

Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 9 Autumn Term

Friday, 7th November 2025



Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is respect



“Encourage and help each other” - 1 Thessalonians
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Dear Parents/Carers and children

Thank you to those of you who filled out our short survey about the upcoming SIAMS (statutory school inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools) inspection during this academic year. The responses have been very informative yet incredibly varied.

Remembrance Sunday at All Saints Church

This week our children have been learning about our new value ‘respect’ and in particular learning about Remembrance Day. All of the children have produced some wonderful individual pieces of work using different media such as watercolour, pencil, oil pastel and collage.

Some of the work will go on display over at All Saints this weekend when Iris and Lily will join me to lay our Witley School wreath which the children have made.



Friendship and anti-bullying week

BEING LOVELY and UNDERSTANDING to EVERYONE WEEK!

Next week it's national anti-bullying week where we will be talking about healthy friendships and why it is so important to be kind to one another, focusing on our value of 'respect'.

We are also asking children to wear something blue to celebrate our 'Being Lovely and Understanding to Everyone week!'

Examples of what you could wear:
Football top (but not whole kit please)
Hairband
Blue socks
Blue trousers



Please ensure you only wear one blue item!

DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

The most important thing is that Anti-Bullying Week helps raise awareness of bullying amongst children and young people and helps schools to tackle bullying taking place both online and face to face. We've conducted independent research with young people and school staff to ensure that the campaign makes a difference.



"Anti-Bullying Week literally saved my life" - A young person¹²

"There was more awareness of what bullying consists of for the pupils and how they can help reduce their own and others bullying behaviours" - Teacher¹³

"It's a great week for positive changes that desperately need to happen" - Teacher¹⁴

"Anti-Bullying Week helps people who are being bullied to come forward" - A young person¹⁵

Head lice

We seem to have some extra unwanted visitors in school at the moment! These little critters are a real nuisance so please check out the following link if you spot any! Please let the office know if your child has nits, so we can send reminders out when necessary.

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



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

Year R – Lyra and Isobel

Year 1 – Nancy and Charlotte

Year 2 – Sylvie and Ru



Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Richardson family for the superb chocolate piggy cake that smelt delicious!

Congratulations to Immy in Puffins who won!

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



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2026

The **statutory** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place week beginning Monday, 8th June 2026. Please find attached to your parent email this week the Phonics Screening Check Information booklet for parents. If you have any questions regarding phonics and reading please speak with your child's class teacher. Year 2 retakes will also take place.

Year 1 and 2 visit Rodborough

Both Year 1 and Year 2 will be travelling to Rodborough this half term to take part in sports activities with other local schools (see calendar). They will be travelling by coach. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school for this event. Pupils to arrive in school uniform and change into their PE kit at school ready to board the coach to travel to Rodborough.

Christmas Performances

Please check our calendar towards the end of the newsletter for our Christmas performances. We hold a dress rehearsal for younger siblings to attend. Please respect this request. Grandparents are also welcome at either performance.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School

Attendance

We are receiving an increasing amount of requests for absences and whilst we understand how important many of these are for families, the majority will result in an unauthorised absence. We look at each request on an individual basis and assess each application considering factors, including the context and reason for the request.

If parents/carers 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/carer 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/carer 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/carer 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.

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.

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Fri	07.11	FWS POTTERY PAINTING FUNDRAISER after school in the hall
SUN	09.11	Remembrance Service at All Saints Church – 10.15 am
Fri	14.11	Friendship and anti-bullying week – wear something 'BLUE'
Mon	17.11	FWS – Bring your loose change in week through to Thurs, 27 th Nov
Mon	17.11	Year 1 go to Rodborough School for Multiskills Sports – there is no charge for this event 9.30 – 11 am
Thurs	20.11	FWS – Bring a bottle for our Christmas Fair NON-UNIFORM DAY
Tues	25.11	FWS - Wreath making fundraiser
Thurs	27.11	FWS – Bring a small gift for ELFRIDGES NON-UNIFORM DAY
Fri	28.11	Christmas tree arrives!
Weds	03.12	EYFS Nativity – Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall. This performance is suitable for younger siblings/pre-schoolers to attend.
Thurs	04.12	EYFS Nativity Performance for parents (and grandparents) at 2.30 pm in the Hall
Fri	05.12	Prospective Parent 2026 tour no 8 at 11.00 am
SUN	07.12	FWS CHRISTMAS FAIR
Tues	09.12	KS1 Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Hall. This performance is suitable for younger siblings/pre-schoolers to attend
Weds	10.12	Year 2 go to Rodborough School for Multiskills Sports – there is no charge for this event 9.30 – 11 am
Weds	10.12	KS1 Nativity Performance for parents (and grandparents) at 2.30 pm in the Hall
Thurs	11.12	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children – suggested donation £1
Fri	12.12	Wear your Christmas jumper again for our Christmas Lunch!
Thurs	18.12	Magic Show for all children – thank you FWS!
Fri	19.12	Last Day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm.

Mon	05.01.26	INSET DAY NO. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri	09.01.26	Prospective Parent 2026 tour no 9 at 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
Mon	08.06	All week - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check including Year 2 retakes
Wed	22.07	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm



**WITLEY & MILFORD
PARISH COUNCIL**

*Residents of the
Parish are warmly
invited to the*

*Lighting of the Christmas Tree
at
Milford Village Hall*

*Friday 28th November
7pm*

*Come and join us for mulled wine,
mince pies and carols*



With redecoration comes new services to our local villages.
Bringing 'The Spa room' plus a new Nail Bar with shellac manicure & pedicure.



Reflexology



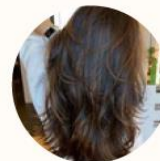
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shellac Nails



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Are you looking at schools for Year 3?



apply now for the

St Hilary's SCHOLARSHIP DAY

Monday 24 November



Academic and Co-curricular Scholarships available

For more information please contact Admissions on 01483 521723
or email admissions@sthilarysschool.com