

Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 5 Autumn Term

Friday, 3rd October 2025



Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is friendship



“Encourage and help each other” - 1 Thessalonians 5.11

Dear Parents/Carers and children

Next Friday we have our OPAL Play afternoon and I'm pleased to inform you that our mentor Kurti, who has been working with us on the project, will be coming along to tell you all about OPAL Play at 1.15 pm.

This will be followed by Q and A about the programme.

Kurti would like you to bring along what we call a loose part, please drop these off behind the fence near Year 1 (see picture below). Earlier in the year we had some donations of small carpet tiles, picnic blankets, giant Jenga, old saucepans etc. for our music wall. Please note these are recycled items NOT new, maybe see if you have anything in your garage/shed! Other items you could bring along are:

Things you can bring:

- old suitcases, attaché cases, handbags or toolboxes of any type
- kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, worktables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured material) or tarpaulins
- wooden or plastic pallets, boxes, trays or crates
- pegs (for holding stuff together)
- old clothes for dressing up
- tyres from cars, scooters, motorbikes and bikes



Dressing up box

We'd like to create a dressing up/theatre box – do you have any scarves, hats etc that you could donate?

Siblings are welcome to come along after the presentation at about 2 pm.

It would be helpful if we could know who will be coming along for the presentation at 1.15 pm, so we can arrange seating. Please email the office to let us know.

Our Year 2 Star Writer!

One of our school areas for focus this year is writing, so we thought we'd celebrate Seb's recount of the Macmillan coffee morning last week. Seb worked really hard to create his piece and he knows his next step is to check that back to front S. Well done Seb!

Writing helps children organise their thoughts, understand language, express emotions, and develop important motor skills. It serves as a tool for learning, problem-solving, and making sense of the world around them.

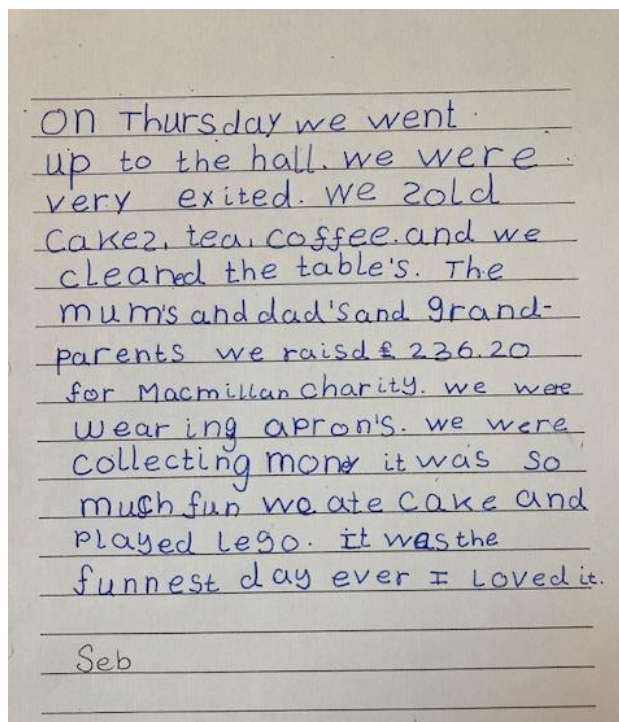
We may not write a lot these days, thanks to iPhones, tablets and laptops; and gone are the days of a handwritten shopping list, but being able to match letters to sounds and write messages opens a whole doorway to learning and expression.

How you can encourage writing at a young age:

Writing birthday or thank you cards, signs and lists, letters or messages to relatives can be motivating real-life reasons for writing, and can show children how useful it is to be able to write well. They will also learn that we use different writing styles in different situations. Try writing spellings (KS1) on bits of paper and hide them around the room as a game.

It's also important for your child to see you write, so ask them to tell you their favourite things for a list or ask them to tell you a story and write it for them!

If you have any questions about writing then please contact Mrs Graham who is our Literacy Lead.



Nits, nits, nits!

We have those little critters back, so check out the link below and please tie hair back. Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Individual photographs

All children have the opportunity for an individual school photograph on Tuesday, 7th October. We will also take a photo of them with their sibling.

Pre-schoolers and family groups are welcome at 8.30 am up at the Jubilee Hall, please enter via the staff car park.

It's Harvest Festival time at All Saints Church this Sunday.

Choir Club

Choir Club is on every Friday for Year 2 over at All Saints Church. If you'd like to go, then Mrs Adams and I are happy to walk your child over to the Church at 3.30 pm to be greeted by Revd Ann and Victoria, one of our governors. Choir finishes at 4.30 pm. Please email the office giving us permission to take your child over to the church.



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 – Barnaby and Ezwa

Year 1 – Alfie and Marnie

Year 2 – Dylan and Seb

Headteacher's Awards

Year R – Leo Year 1 – Emma Year 2 – Puffins Class (Macmillan coffee morning)

Year 2 – Addison, Sylvie, Iris and Zoe for effort in spellings



Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Webb family for the wonderful strawberry cake.

Congratulations to Coco 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.



NO
ONE
LEFT
BEHIND



Our
Residents



Being
Excellent



Being
Open



Working
Together



Respecting
Others

Dear parents and carers

Subject: Important information about catering and equipment maintenance services for schools and settings provided by Twelve15

Surrey County Council is currently undertaking a review of its school catering and equipment maintenance services, provided by Twelve15. Throughout Surrey there are many ways in which schools procure these services. Some choose to procure these through the council, and others use private providers.

