



## Witley C of E Infant School

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Summer Term  
Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025



*'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another' Ephesians 4:32*

Learn, love and flourish together  
Our value this term is confidence

This year's attendance is 95.3%

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It's been rather hot this week and we have reduced lunchtime play to ensure children are not out for long periods in the heat.

The whole school enjoyed a story with Mrs Lee-Smith on the hottest day, enjoying the shade of the trees on the Hill!



### Year 1 at Chichester Harbour

I was lucky enough to join Penguins this week on their trip to Chichester visiting the education centre, learning about the environment on the coast, catching creepy crawlies with some very large nets, pond dipping, exploring the colours in hedgerows and finding crabs on the shoreline. The area around Chichester has some wonderful walks and we were all very tired on our return to school.





## Assessing the risks – Opal Play Programme

Some parents have asked us about the yew tree, which belongs to our neighbour, near the artificial pitch. The yew tree was overhanging and the poisonous berries and seeds are also a risk to children. Surrey County Council regularly visit the school to assess our trees and they recommended that the tree was cut back. This removal of the branches has also helped create welcome shade to this area.

Our playground continues to provide lots of opportunities for play as part of our Opal Play programme. We constantly assess risks with termly health and safety walks involving our governors, ensuring we have a balanced approach to the benefits that lots of play opportunities bring. We are aware that any piece of equipment brings about its own risks when not used in the right way and our children are learning to assess risks themselves and the large tyres are an example of this.



The popular friendship bench, near the tall wall, has been in situ for many years without any accidents and we looked at it last year in terms of safety, and made a decision not to remove it due to the benefits it brings, however, we are still seeing children climbing on it. With this in mind and in discussion with one of our families we will be either taking off the back section, so this limits the height and danger of scaling the wall, or moving it somewhere else. Watch this space! In the meantime please keep an eye on your children before and after school. Thank you. We are also hoping to reinstate the shade sails over the pirate ship and install a recycled 'music wall' (like the one in the photo above), which the School Council chose to be the next addition in the playground.

## Interrupted Electricity Supply on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Some of you may be aware that a small area at Church Lane in Witley will be without power on the morning of Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. We have spoken to S&SN, who are carrying out the work, and they will be providing the school with a generator to enable us to keep the school open! The children will be having a treat summer picnic lunch on that day.

**Don't forget our SUMMER FAIR on SUNDAY at 2pm! See you there!**

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff.



## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Dennis family for the lovely butterfly cake.

Congratulations to Seb in Penguins who won!



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

## Sports Day – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 9am

(back up day if raining Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am)

Just a reminder that we have our annual sports day on Weds, 9<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9am.

Please arrive in your PE kit and bring your SCHOOL UNIFORM with you to change into after the events. Parents are very welcome to join us at 9am. Children will be in groups (siblings together) and participate in a number of sporting events. We aim to finish at about 10.15am.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle (no juice or flavoured water please), sun hat and please apply sunscreen before school.

Thank you.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR - [Witley C of E Infant School](#)

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Sun	06.07	Summer Social from 2-5pm
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
Weds	16.07	Year 2 Leavers Service at All Saints Church 2.30 pm – 3 pm. Parents/carers invited
Thurs	17.07	Back up Sports morning

Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
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## Measles is on the rise in England - Protect your children with the MMR vaccine

Wednesday, 25/06/2025 | SCC Schools Bulletin



The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has recently published updated details showing an increase of measles cases and outbreaks in England. Most cases being diagnosed are in unvaccinated children 10 years old or younger.

There has also been an increase in measles in Europe and worldwide over the last year. With summer arriving and the onset of travel for holidays or to visit family, UKHSA are highlighting that this could lead to an increase of measles in England [Measles outbreaks continue with risk of holidays causing surge - GOV.UK](#).

Measles spreads very easily and can be a nasty disease, with complications that may lead to hospitalisation and life-changing consequences for some.

[What is measles and why is it so important we're all up to date with our MMR vaccine? – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Please check that your children and all your family members are protected against measles. It is never too late to catch up with the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The vaccine is safe and effective. Around 99% of those who have had two doses will be protected. For further information please visit [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#).

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

Year R – Toby and Henry

Year 1 – Simone and Percy

Year 2 – Indy and Rupert

Headteacher's Awards

Year R - Everyone in Dolphins    Year 1 – Ellie    Year 2 - Bertie



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
Tues	07.10	Individual photos
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
		HALF TERM – 16 February to 20 February
Mon	23.02	First day of term
Fri	27.03	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm
Mon	13.04	First day of term
Fri	22.05	INSET DAY no. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED
		HALF TERM – 25 May to 29 May
Wed	22.07	Last day of term

## 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.



### 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/carers 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/carers 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/carers 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.

### SUMMER SWIMMING COURSE

Introduce your child to water, improve their confidence, technique and stamina. Less formal than weekly lessons, the progress with many of the children is outstanding. This is a 5 day intensive course running at King Edwards School, Witley from Monday July 28th to Friday August 1st.

Teachers are in the water with young, inexperienced children and class sizes are small.

Minimum age 4 with no maximum. Classes are created according to demand, age and ability then parents are emailed with an exact lesson time.

Classes start at 8.30am through to 10.30.

Lessons are for 30 minutes or 45 minutes for the stronger swimmer.

The cost for 5 x 30 minutes is £62, 45 minutes £90.

To sign up please email [sallycrathern@btinternet.com](mailto:sallycrathern@btinternet.com) OR [Sally Crathern Swim School | Witley | Godalming](#)