



# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 29 – Summer Term

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is trust

Happy  
MAY DAY BANK  
HOLIDAY

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,

## Ofsted

We hope you have had time to read through our Ofsted report which we are very proud of. Having two inspectors for just the one day was incredibly challenging logistically with a small school but staff and children were on top form. Several of our children spoke at length to the inspectors and their responses are echoed in the depth of the report. Thank you to our families who supported us.

## Break the Rules

Thank you to everyone who participated in our popular 'Break the Rules' day organised by FWS last week! It gets crazier by the year!



## Groundforce Day on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 1 – 4 pm

Just a reminder that we will be opening up the school on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> between 1 – 4 pm. We'll be painting the old sheds, moving MORE chippings, planting up our flower boxes and we have about 10 tyres to dig in plus other smaller jobs and, of course, hotdogs at 4 pm! You are welcome to join us.

## ART



Pupils have been learning about St George this week and have produced some beautiful printed roses using celery sticks! Well done to Bea, Charlie Y and Charlotte in Dolphins for your very creative prints.



## Maths Tests – Year 2

Well done to Puffins Class who participated in the trials of the Technical Pre-Test (TPT) for Key Stage 1 Maths tests. Data from the trial will help to develop future National Curriculum tests (commonly known as 'SATs').



## Online Safety - Adolescence

As you may already be aware, the Netflix series Adolescence has been widely discussed over the last few weeks. The show provides a powerful, and at times difficult, look at the digital pressures young people face online and the role parents have to play in their digital wellbeing.

## Free Parent Resources

To help, our online monitoring company here at Witley, Smoothwall, have created a [resource page](#) for parents. It's packed with practical advice, conversation starters, and useful insights to help parents navigate the various challenges the series brings to light.

From setting boundaries around screen time to processing upsetting online content, the resources are designed to give parents the tools and knowledge to take the next steps in supporting their child's digital wellbeing.

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

Year R – Grace and Felix      Year 1 – Roman and Finley      Year 2 – Arlo and Isla Hi

Headteacher's Awards

Year R – Delilah

Year 1 – William

Year 2 - Puffins Class



## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Westhead family for the brownies.

Congratulations to Ru in Penguins who has taken them home!



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

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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.

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

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

*Learn, love and flourish together*

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 between 2 and 4 pm for you to come along and play in the Forest School, explore the Early Years classroom and pond dip. Please spread the word to any families you know in the community.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff





## Reception Class Meet-Ups 2025

### Does your child start school this September?

The Hen House is hosting school starter meet-ups for local families joining infant and primary schools.

£10 per family, siblings welcome.

Includes 2 hour access to our soft play, role play, sensory and café area exclusively for children and parents of the school your child is going to.

A great chance for your little one to make friends ahead of their first day at school.

Head to our website and select 2025 School Starter Meet-up to book.

[www.thehen-house.com](http://www.thehen-house.com)

Hen House, our breakfast and after school provider, are organising events for all children starting school in September across the area. Please see below:

	9.30-11.30	12-2	2.30-4.30
Sat 19th July	Liphook Infants	Barrow Hills	St Ed's, Hindhead/St Hilary's
Sun 20th	TBC	Moss Lane	Farncombe Infants
Sat 26th	Grayswood Primary	Witley Infants	St Mary's, Shackleford
Sun 27th	St James, Elstead	St John's, Churt	All Saints Tilford
Sat 2nd August	Bramley Infants	Camelsdale	St Bart's
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amesbury	Beacon Hill	Fernhurst Primary
Sat 9th	St Mary's, Chiddingfold	Shottermill Infants	St Ives

## 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.



## 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
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 NO. 1 – 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 NO. 2 – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri	19.12.26	Last Day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm.
Mon	05.01.26	INSET DAY NO. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED
Th	12.02	Last day of term – finish at 3.15 pm
Fri	13.02	INSET DAY NO. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon	23.02	First day of term
Fri	27.03	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm



**Pitch Pals**  
Fun, Football & Friendships

**SCHOOL 10% CODE-VOQ368**

# MAY HALF-TERM CAMPS

**MAY 27, 28, 29**  
9AM-3.30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5

Full Week-**\*£85.50** Single Day-**\*£31.50** Half Day-**\*£18**

**\*SCHOOL 10% DISCOUNT**

**BOOK NOW**  [HTTPS://PITCH-PALS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://pitch-pals.classforkids.io)





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](http://www.nhs.uk) [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) [www.nice.org.uk/guidance](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance)