As you may be aware, councils are currently facing financial challenges across the country and because of these challenges, we must regularly review the services we offer, including discretionary services such as Twelve15, and make changes to ensure long-term sustainability.

As part of this review, several options have been considered for the future of catering and equipment maintenance for the Council to remain both effective and financially stable. These options will be presented to Surrey County Council's Cabinet on 23 September with a recommended way forward.

Surrey Twelve15 Update below:

Dear parents and carers

Following the Surrey County Council Cabinet meeting on 23 September, a decision was made to enter a period of consultation and engagement to gain input from staff and schools on the proposal to close catering and equipment maintenance services, provided by Twelve15.

Surrey County Council plan to start the consultation on 1 October, in line with necessary guidance for Cabinet decision-making processes and the consultation will run until 15 November 2025.

It is important to reiterate that no final decision will be made until after the consultation. Once the consultation has closed all feedback will be reviewed prior to a final decision.

Another update will be shared once the consultation has finished and a final decision has been made.

If you have any questions or comments about this, please email

SCCTwelve15Updates.Stakeholders@surreycc.gov.uk



**CHICHESTER HALL
FUNDRAISER**



WITLEY WILD WEST HOEDOWN

Line dancing class with
DancefitwithTina followed by
Live Music from
'The Highway Sun'

**SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER**

CASH BAR

**CLASS 7PM
BAND 8.15PM**

**CHICHESTER
HALL**



**CLASS ONLY £10
BAND ONLY £10
BOTH £20**



CLASS - [HTTPS://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/7059354](https://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/7059354)

BAND - [HTTPS://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/7191500](https://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/7191500)

OR CONTACT TINA 07921 251770

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Tues	07.10	Individual photos - am
Fri	10.10	OPAL Parent/Carer Play afternoon 1.15 – 3.15 pm Presentation at 1.15 pm in the library Pre-schoolers welcome at 2 pm
Tues	14.10	Pupil Progress Meetings KS1 after school – book through Arbor
Weds	15.10	Pupil Progress Meetings all year groups after school – book through Arbor
Wed	15.10	Prospective Parent 2026 tour 3 – 9.05 am FULLY BOOKED and Parent tour 4 – 10.00 am
Fri	17.10	Prospective Parent 2026 tour 5 – 9.45 am FULLY BOOKED
Tues	21.10	Just added – Prospective Parent 2026 tour 6 – 9.05 am
Weds	22.10	Harvest Festival – whole school – parents welcome 2.40 pm Jubilee Hall
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
Weds	05.11.25	Just added – Prospective Parent 2026 tour 7 – 9.05 am
Fri	05.12.25	Just added – Prospective Parent 2026 tour 8 – 11.00 am
Fri	19.12.26	Last Day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm.
Mon	05.01.26	INSET DAY NO. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri	09.01.26	Just added – Prospective Parent 2026 tour 9 – 9.40 am
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



Milford and Brook
School Of Dance



Becky Bradbury B.Phil(hons) , LRAD, ARAD, AISTD
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MUSICAL THEATRE & TAP CLASSES

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAYS
BURTON PAVILION MILFORD

CHILDREN 5+ 5.15 – 6.00

ADULTS 6.00 – 7.00

FUN FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES



Pitch Pals
Fun, Football & Friendships



**OCTOBER
HALF-TERM CAMPS**

OCT 27, 28, 29
9AM-3.30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Full Week- *£85.50 Single Day- *£31.50 Half Day- *£18
*SCHOOL 10% DISCOUNT

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

BOOK NOW

SCHOOL
10% CODE
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Do you like singing?

enjoy games, activities, learning songs?

are you in years 2,3,4 or 5?

COME AND JOIN

CHOIR CLUB!

3.30pm to 4.30pm
Fridays

All Saints Church,
Witley, GU8 5PN

CONTACT US TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE

01428 681872
office@allsaintswitley.org.uk

THE HEN HOUSE!

FAMILY CLUB



WE ARE HIRING!

Wraparound Care Supervisor

- To work from 7.30am-8.45am and again at 2.30-6.15pm, Mon-Fri during term time in our before and after school clubs. Location - Bramley, Surrey. Additional hours during holidays also available.
- Ideally Level 3 Childcare qualified or above.
- This job would suit ex-teachers, TAs, nursery managers/deputy managers or holiday camp supervisors.
- All training provided.
- Start date: As soon as possible



Send your CV to:
childcare@thehen-house.com

Secretts PUMPKIN WEEK

Secretts Farm, Milford, Surrey

**HALLOWEEN TRAIL TO THE FIELD -
SCAVENGER HUNT - HUGE VARIETY OF
PUMPKINS - FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION - BISCUIT DECORATING -
GLITTER TATTOOS - CAROUSEL - PEDAL
TRACTORS - PUMPKIN THEMED MENU -
COUNTLESS INSTA MOMENTS AND
FAMILY FUN!**

**PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY
OCTOBER 2025**

DATES

SAT 18TH	MON 27TH
SUN 19TH	TUES 28TH
SAT 25TH	WED 29TH
SUN 26TH	THURS 30TH



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