

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 23 Spring Term

Friday, 6th March 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

Open the Book

Our friends at All Saints returned this week to act out 'The Great Parade' of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem just days before his death.

Year 1 pupils helped bring the story to life as Jesus travelled by Donkey through the city on Palm Sunday, which this year falls on 29th March.

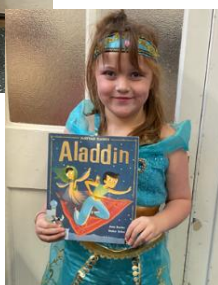


World Book Day – Thursday, 5th March



We saw some delightful costumes for World Book Day this week! Well done to everyone who made the day so memorable.

Thanks to Jo who came in to inspire our children with some stories and drama.



WORLD BOOK DAY
5 March 2026

£1 Book Token

Valid from 12 February - 15 March 2026

Choose your £1 book for free!

Sponsored by NATIONAL BOOK tokens

Children, families & educators: This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to ONE FREE World Book Day 2026 book or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers only, subject to stock availability. Find your nearest participating bookseller at worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers/. Full terms and conditions: worldbookday.com/terms-conditions. Retailers: Full terms and conditions: worldbookday.com/booksellers/. Promoter: World Book Day® is a registered charity (no. 1079257) and registered company (no. 03783095) in the UK. World Book Day and the associated logo are the registered trademarks of World Book Day Limited. Peppa Pig © 2026 ABD Ltd/Hazbro/HCP Ltd. Unicorn Academy © & TM Spin Master Ltd. All rights reserved. © 2026 The Roald Dahl Story Company Ltd.

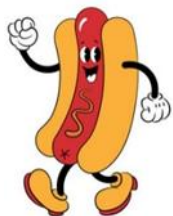
Win Yoto's ultimate reading bundle!

Discover the incredible world of audiobooks with Yoto. Win a **Yoto Player** and **up to £200** worth of Yoto cards from the large library selection in Yoto's card store. To enter and for full terms and conditions go to worldbookday.com/yoto-competition. One entry per person. Winners will be notified shortly after 15 March 2026. Prize promotion runs from 12 February to 15 March 2026.

9 930430 261003

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/book-token/digital-tokens/>

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 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.

Easter Service at All Saints Church on Monday, 23rd March

This year we are inviting our parents to All Saints Church for a morning service starting at 9.15 am. Please drop your children off at school as normal and we will bring them over.



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

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Graffham family for the chocolate brownies.

Congratulations to Felix H 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 – Leo and Barnaby

Year 1 – Freya and Sienna

Year 2 – Simone and Evie

Headteacher Awards: Year R – Leo Year 1 – Doug, Charlie and Remy Year 2 – Seb



Godalming Library

Godalming library are running a competition this Easter. Please drop your entries off down at the library. There will be prizes for each category and an exhibition of the entries.

Why not have a go?

A poster for the Godalming Library Art Competition. The poster features the text 'Godalming Library ART COMPETITION ON THE THEME: SPRING' and 'SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'. It includes a list of categories: 'CHILDREN UP TO 11', 'TEENS 12-18', and 'ADULTS 19+'. The launch date is '28 MARCH' and the closing date is '18 APRIL'. The poster also mentions '2D ENTRIES ONLY, NO PHOTOGRAPHY (EXCEPT AS PART OF A COLLAGE) NO LARGER THAN A3', 'NO AI ENTRIES PLEASE', and 'JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE WEEK COMMENCING 20 APRIL PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!'. The poster features illustrations of a person sitting at a table with art supplies, a potted plant, and several framed art pieces.



THE HEN HOUSE

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>

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!

GET ACTIVE IN MARCH

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



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

The Rag Bag Scheme – drop off any time!

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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

www.allsaintswitley.org.uk
office@allsaintswitley.org.uk

Saturday 21st March
3.30pm – 5.30pm
in church



All ages welcome
01428 681872 for more info.

Activities, songs, stories, tea



ALL SAINTS WITLEY

SING HOSANNA

for Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 15th March
11.30am**

hot drinks and cakes

**Songs, craft, story and
prayer for all ages**

Everyone welcome

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Wed	11.03	Year R trip to Haslemere Museum
Fri	13.03	FWS Mother's Day Coffee Morning – open to all
Sun	15.03	Sing Hosanna for Mothering Sunday 11.30 am All Saints Church
Wed	18.03	Year 2 Class Assembly for parents/carers at 2.15 pm
Wed	18.03	Open Classroom 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 3.30 – 5.30 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 9.15 am All Saints Church – 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
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




Join our Spring Open Week at The Little Gym Godalming to meet our teachers, experience a free class and see why 1,600 families in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Surrey choose our weekly classes at The Little Gyms of Windsor, Handy Cross & Godalming.

Book now
01483 343000
godalming@thelittlegym.co.uk



Yoga for strength, flexibility and relaxation Small friendly groups




Stress Less

Book This Yoga Class!
Suitable for all levels - beginners welcome!

Weekly class PAYG
STARTS 9.30am Thursday 5th March
Rise Yoga and Wellbeing Studio
Godalming

Only £14/class Try your first class for free

Booking essential
Contact: stretchspaceyoga@gmail.com



SCHOOL
10% CODE
VOQ368

Pitch Pals

EASTER *Camps*

FOR CHILDREN IN
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

WEEK 1- MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 1 (MON-WED)

WEEK 2- APRIL 7, 8, 9 (TUES-THURS)

9AM-3.30PM

(EARLY DROP-OFF, LATE PICK-UP AND HALF-DAYS
AVAILABLE)

BROADWATER SCHOOL, GODALMING

BOOK NOW



[HTTPS://PITCH-PALS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://pitch-pals.classforkids.io)



Private Swimming Tuition for Children and Adults

Rocket Fish Baby and Pre-School Swimming

A Beautiful Beginning in the Water at Priorsfield School, Godalming

Rocket Fish is delighted to introduce a carefully designed programme of baby and pre-school swimming lessons, created to give your child a confident and joyful start in the water.

Held in a wonderful **31°C heated pool** during calm morning hours, our small-group sessions provide a warm, nurturing and exclusive environment for little ones to thrive.

Created and delivered by a dedicated local swim specialist committed to early water safety and confidence. Perfect for babies and toddlers.

Thoughtfully Designed For Every Stage

0-12 Months - A gentle, sensory introduction that nurtures early water confidence and precious parent-child bonding.

1-2 Years - Developing balance, floating skills and joyful independent movement.

2-3 Years - Strengthening propulsion, water confidence and safe water habits.

3-4 Years - Building strong foundations for independent swimming with expert guidance.

Small class sizes ensure individual attention and a calm, supportive atmosphere.

Priority Registration Now Open

We are currently confirming final pool arrangements and offering **priority booking to families who register interest this week.**

 becks@rocketfishswimming.co.uk

 07970 065 728

 @rocketfishswimming2023

rocketfishswimming.co.uk

1:1

2:1

MOBILE

BESPOKE



UK Health
Security
Agency

Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease or tick borne encephalitis.

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and of being infected:

- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you, your family or your pets
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- ticks can bite anywhere on the body, including in your hair. More than one tick can be attached to you at a time
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, persistent headache, confusion or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly**. Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.nice.org.uk/guidance

GOV-11370