

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 18 Spring Term

Friday, 23rd January 2026



Our value this term is joy

Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body - Proverbs 16:24

Dear Parents/Carers and children

Pied Piper Theatre

On Tuesday all our children were entertained by the Pied Piper Theatre group who visit every year and never fail to put on a fabulous production. The play 'Zoom!' encompassed environmental themes, as well as the themes of friendship and of learning to let go. The story also provided a wonderful stimulus to learn more about stars and space.



Head lice



We can't seem to get rid of these little critters in school at the moment! They are becoming a real nuisance so please check out the following link if you spot any!

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



Our value of joy

Dolphin Class have been learning about our value of joy. Children and adults were asked to draw pictures about what brings them joy. It was wonderful to see all of the different things that bring each of us happiness.

Every half term we focus on one of our values.

Autumn – friendship and respect

Spring – joy and resilience

Summer – trust and confidence

OPAL Play news

Our OPAL working group met this week joined by Kurti, our mentor who is working with us to make playtimes the best they can be. We started our journey with OPAL last year. Click the link to find out more <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

When the better weather arrives, we will be organising some 'Ground Force' days which enable us to further improve the playground environment with your help. Last years events were amazing!

We are always on the lookout for the following resources shown opposite, some of these items might be lurking in your shed or garage or on their way to the tip!

What are LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Natural Loose Parts

Acorns	Grass	Leaves	Logs	Pine Cones	Rain & Water	Sand
Snow	Shells	Soil	Sticks	Stones	Wild Flowers	Wood Cookies

Upcycled Loose Parts

Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks

Pupil Progress Meetings for parents

Our spring pupil progress meetings are scheduled at the end of February/beginning of March and will go live on Arbor at 12 noon on 02.02.26 enabling you to book appointments.

Weds	25.02	Pupil Progress Meeting for parents (consultations) from 3.30 pm – all year groups
Mon	02.03	Pupil Progress Meeting for parents (consultations) from 3.30 pm – KS1 only

Wishing the rain would stop,
Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School.

FWS Invites You To our

SIP & PAINT EVENING

Sip, paint & flow

Sat 28th February

7.30-10.30pm

Jubilee Hall, Witley



Event Highlights

- All art supplies included
- Help and guidance given from our wonderful host
- Complimentary glass of beverage & light snacks
- Fully stocked paid bar

£30 per person

**Fun, Laughter and a
Masterpiece to take home!**

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Rojek family.

Congratulations to Remy 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.



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

Year R – Ezwa and Toby

Year 1 – Zach and Marnie

Year 2 – Ellie and Zoe



Headteacher Awards: Year R – Nina Year 1 – Charlotte Year 2 – Jack



Join Our Cookery Classes at Witley Infants

EVERY FRIDAY AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

£17 PER SESSION - AD HOC BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

THE HEN HOUSE @ WITLEY INFANT SCHOOL

WRAPAROUND CARE • THE HEN HOUSE

Stir, Shape and Bake - Savoury Treats and Rocking Cakes!

Let your child learn to make delicious recipes and enhance their skills with our fun cookery sessions in a friendly environment.

A great way to have fun on a Friday, after a busy week at school!

Sign Up Today - book Friday after school club
<https://thehenhouse.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>
Contact - care@thehen-house.com for information or help



place on our INSET day, Friday 13th February, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The day will offer girls the opportunity to become Mars Explorers in a hands-on science experience designed especially for Years 2–4. Pupils will explore the Red Planet through a range of practical, engaging activities, including testing meteor impacts, building and investigating rover designs, and creating a shelter suitable for life on Mars.

If you feel this opportunity would be of interest to your daughter in Year 2, then please use this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the attached flyer. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with St Catherine's if you would like any further information.



Blast off into hands-on fun as you investigate the Red Planet. Test meteor impacts, build your own rover, and design a Martian shelter in this out-of-this-world science adventure!

For more information and to book your place please visit:
tinyurl.com/3sp7j556 or use the QR code



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DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Tues	27.01	Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum – Details have been emailed. Please remember to provide consent for your child to attend.
Tues	10.02	Safer Internet Day
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
Weds	25.02	Pupil Progress Meeting for parents (consultations) from 3.30 pm – all year groups
Thurs	26.02	Graham and the hedgehogs visit – all classes
Mon	02.03	Pupil Progress Meeting for parents (consultations) from 3.30 pm – KS1 only
Wed	04.03	Volunteer safeguarding training at 9 - 9.45
Fri	06.03	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo – <i>details being sent imminently</i>
Wed	11.03	Year R trip to Haslemere Museum – <i>details to follow</i>
Wed	18.03	Year 2 Class Assembly for parents/carers at 2.15 pm
Wed	18.03	Open Classrooms for all year groups 2.45 – 3.15 pm
Fri	20.03	RED NOSE DAY – wear something red
Mon	23.03	Let's celebrate Easter Day at Witley! Easter Service at All Saints – parents/carers invited
Fri	27.03	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm
		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon	13.04	First day of term
Fri	17.04	Volunteer safeguarding training 2.15 – 3pm
Fri	22.05	INSET DAY no. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED

		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
Wed	17.06	Sports morning 9.10 – 10.10 am (Weds, 24 th June if raining)
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



The Rag Bag Scheme

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We accept good quality clothing at any time, please drop them off in small bags at the office. Your donations, however small, raise valuable money for your school.

Rag Bag can only accept the following items:

- Good quality wearable men's, ladies & children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags and belts



PLEASE DO NOT PUT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE BAGS. Thank you



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, a 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

<https://www.getteaching.org/>