



# Witley C of E Infant School

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Attendance  
for the Year  
95.6%

Newsletter no. 40 - Summer Term  
Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Our value this term is confidence



Dear Parents/Carers and Children



All of the staff at Witley would like to thank each and every one of you for all your support over the past year. We have been overwhelmed with all of the wonderful plants, gift vouchers, biscuit treats, chocolate goodies and cupcakes, to name but a few.

Thank you to our volunteers who have loyally visited every week to read, change library books and help our children with their learning. Thanks go to everyone who has baked a cake or bought tickets for our raffle every week – the children love it! Congratulations to our members of the FWS who have organised so many fundraising events during the year and with your participation have raised money for your school.

I visited Mrs Sewell yesterday with the gifts Dolphin Class had bought her and she is getting on well after her foot operation. She sends everyone her best wishes for a super summer.

The best of luck goes to our Year 2 leavers who move to their new schools in September. Best wishes to the Cleaves and Allen family who are moving out of county to begin a new adventure.

We wish you all the best in making new friends and taking part in different experiences. Good luck!



## Taking learning home

Children have been coming home with most of their learning books over the past week. We do, however, keep some books and send these up to their next class to save paper and to help their new teacher see the achievements they have already made.

## Sayers Croft Adventure – Year 2



## Alice Holt – Year R



You may remember the sunflower seeds that Witley Gardening Association gave all of our children earlier in the year. Children were invited to nurture these sunflowers over the summer and bring them along to the garden show at Chichester Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am, along with a drawing or painting of your sunflower. This year hasn't been great so far weather-wise, but I hope some of your dwarf sunspot sunflowers have flourished. The garden show is in the afternoon starting at 2.45 pm.

Finally, a date for your diary is the Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Year 2, straight after drop off up in the Jubilee Hall. All parents are invited to join us on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Enjoy the summer!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

[www.witley.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.witley.surrey.sch.uk)

## 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.

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

Year R: Harry and Sylvie  
Year 1: Max and Amy  
Year 2: Henry S and Charlotta

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

Year R: Jack  
Year 1: Ellie  
Year 2: Henry S

End of year Class certificates go to

Year R: Lyra, Seb and Addison  
Year 1: Bertie, Fiona and Florence  
Year 2: Maeve, Winona and Harvey



### Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.  
Thank you to the Frackiewicz family for the spectacular Puffins cake and Mrs Szczepanski for the cupcakes for Dolphin and Penguin Classes.

Lucky winners:

Year R – William  
Year 1 – Henry  
Year 2 - Gracie



## The Summer Holidays are here!

Thank you all for your support and help in this busy summer term for FWS.

We started the term with Break the Rules day which raised **£253**.

We then had our sweet stall at Witstock. Thank you to Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff for running that one and to all of you for donating sweets...and then buying them back! We raised **£192**.

We were so pleased to have a wonderful turn out for the Witley School Vs Hambledon Cricket Match which was a great family event made even better by our very close win and we raised **£316**! We hope this will be an annual event so keep practising dads (and mums!)

We wrapped up the half term with the Colour Run. Yes we have to basically wash the whole school after it, but it's worth it to throw paint at our kids in the name of fun and fundraising! We raised **£190** on this one.

After half term Fruity Fridays were back thanks to Tuesley Farm and this raised **£318** which was then pumped up by our cake stall at Tuesley Open Day which raised a further **£274**. Thank you for all the delicious cakes. We were pleased to be asked to run a stall at The Chandler Summer Fair, thank you to all of you who took a shift there. It raised **£111** and was a lovely one to strengthen relationships between our two PTAs.

We then donned our leotards from 1992 (well Jo did), neon clothes, flower garlands and ...raincoats and headed to Club Tropicana. This event is a big one for us and we were so thrilled with the turn out and grateful to you all for staying through the rain showers, helping us shift tables and playhouses and getting in the spirit! We raised **£1,344** and it was our biggest fundraising event of the year apart from the cake raffle which has raised a whopping **£2,054** this year and after our final raffle today that number is even higher!

Our final, and in some ways *favourite* event, was the Leavers' Dinner. It was our biggest one yet and even if we say so ourselves it looked so pretty with the astro transformed into a small wedding party, hung with festoons above cut glass vases of fresh flowers and cutlery wrapped in mint and lavender. The weather owed us one and it didn't let us down. Ian made a wonderful leavers film and we had to kick the last few stragglers out just before midnight. We send all the parents and children leaving this year so much love and luck for the future, you will be missed.

