

# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 12 Autumn Term

Friday, 28th November 2025



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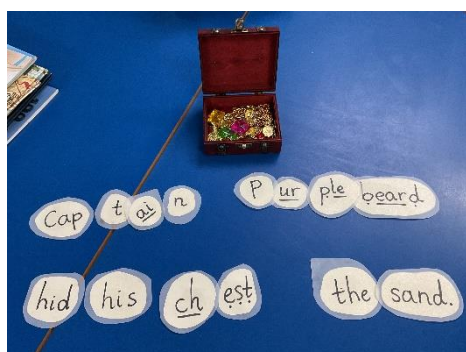
Our value this term is respect

'Be kind and compassionate to one another' Ephesians 4:32



## Dear Parents/Carers and children

Some pirates took over our school last week! Captain Purplebeard had hidden his treasure, but one of the words was missing in his clue! Can you work out the missing word?



The pirates even climbed the rigging up in the hall and walked the plank when it was time for PE! Pirate jokes were told which gave us all a giggle!

Thank goodness the pirates all went home at the end of the day!



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

Year R – Nina and Sloane

Year 1 – Doug and Olive

Year 2 – Jack and Martha

Headteacher Awards

Year R – Lyra

Year 1 – Everyone in Penguins Class

Year 2 – Lyra



## School Council – Year 2

Our Year 2 school councillors visited the Church on Tuesday to meet Bex from the Child of Hope charity.

We have supported Child of Hope charity over the years with small fundraising events and it was great to hear about the work they are doing. Based in Uganda, the Child of Hope charity supports schools to provide free education for children from 3 – 18 years.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumpers don't need to be fancy! Tinsel can look just as fancy added to a colourful jumper! We have two Christmas jumper days, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Money raised will be split between Save the Children and Child of Hope charities.

## Starting Reception Class in September 2026?

Over the past few weeks I have been showing a number of families around our school. Our school tours have been popular and your children have made us very proud as I walk through the classes with our visitors.

We have two tours organised for Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am and Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.40 am. The deadline for Witley C of E Infant School applications to Surrey County Council is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

## Volunteers needed

We are looking for two or three parents who can join us roughly every half term for our OPAL working group in school. Our meetings are on a Tuesday morning and our next one is Tues, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9 am for an hour. Please email the office if you would like to get involved.



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your donations, we raised **£88.05**



## EYFS Nativity Performance reminder

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall. **This performance is for younger siblings/pre-schoolers to attend.** Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the staff car park.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December - Performance for parents (and grandparents) at 2.30 pm in the Hall. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the staff car park.

## Winner of the Spare Change Week

Well done to Penguin Class who collected the most change.

Charlie Wo and Annabelle will be popping along to Church Fields later today to choose our Christmas tree!



## Kind donation

Thank you to Henry's (Penguins) Grandparent who nominated Witley School to receive £750 for the school from the Milford and Witley Village Care group. We are thrilled!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School



FWS INVITES YOU TO OUR

# Christmas FAIR

Fun, Magic, and Joy for the Whole Family!

Visit Father Christmas in his magical grotto  
£5 per child includes special gift  
under 1's free (no gift)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec | 2 - 4 pm

**FREE ENTRY**

Join us at Witley CofE Infant school  
for an afternoon of festive fun!  
Exciting stalls, games and Christmas treats  
to enjoy!

## VISIT OUR MAGICAL SANTA'S GROTTO!

Meet Father Christmas in his enchanting grotto!

**£5 per child**  
(includes a visit to Father Christmas, a photo opportunity, and a small gift)

Children under 1 are welcome but will not receive a gift.

You'll be allocated a time slot to ensure every child gets their special moment with Father Christmas.

**Come and make magical Christmas memories!**





Thank you to everyone who joined us for our FWS  
Christmas wreath making!

Huge thank you to Ginnie Griffiths for all your  
expertise.





## FWS SECOND-HAND CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE!

- We'll be holding a Second-Hand Christmas Jumper Sale to get everyone ready for Christmas Jumper Day — 11th December!

Have any Christmas jumpers you no longer need?  
Please donate them to help us raise funds  
and spread some festive cheer!



**DONATION DROP-OFF:**  
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd December  
At the School Playground / Office



**JUMPER SALE DATE:**  
Friday 5th December



Let's make this  
Christmas greener,  
warmer, and full  
of joy — one  
jumper at a time!



All proceeds go to FWS



## CHANCE FOR A CLEAR-OUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

**WE'RE HOSTING A  
PRE-LOVED TOY STALL**

**AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR  
AND WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!**

If you have any good-condition, pre-  
loved toys that are no longer needed,  
please consider donating them.



**WEDNESDAY  
3RD DECEMBER**

Your donations will help give these  
toys a new home and support  
our Christmas event!

Thank you for your  
generosity!



DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
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
<b>SUN</b>	<b>07.12</b>	<b>FWS CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>
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.
<b>Mon</b>	<b>05.01.26</b>	<b>INSET DAY NO. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri	09.01.26	Prospective Parent 2026 tour no 9 at 9.40 am
Tues	27.01	Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum – <i>details to follow</i>
Th	12.02	Last day of term – finish at 3.15 pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>INSET DAY NO. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
		HALF TERM – 16 February to 20 February
Mon	23.02	First day of term
Fri	06.03	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo – <i>details to follow</i>

Wed	11.03	Year R trip to Haslemere Museum – <i>details to follow</i>
Fri	27.03	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm
Mon	13.04	First day of term
Fri	22.05	<b>INSET DAY no. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
		HALF TERM – 25 May to 29 May
Fri	05.06	Years 1 and 2 to Rodborough Olympic Games 9.30-11 am. – there is no charge for this trip.
Mon	08.06	All week - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check including Year 2 retakes
Fri	03.07	Year 2 trip to Sayers Croft – <i>details to follow</i>
Tues	07.07	Year 1 trip to Chichester Harbour – <i>details to follow</i>
Wed	22.07	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm

## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Beck family for our cake this week.

Congratulations to Billy 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.







## GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's *GET Teaching* programme

Why not *GET Teaching* with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The **Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP)** is a dynamic and collaborative network of schools based in and around Godalming, Surrey. The core group comprises community and church settings: Godalming, Busbridge and The Chandler Junior schools, Moss Lane, Milford and Witley Infant schools plus the outstanding Wharf Nursery. GLP is united by a shared commitment to driving up educational standards, inclusion, and curriculum enrichment. At the heart of GLP's ethos is a belief in the power of collaboration to improve the life chances of children in the area by driving school improvement.



A flagship initiative of the partnership is its *GET Teaching* programme: GLP's school-led teacher training route, delivered in partnership with the University of Winchester's outstanding education department. We are **inviting applications to start in Sept 2026**.

The one-year school-led *GET Teaching* PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our schools and academic study at Winchester University. It has a 100% pass rate and a strong track record of graduates progressing into leadership roles within GLP schools.

If you have questions, take a look at our website (below) or email Rachel on: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org)

### APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: [www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org) and [Primary \(3F9B\) with Godalming Learning Partnership - Find postgraduate teacher training - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/primary-3f9b-with-godalming-learning-partnership-find-postgraduate-teacher-training)

