



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Attendance
for the Year
95.6%

Newsletter no. 34 - Summer Term
Friday 14th June 2024

Our value this term is confidence



Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed our new Year R children, who will be joining Dolphin Class in September, for a play and story session. This year we are holding these transition visits after school when it is a bit quieter and we have more staff to support them. We're looking forward to seeing them all again in a fortnight.

Year 2 Leavers' service

Our Year 2 Leavers' Service will be held at All Saints on Tuesday 16th July at 2.30 pm. The service will be led by Rev Ann and our children who will share their memories and reflections of their time at Witley.

Year R Class Assembly

Our Dolphin parents/carers are invited to our final class assembly of the year in the Jubilee Hall on Weds, 17th July at 2.40 pm.

Creating homes for wildlife



Our children were so excited about the robin nesting earlier in the year that we are going to try and create more homes for our wildlife at Witley. Thank you to one of our Dolphin Grandads who has already made a bug box for the Forest.

If you would like to donate a birdbox or any more homes for wildlife we'd love to install more of them in the school grounds.

The children are also hoping to build a supersize bug hotel over the coming months!





New mural for our library!

Pupils came back from the half term break to find a surprise in the library!

Thank you to Mr Szczepanski for painting the mural. It has certainly brightened up our library.

Puffin Class enjoy creating with clay

Year 2 have been using clay to create faces as part of our art curriculum. Using several techniques for the facial creatures pupils also learnt how to slip to 'glue' their clay together.



Plant Sale next Wednesday, 19th June after school

Year 2 have been nurturing some plants that will be on sale next Weds, after school. Proceeds will go to our new international charity Child of Hope.

Communications

When emailing class teachers please allow them time to reply and remember that they often don't access emails until the end of the school day as they teach from 8.45 to 3.15 pm! If anything is urgent then please email the office who monitor emails continually. Thank you.

Finally, don't forget to visit our FWS stall at The Chandler School fair tonight starting at 5 pm.

Have a fabulous weekend
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Friends of Witley School

FWS will be bringing the Club Tropicana Summer Social to Witley on Saturday, July 6th 2-5pm.

Cocktail Bar, BBQ, 80s Bangers, Optional 80s dress code, drive in Cinema for the kids and lots to keep them busy so you can sit down have a drink & some food and soak up the sun!



Please use the booking link below and complete by next Friday June 14th.

<https://forms.gle/kFDVLFUBkDYPLsLH6>

We need lots of volunteers for this one to help with the bar, bbq shifts and set up & clean up, thanks so much in advance for helping make it all happen!

Jo, Tiff, Sam, Hannah, Emily & Katy

Don't forget to sign up for the Year 2 Leavers' Parents Dinner on Friday, 12th July

<https://forms.gle/QCa3gd4iavwKJbGM7>

A tropical-themed poster for a raffle. At the top, it says 'FWS ARE LOOKING FOR' in red, followed by 'RAFFLE' and 'PRIZES' in large, white, 3D block letters on a wooden plank background. The background features a beach scene with a coconut drink, a parrot, and a starfish. Below the main text, it says 'FWS WILL BE HOLDING A RAFFLE AT THE CLUB TROPICANA SUMMER SOCIAL ON SATURDAY JULY 6TH'. It then lists potential prizes: 'COULD YOU DONATE A PRIZE?', 'A VOUCHER FOR YOUR BUSINESS', 'AN INTERESTING PIECE OF MEMORABILIA', and 'TICKETS TO AN EVENT'. It also asks for skills and time: 'YOUR SKILLS - EVERYONE NEEDS A GOOD PLUMBER OR ELECTRICIAN!' and 'YOUR TIME - COULD YOU DONATE AN EVENING TO BABYSIT?'. It concludes with 'WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE', 'PLEASE CONTACT FWS BY E MAIL OR ON THE WHATSAPP GROUPS', 'THANKS SO MUCH IN ADVANCE!', and 'JO, SAM, TIFF, HANNAH, EMILY & KATY'.

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.



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run course that are available for families to enrol on. There's a whole host of training available from developing your child's self-esteem, building resilience and managing teenage anxiety. Why not take a look? [Family Learning](#)

The Rag Bag Scheme – time for a half term clear out!

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We raised over £250 last year. Please drop them off in the small playground shed from next Monday. Collection will be towards the end of the summer term.

Rag Bag **can only accept** the following items:

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



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

Have you changed your mobile number, home address or any other contact details?

Please update your details via Arbor. If you have any problems logging on or using Arbor please contact the school office.



Going to the dentist/medical appointment/request for absence for exceptional circumstances?

Forms are available to print out using the link below which takes you to our website:

https://www.witley.surrey.sch.uk/web/parentcarer_forms/674096

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

Year R: Addison and Seb

Year 1: Arlo and Olivia

Year 2: Rachael and Oscar

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to:

Year R: Seb

Year 1: Olivia

Year 2: Dilys



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.
Thank you to the Strachan family for the delicious cake this week!

Well done to Seb in Year R who won!



lighthouse

Twist at the wrist
and flick open
fingers go show
flashing light.
Repeat



bird

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
Fri	14.06	The Chandler School Summer Fair – 5-8pm – FWS stall
Sun	16.06	All Saints Church ‘Sing Hosanna’ – free drinks and doughnuts
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Thurs	20.06	Whole Class group photographs in the morning
Thurs	20.06	FWS – Year 2 Leaver’s Video filming in the afternoon
Fri	21.06	Open Classroom - parents/carers welcome 2.45 – 3.30 pm
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Thurs	27.06	Witley Sports morning 9 – 10.15 am PARENTS WELCOME
Tues	02.07	Chandler School transition visit – pm (see letter from Chandler School)
Weds	03.07	Chandler School transition visit – pm (see letter from Chandler School)
Wed	03.07	Year 1 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Thurs	04.07	BACKUP Sports Morning (see Thurs 27.06)
Sat	06.07	FWS – Summer event Club Tropicana at School 2- 5 pm
Tues	09.07	Year R Trip to Tuesley Farm
Tues	09.07	Year 2 Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)
Fri	12.07	Year 2 Leavers’ Parents Dinner https://forms.gle/QCa3gd4iavwKJbGM7
Tues	16.07	Year 2 Leavers’ Service at All Saints Church 2.30 pm - PARENTS WELCOME
Weds	16.07	Year R Class Assembly at 2.40 pm in the Jubilee Hall – PARENTS WELCOME
Weds	17.07	Year 1 Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)
Thurs	18.07	Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft
Thurs	18.07	Year R Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)

Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Mon	02.09	INSET DAY no. 1
Tues	03.09	INSET DAY no. 2
Weds	04.09	Welcome back to Year 1 and Year 2
Weds 04, Thurs 05 and Fri 06 – NEW Year R home visits.		
Mon	09.09	YEAR R Half day introduction for all children including lunch. Drop off at 8.45 to 8.55 am Parents are welcome to come into the class and help their child with the early morning routine until 9 am i.e. hanging their coat up, book bags in trays. Collect at 1.10 pm outside Early Years.
Tues	10.09	YEAR R Half day introduction for all children including lunch. Drop off at 8.45 to 8.55 am Parents are welcome to come into the class and help their child with the early morning routine until 9 am i.e. hanging their coat up, book bags in trays. Collect at 1.10 pm outside Early Years.
Weds	11.09	YEAR R Children can be collected at 1.10pm or 3.15 pm. From Wednesday onwards we encourage parents/carers to say goodbye at the Year R outdoor classroom gate to support independence.
Thurs	12.09	Year R children collected at 1.10pm or a 3.15 pm.
Fri	13.09	Year R children collected at 1.10pm or a 3.15 pm.
Week beg. Mon 16.09		Year R children encouraged to stay until 3.15 pm
Weds	18.09	Year R parents/carers invited to our EYFS Curriculum evening 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Fri	25.10	INSET Day no. 3
AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November		
Mon	04.11	First day back
Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23 rd December– 3 rd January 2025		
Mon	06.01	First day back

Thurs	13.02	3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH



THE HEN HOUSE!

Throughout August, The Hen House Soft Play is hosting **get togethers for families with a child starting school in September.**

Turnover to see when your school's event is taking place.

Why attend?

- These sessions aim to ease the transition into school life and help children build friendships before their first day.

What's included?

- 2 hours exclusive use of The Hen House soft play and cafe just for parents and children joining the same school this September.
- Cafe available for hot and cold drinks, food and snacks.
- Space for up to 30 children and their adults.
- £5/family

New Starter Class Get Togethers 2024

- Sunday 4th Aug - 10am-12pm - Amesbury School
- Sunday 4th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - **Beacon Hill School**
- Sunday 4th Aug - 3-5pm - Camelsdale School
- Saturday 10th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - Fernhurst School
- Saturday 10th Aug - 3-5pm - Grayshott School
- Sunday 11th Aug - 10am-12pm - Grayswood School
- Sunday 11th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - Shottermill Infants
- Sunday 11th Aug - 3-5pm - St Bart's
- Saturday 17th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - St Edmund's
- Saturday 17th Aug - 3-5pm - St Ives
- Sunday 18th Aug - 10am-12pm - **St James, Elstead**
- Sunday 18th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - **St Mary's, Shackleford**
- Sunday 18th Aug - 3-5pm - Witley Infants

To RSVP please email bookings@thehen-house.com