GOV-11370

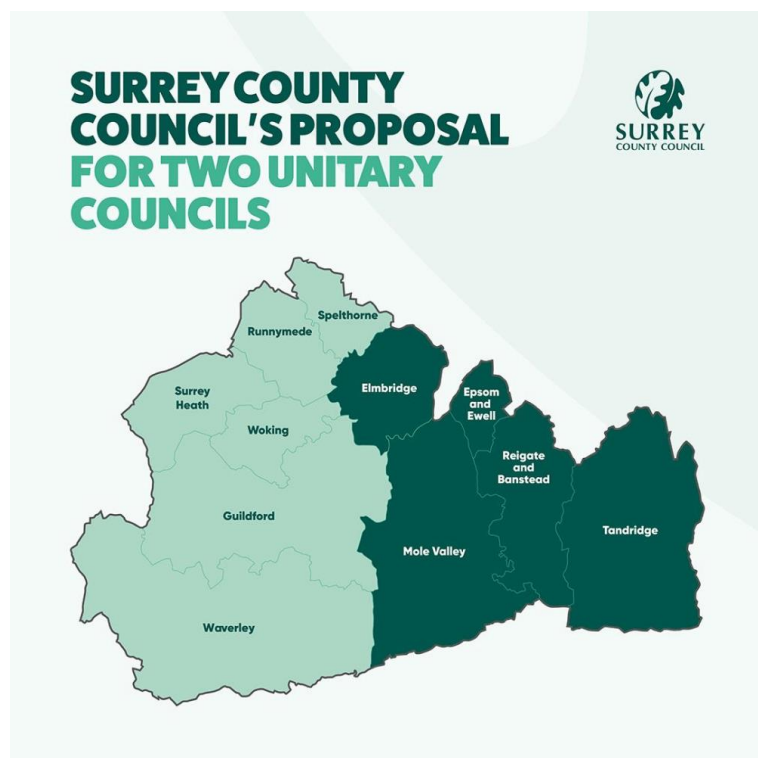


## News for parents/carers from Surrey County Council

Surrey County Council's full devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) plan has now been published. It is subject to Cabinet approval on 7 May. Once approved, it will be submitted to government by 9 May.

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/lgr/plans](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/lgr/plans)

The proposal shows two unitary councils, with an East and West geography as shown in the map image below. These two councils would replace the existing 12 councils and unlock further devolution in Surrey.



Detailed analysis within the plan shows that two councils would be the most beneficial model for Surrey's future, with similar land area, population, house building targets, business activity, homelessness and total miles of public highways. It also considers the differing levels of debt that the two authorities would potentially inherit.

The plan also strengthens local community engagement with community level boards proposed across Surrey, enabling residents to have a say in services and decisions that affect them.

Once submitted to government, printed copies of the proposal will be made available at all Surrey libraries.

We'll be sharing details of more in-person information events soon, including an online resident information event in May.

All information regarding Surrey's LGR, including FAQs and final and interim plans, is available on Surrey's website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/lgr/plans](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/lgr/plans)

Follow us on social media for the latest updates and sign up for our Surrey Matters newsletter here: <https://orlo.uk/ozclP>



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) courses are delivered by qualified professionals, within the OFSTED framework.

Free online workshops for parents and carers in Surrey. [Surrey Adult Learning](#)

### **Family Learning Courses**

#### [Workshops for ESOL Parents](#)

- Settling into Secondary School
- Read with Your Child
- Understanding Nursery & Reception Classes
- Talking Maths for Parents
- What's Happening in School

#### [Boosting Confidence in Maths](#)

- Numbers Made Fun: Addition & Subtraction or Multiplication & Division
- Help Your Child Be Awesome at Maths

#### [Supporting Emotional Wellbeing](#)

- Positive Bedtime Routines
- Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child
- Develop Friendships & Self-Esteem
- Manage Anxiety, Handle Anger and Meltdowns
- Support Sensory Needs (ASD, ADHD and other)

#### [Navigating School Transitions](#)

- Starting School: Managing Anxiety and Expectations
- Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance