

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 22 Spring Term

Friday, 27th February 2026

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2026



Our value this term is resilience

*For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power
and love and self-control.*

2 Timothy 1:7

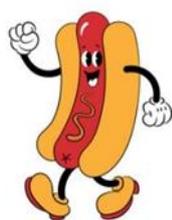
Dear Parents/Carers and children

World Book Day – Thursday, 5th March



Our apologies that the WBD date missed the calendar, but as always children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book or in their pyjamas for a bedtime story (to make things a little easier). Please wear sensible footwear. Costumes don't have to be fancy, the most important thing is that your child can talk about their outfit, character and the story book they have chosen.

OPAL Ground Force Day – Sunday, 22nd March from 1 pm



Last year we held two very successful ground force days when we invited families in to help us maintain our wonderful grounds for our children. Benches were painted, hedges trimmed, tyres dug in, etc. Our next planned event is Sunday, 22nd March, from 1pm, with hot dogs for everyone at 4 pm.



Our OPAL working party met last week to organise our ground force day. Your OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) parent play champions are Fran Graffham and Melissa Dooley. We are hoping to tidy the grounds as well as completing the following jobs:

- Refill sandpit in playground and Dolphins outdoor area
- Trips to the tip runs with rubbish – not greenery as we have a huge compost area
- Planting wildflower seeds and spring plants
- Spreading gravel in the car park
- Pruning – please label
- Small painting jobs
- Sweeping and general weeding

RSVP - Please can you email the office@witley.surrey.sch.uk if you are able to join us at our ground force day, so we can ensure we have enough refreshments.

Hedgehog visit

Thank you to Graham from Saint Francis Animal Care, Storrington, for bringing in his hedgehogs to meet our children. Thank you to FWS who funded the visit for all of the children. It was such a treat!



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on Friday, 20th March. Children can wear anything red! We'd also like the children to bring in a joke to share with their class friends in our 'do something funny for money' joke time in class. Please don't share your joke until then! Voluntary donations to Comic Relief will be collected at the classroom door. Thank you.



Wishing you all a great evening at the Movies tonight.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Sneddon family for the sparkly chocolate brownies.

Congratulations to Finley 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.



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

Year R – Ember and Nina

Year 1 – Ida and Nancy

Year 2 – Martha, Olivia and Roman

Headteacher Awards: Year R – Wren Year 1 – Grace Year 2 – Zach



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!



Come and join us for a warm drink and a slice of cake as we celebrate

Mother's Day!

Friday 13th March  In the hall, just after morning drop-off



Our wonderful Year 2 pupils will be helping to serve refreshments and collect donations in support of FWS.



We look forward to seeing you there!



Little Chicks Creche

Afternoon drop-off session for ages 2-4

Small, calm groups
 Soft play, engaging activities & stories
 Qualified staff

Follow the QR code to learn more...



Time: 12:00-2:00pm
 Days: Tues & Wed (more days soon!)
 Where: The Hen House
 Ages: 2-4 years
 Length: Up to 2 hours
 Format: Drop-off only
 Potty training: Not required

£18 per session
 Or, block book:
 4 sessions for £68
 6 sessions for £96
Limited availability

<https://thehenhouse.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

Our Home School Link Worker – Sarah Dutton

Many of you know and have met Sarah Dutton, who is our HSLW. Sarah is based at The Chandler School and works between the two schools.



Sarah's role is:

- to help parents coping with challenging children, giving parenting guidance and support
- to offer advice on how to maintain positive behaviour
- to encourage communication between the school and the family
- to listen and offer support on problems and issues, using counselling skills
- to support children with difficulties and provide a forum to talk about concerns in a confidential and non-judgemental environment
- to provide emotional support and build self esteem
- to help families with access grants and information
- to help improve family relationships and be available for families in crisis situations
- to carry out home visits to support families and children by providing outreach support

If you would like to speak with Sarah, please make an appointment via the office. Sarah is also able to make home visits. Please do not feel shy about seeking advice and support. It's a tough job being a parent...and Sarah is here to help!

GET ACTIVE IN MARCH

We are very excited that Godalming Leisure Centre has adopted Witley School for the month of March.

It is an opportunity for us to work collaboratively in order to provide a 2-week programme for our families.

During the month, a variety of perks are available for staff and parents, such as the following:

- 2 weeks free swimming for children aged 10 and under
- 2 weeks free junior membership for children aged 11-15
- 2 weeks free membership for parents/guardians
- 2 weeks free membership for school employees



EVERYONE
YOUR SCHOOL
HAS BEEN ADOPTED
by your local Everyone Active Centre

A variety of **2 week** offers are available for parents /guardians, school pupils, & school employees.
Scan the QR code to explore what's on offer!

Your adopting centre:
Godalming LC



everyone
ACTIVE

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
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 am
Thurs	05.03	World Book Day
Fri	06.03	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
Wed	11.03	Year R trip to Haslemere Museum
Fri	13.03	Mother's Day Coffee Morning
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
Sat	21.03	Messy Church at All Saints 3 – 5 pm
Sun	22.03	GROUND FORCE DAY 1 pm with hot dogs at 4 pm
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
Mon	20.04	Year 2 trip to Bocketts Farm – there is no charge for this trip!
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)

TBC – EYFS Home visits during the month of July for siblings joining us in September 2026 – details to follow

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
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 27

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tues	01.09.26	INSET DAY no 1 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Weds	02.09.26	Welcome back Years 1 and 2. EYFS home visits – all day
Thurs	03.09.26	EYFS home visits – all day
Fri	04.09.26	Welcome all EYFS children - 8.45 am – 1.15 pm
Mon	07.09.26	All EYFS children can start full time 8.45 am – 3.15 pm
SAT	26.09.26	Messy Church at All Saints 3 – 5 pm
Fri	16.10.26	Last day of term

HALF TERM – Mon, 19 Oct to Fri 30 Oct 2026

Mon	02.11	INSET Day no 2 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
SAT	05.12	Messy Church at All Saints 3 – 5 pm
Fri	18.12	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Mon 21 Dec – Fri 01 Jan 2027

SPRING TERM 2027

Mon	04.01.27	Welcome back all year groups
Fri	12.02	INSET Day no 3 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM – Mon, 15 Feb to Fri, 19 Feb 2027

Thurs	25.03	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm
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EASTER HOLIDAYS – Fri 26 March – Fri 09 April 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027		
Mon	12.04	INSET DAY no 4 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tues	13.04	Welcome back all year groups
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 03 May – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Fri	28.05	INSET Day no 5 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM – Mon 31 May to Fri 04 June 2027		
Weds	28.07	Last day of term = early finish at 1.05 pm

Scripture Union

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Milford Baptist Church
Holiday Club

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

MONDAY 30TH MARCH TO
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL
9.45AM-12.30PM

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE
INVITED ON WEDNESDAY
AT 12.15 TO JOIN OUR FINALE,
FOLLOWED BY A FREE LUNCH BUFFET

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 or email mbckidsevents@gmail.com

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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

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