**Overall this year we have raised £8,872 and have spent £6,273.** This money has gone towards; coaches for school trips, office and first aid supplies, reading books, Easter eggs, hedgehogs, caterpillars, magic shows, new group reading tables for the classrooms, theatre companies, many classroom items to enhance the children's learning including musical instruments and sand and water tables. We are still looking to spend further money on a new microphone and sound system for performances in the hall and outdoor musical instruments to enhance the children's playtime. We promise to get these sorted soon so your children will benefit from them for as long as possible.

I would personally like to thank Sam, Tiff, Emily, Hannah and Katie for a brilliant year. They work so hard alongside their actual jobs and put up with my exacting standards and silly ideas and they are a wonderful bunch. We lose Hannah and Katie from the team from September so special thanks to them for the last two years. If you are interested in being on the team or, possibly more importantly, being a regular and willing volunteer then do please get in touch. It's the all hands on deck in the run up to events that really makes the difference for us so we would love to have a team of people we can book in for the events across the year and always rely on for those crucial days.

Thank you all once again for supporting us so wholeheartedly this year, getting involved, donating, volunteering and being part of the community spirit we hoped to create. You raised all this money and we're very grateful.

And of course a huge thank you to Mrs Szczepanski and the staff who always say yes to our ideas and help us facilitate them with eagerness.

So, enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in September when we will be back with all the classics plus a Barn Dance, Danceathon and possibly a special surprise at Christmas to be confirmed....

Much love

Jo, Sam, Tiff, Emily, Hannah and Katie.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
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.		
Sat	07.09	Witley Gardening Association AUTUMN SHOW from 2.30 – 4 pm Take along your sunflowers, drawings and paintings at 10 am.
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	27.09	Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning 9.05 am – Jubilee Hall, all parents invited
Fri	25.10	INSET Day no. 3
<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November		

Mon	04.11	First day back
Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> December– 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
		<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		<b>MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

## 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.



### LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IN THE PLAYGROUND BEFORE WE BREAK UP AS IT IS OVERFLOWING.

THANK YOU



Charlie's Games

Sat 17th  
Aug 2024

## Run

8.30am  
2.5k and 5k  
Charterhouse School

## Games

2pm  
BBQ, bar, stalls  
Jubilee field, Milford

## Festival

4.30pm  
Live music  
Jubilee field, Milford

### Event sponsors



[charliespromise.org/games](http://charliespromise.org/games)

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SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST &  
SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER '24

PYO SWEETCORN - GNOME TRAIL - CIRCUS  
WORKSHOPS - FARM FUN & GAMES -  
DELICIOUS FOOD - LIVE MUSIC - LICENSED BAR

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# Secretts FARM NIGHT

Join us for a magical night on the farm  
with live music, delicious food, craft beers,  
local ciders and a friendly priced bar!

SATURDAY 31ST  
AUGUST, 2024  
6PM - 10PM

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MILFORD, GU8 5HU

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6TH JULY - THE BOURNE SHOW, FARNHAM  
MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS - PRICES FROM £2

13TH JULY - HOGMOOR INCLOSURE, BORDON  
COME AND MAKE A NATURE CROWN - £5

5TH AUGUST - HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB  
MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS - PRICES FROM £2

6TH AUGUST - THE SQUARE CAMBERLEY  
MAKE A PIRATE/ MERMAID TREASURE CHEST - FREE

8TH AUGUST - 6-LIVE WITH EXPERIENCE GUILDFORD  
MAKE A BEADED BRACELET - FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE

19TH AUGUST - HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB  
FUN SUMMER CRAFTS

22ND AUGUST - GUILDFORD TOURIST OFFICE  
MAKE A HOOP SUNCATCHER WITH EXPERIENCE GUILDFORD

27TH + 28TH AUGUST - POP UP AT PACKHOUSE, FARNHAM  
LOTS OF AMAZING CRAFT WORKSHOPS HAPPENING  
OVER THE TWO DAYS - PLACES LIMITED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE:  
[www.artfulkids.uk](http://www.artfulkids.uk)