

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!



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.

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| 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

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



St Catherine's Prep in Bramley have invited our Year 2 girls to join them for an exciting and inspiring science enrichment event at St Catherine's School. The event will take

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.



The flyer is a colorful illustration with a central rocket ship launching from a mountain range. The text "TAKE OFF ON A ST CATHERINE'S MISSION TO MARS ADVENTURE DAY" is arranged in a circular path around the rocket. At the top right, a pink circular badge says "EVENT FOR YEARS 2-4 GIRLS FREE". The bottom section contains event details, a QR code, and contact information for St Catherine's Prep.

TAKE OFF ON A ST CATHERINE'S
MISSION TO MARS
ADVENTURE DAY

Become a Mars Explorer at St Catherine's!

Friday 13th February | 10am - 2pm

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



 **St Catherine's
PREP**

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| DAY | DATE | ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26 |
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| 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 |

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| | | 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 |



Pitch Pals

**FEBRUARY
HALF-TERM CAMPS**

FEB 16, 17, 18
9AM-3.30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Full Week-£95 Single Day-£35 Half Day-£20

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SCHOOL 10%
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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



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, 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/>