



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 27 – Spring Term

Friday, 4th April 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 so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Pause Afternoon



On Tuesday all of our children spent the afternoon in mixed year groups reflecting on the Easter story. Children joined their friends visiting the different classrooms. In Dolphins Class they learnt about the symbols of Easter and visited the Forest School in search of hidden eggs.

In Penguins Class they learnt the importance of sending messages of love at different times of the year and made a special Easter card for our

families.

In the Jubilee Hall, Mrs Graham helped the children tell the story of Easter through drama. They dressed up in costumes to become a character in the Easter story.



Year 2 Royalty Day



Puffin Class enjoyed performing their class assembly to parents and children last Monday. We learnt about Henry VIII and his many wives as well as other notable monarchs as part of our history curriculum. Well done Year 2 – a magnificent performance!



Easter Service at All Saints



It was lovely to see so many parents at our Church this week as Revd Ann and Victoria led the Easter service. We learnt about how Easter eggs remind us of the tomb where Jesus was laid and the significance of the cross on our hot cross buns.

Finally, thank you to those who supported our Year 2 sale. We raised over £60 for Charlie's Promise charity.



In assembly we have talked about the charities we support. Lots of the children have already talked about Charlie's Promise in school and we learnt about how the charity helps teenagers make the right choices and not to hurt each other.

Have a lovely Easter break,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff



ALL SAINTS WITLEY

Good Friday 18th April
Sing Hosanna Special

10.45am Hot Cross Buns, cakes, drinks, singing and craft

11.00 am Why is Good Friday 'good'?

Everyone welcome

News from Friends of Witley School

Happy Easter everyone, if you've made it this far through this final week of overtired children and too much chocolate then well done! The Easter Egg Hunt at the beginning of the week was a hit with the children with the eggs provided by FWS.

We should all be nursing hangovers and icing sore legs today after The Barn Dance but sadly that one didn't quite work out - maybe we scared you all off with our cowgirl video?! We hope we'll have your support for the rest of our events this year.

Jo had a great morning on World Book Day doing book themed drama workshops with each class. The book was Ruby's Worry and the children were so engaged and sweet, sharing their own worries and acting out sections from the book with enthusiasm.

Hopefully the children will come home today talking about the Sublime Science Show we have organised and are inspired to make potions and blow stuff up in your kitchens – sorry about the slime!

We've had a relatively quiet term for events but a big term for spending. This term we have spent £4600 of your brilliant donations, which have paid for:

Gym benches for the hall, large outdoor wooden play kitchen for Dolphins Class
Outdoor reading pod, wooden planks for building and play
35 Toots (basic flutes) for Year 2, wooden toys and puzzles, art supplies including pencils, sugar paper, scissors, masking tape, clay, Little Wandle books, exercise books, paper trimmer, art drying rack
Coaches and trip costs to Marwell Zoo, Brooklands and Haslemere Museum
Sublime Science Show for all year groups

We will have more invoices to pay from The Opal Play Scheme after Easter and will be funding further development of the play facilities in the playground, including some outdoor musical instruments. We are always open to suggestions on how we can spend the money you donate so do get in touch.

Coming up after Easter we have:

April 25th Break The Rules Day	May 10th Witstock	May 22nd Colour Run
June 20th Sponsored Danceathon	June 29th Witley v Hambledon Cricket	
July 6th Summer Social	July 18th Leavers Dinner	

We are also adding a Pop-up Bar in The Churchfield pencilled for July 11th, weather permitting, thanks in advance to The Squires and The Strongs for always being so generous with their land. Come and have a few drinks in the gorgeous woodland with music and fairy lights and just a stumble home.

We're also hoping to hold another Bingo night - we all want to see your chicken impressions one more time.....

Have a fantastic Easter and we'll see you on the 22nd with the Cake Raffle and a busy term to follow.

Jo, Tiff, Sam, Emily and Anna xxx

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Hunnex family for the yummy chocolate cake

Congratulations to Alfie in Dolphins who won!

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



THE HEN HOUSE!

Are you looking for wraparound care for your child?

At The Hen House, we provide a safe, home-from-home environment where your child can relax, have fun and enjoy creative activities before and after school. Flexible hours and nutritious meals available.

Wraparound Care for Witley C of E Infant School

Breakfast Club £8

🕒 7:30am - Start of School (Monday - Friday)

✓ Includes a nutritious breakfast

✓ A walking bus is available for siblings of Chandler students. We'll walk them to school after breakfast club.

After-School Club £17

🕒 End of school - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday)

✓ A fun, safe environment with engaging activities

✓ Optional two-course healthy dinner available for £3.50

✓ Stand alone or add-on Crafty Club on Thursday and Friday afternoons £12

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



Registration and booking
essential.

Places are limited.

Email care@thehen-house.com for more information



How to register and book for wraparound or holiday camps with The Hen House

As we prepare for the transition to our new online booking system, **MagicBooking**, we want to ensure you have all the resources you need to make the process as smooth as possible.

Here is our link to access the system:

<https://thehenhouse.magicbooking.co.uk>

Helpful Documents & Guides

To assist you, we have compiled an essential help document (use the link below), from here you can gain support on **Step-by-Step Guide to Registration & Booking** and how to **Manage Your Account & Child's Details**.

