so please take a few minutes to talk to them about what they learnt today.

## In the session, we covered:

- Calling 999
- Common fire hazards
- Stay away from matches and lighters
- What to do in case of a fire – Get out, Stay out, Call 999!

## How you can keep your family safe from fire:

In addition to discussing today's session with your child, there are steps that you can take to ensure your family is safe from fire and prepared in case of an emergency.

## Common fire hazards at home include

- cookers / ovens
- candles and fireplaces
- matches and lighters
- electrical items
- barbecues / bonfires

We have taught your child to **stay away** from these items.

**Always supervise** your child when using cookers, and never leave lit candles, fireplaces, barbecues, or bonfires unattended.

**Matches and lighters** should always be kept out of the reach of children.

**Electrical fires** are increasingly common: replace damaged cables, allow hot electrical items sufficient time to cool in a safe place, and avoid overloading plug sockets with too many devices.

We also taught your child **what to do in case of a fire**. They know to follow these simple steps:

- Respond to a smoke alarm immediately and shout 'Fire!' to alert others
- Get out quickly and safely
- Once out, stay out, then call 999

You can help your family escape safely in case of an emergency by creating a fire escape plan and ensuring that exit routes are kept clear. Teaching your child to learn your home address will help if they ever need to call 999.

The key advice to remember is to **'Get out, Stay out and Call 999!'**

## Further information:

Following our session today, your child may ask questions that you cannot answer. If you would like further information about what we covered today and how to keep your family fire safe at home, please visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education)

**We visit homes to provide personalised fire safety advice and if necessary, supply and install fire safety equipment free of charge. Find out more over the page!**

For more information visit  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education)





To book a free **Safe and Well Visit** for yourself, or refer a loved one or someone you're worried about, do one of the following:

➤ Visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell)



➤ Scan the QR code with your phone camera

➤ Call free on **0800 085 0767**

➤ Text to **07971 691898** with:

- your name • a contact number
- your postcode • your primary concern - such as smoke alarms, a disability, or safety concern.



**We are here to help you stay safe and well in your home.**

For more information visit  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education)



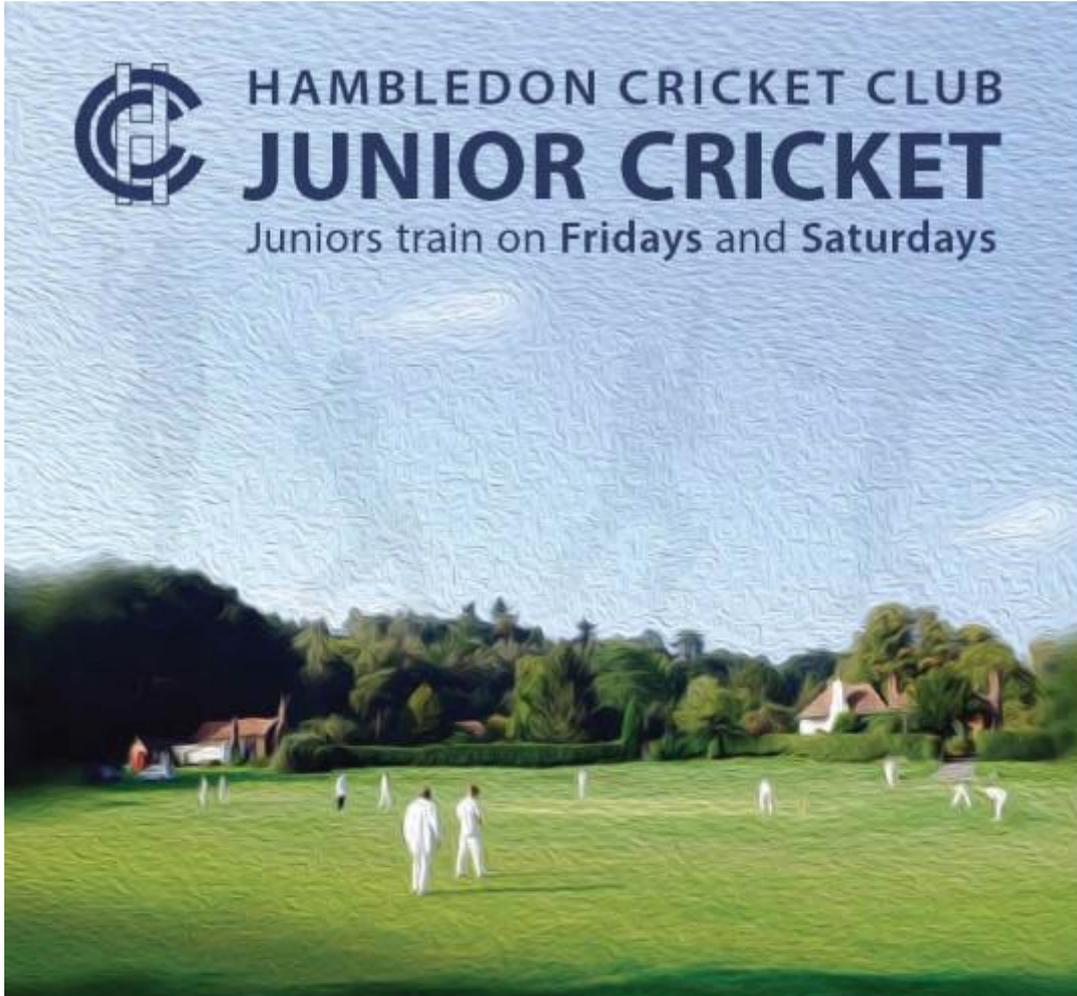
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HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB

# 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

The Cricket Green, Hambledon, Surrey. GU8 4HF



# 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](http://www.surreyhills.org)



[www.rural-life.org.uk](http://www.rural-life.org.uk)



Scan for info  
and tickets

## 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	11.03	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
Tues	18.03	Haslemere Museum Trip for Year R
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/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> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Sat	26.04	MESSY CHURCH at All Saints
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	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.
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	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

**Fun Science**  
www.fun-science.org.uk

Fun Science Easter Holiday Clubs!  
Ewshot Village Hall  
9<sup>th</sup> ♦ 16<sup>th</sup> 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>