<https://thehen-house.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Magic-Booking-Users-step-by-step-registration-.pdf>

If you need any additional support please email- care@thehen-house.com

FWS Upcoming Events

- 01** 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**



FREE TRIAL WEEK

STAGECOACH GODALMING

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025



Available for Children belonging to Schools in Godalming

EASTER FAMILY EVENTS at Haslemere Museum



 <p>Museum Explorers Feathered Friends Drawing</p> <p>Tue 8 April 10.30am-12pm</p> <p>For ages 5-11 - A morning of art for Draw a Bird day.</p>	 <p>Family event Easter Eggcitement</p> <p>Thu 10 April 10.30am-1pm</p> <p>Easter arts & crafts and a garden trail with a chocolate treat.</p>	 <p>Family activity Mini Masters</p> <p>Tue 15 April 10.30am-1pm</p> <p>Be inspired by artists and create your own art.</p>	 <p>Museum Explorers Batty About Bats</p> <p>Thu 17 April 10.30am-12pm</p> <p>5-11s can learn about bats and make bat arts and crafts.</p>
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FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK AT haslemere-museum.co.uk/whatson

ADOPT A PANE FOR EASTER

Find a window pane to adopt during the Easter school holidays and receive an Easter chocolate treat to go with it!

Find out more about our ADOPT A PANE fundraising appeal on the Museum's website.



FARM FUN FOR FAMILIES AND FOODIES!

Secretts ASPARAGUS & RHUBARB WEEKEND



SATURDAY 17TH MAY & SUNDAY 18TH MAY '25

PYO ASPARAGUS & RHUBARB - SNAIL TRAIL AROUND FARM - MAGICIAN - PETTING ZOO - FARM FUN & GAMES - DELICIOUS FOOD - LICENSED BAR

BOOK ONLINE!
WWW.SECRETTS.CO.UK



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ISI INSPECTION 2023
'EXCELLENT' IN ALL AREAS

AN INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7 -13



BOOK YOUR PLACE!



OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

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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
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
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.

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



EASTER EVENTS AT GODALMING LIBRARY

*The Staff at Godalming Library would like to tell our customers
about some of our upcoming events and ongoing activities*

DROP-IN CRAFTS

Join us at Godalming Library for some Easter Themed drop-in crafts

SATURDAY DROP - IN CRAFTS

*Every Saturday afternoon in the Easter Holidays we will be running
drop-in craft sessions. Come down to the library any time between 12
noon and 4pm to make one of our special Easter themed crafts.*

We will be making:

Saturday 5 April - An Easter Chicken

Saturday 12 April - An Easter Egg (with a special surprise inside)

Saturday 19 April - Easter Bunny Bookmarks

Donations Welcomed



WEEKDAY DROP - IN CRAFTS

We will also have some drop-in craft sessions at 11am on
Mondays and Fridays during the Easter Holidays.

We will be making:

Monday 7 April - A pop up Easter Chick

Friday 11 April - A pop up Easter Card

Monday 14 April - A Rabbit Mask

Donations Welcomed



DOGS TRUST WORKSHOP

*On Tuesday 8 April at 1:30pm The Dogs Trust will be running a
FREE workshop at Godalming Library!*

*Give your family a treat and learn some new tricks by coming along
for a dog-focused, fun, and educational free workshop.*

*It is packed with engaging dog-related games, activities, and role play,
designed to teach children how to behave responsibly around our four-
pawed friends, understand their body language, and keep them happy
and healthy.*

Places are limited so for more information or to book a space visit

www.tinyurl.com/goliberents





PYROGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn a new skill!

Pyrography is the art of burning a design into wood.

*We are running an Introduction to Pyrography craft workshop on **Wednesday 9 April** from 2:30 - 3:30 to make a coaster. All materials are provided. Tickets cost £5.*

This workshop is suitable for children aged 12+ and adults. Children aged between 12 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information or to book a space email godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk

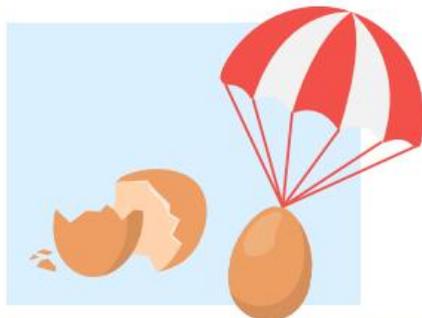
BEGINNERS CODING

Back by popular demand! Our extremely popular beginner coding sessions are back for 2 more dates in the Easter Holidays. Learn to code your own game using Scratch. These sessions are suitable for beginners as well as children who have attended a previous session.

For children aged 7 - 10.

To book a place please email godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk

Suggested Donation of £4 for the session



SCIENCE WORKSHOP

*Join us on **Tuesday 15 April** from 2:30 - 3:30 for an Easter Themed Egg Drop engineering challenge.*

Can you design a protective container to stop an egg breaking when dropped?

Tickets £3 email

godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk to book a space

WILDLIFE WALKS

Join What Next? for a walk on the Godalming Lammas Lands to explore the many insects, mammals and amphibians and plants that can be found there.

For adults and children aged 8+.

Donations welcomed.

Email godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk to book a space

