

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 25 Spring Term

Friday, 20th 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

FWS organised a Mother's Day celebration last Friday in the Jubilee Hall. With the help of Year 2 our lovely mums were served tea, coffee and cake.

Thank you for your generous donations of cakes. The total raised was £180 which will go towards resources for your children.



Open the Book

Our OTB team joined us on Wednesday and with the help of Penguin Class they retold the story of the last supper. In RE we have been learning about Easter and on Monday we have our Easter Pause Day when our children mix classes and enjoy an afternoon of Easter activities including an Easter egg hunt!



Ground Force Day on Sunday, 22nd March 1 – 4 pm

Thank you to those who have signed up! If you could bring along secateurs/loppers and gloves as we are hoping to cut back some of the hedges on the hill. We have plenty of spades but if you have rakes or a wheelbarrow to help move the sand/gravel that would be extremely helpful.

Just a reminder that we have our **Easter Service at All Saints Church on Monday, 23rd March** starting at 9.15 am. Please drop your children off at school as normal and we will bring them over to the church.

After Easter our School Council members, in each class, have planned some after school playground sales to raise money for our chosen charity, Child of Hope, in Africa. This will be an opportunity for the children to learn about money, so please save all your loose change to help the children. We will be selling toys, books and cakes from 10p to a £1.

Hope to see some of you on Sunday,
Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School.

Meningitis and Meningococcal disease awareness

In response to cases of Meningitis and Meningococcal Disease linked to the University of Kent and the local area, and related national media coverage, please find below a link to further information and guidance.

Meningitis Now, a national charity: [Meningitis - Symptoms, Causes and Treatments | Meningitis Now](#)

Please note that there are currently no cases of the disease in Surrey.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Evans family for the amazing St Patrick's Day cake!

Congratulations to Billy who won!

We also had a second cake (gifted by FWS) won by Lyra in Puffin Class



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 – Ted and Lyra

Year 1 – Hanora and Annabelle

Year 2 – Seb and Roman



Headteacher Awards: Year R – Dolphin Class Year 1 – Annabelle Year 2 – Zoe and Lola

Well done to Dolphin Class who were awarded a Class award for a very exciting day out at Haslemere Museum.

Considerate Parking



There have been a few parking issues recently and we would like to gently remind you to please park sensibly for everybody's safety.

Please avoid parking on the yellow lines outside the school, blocking any neighbours' driveways, and parking at narrow pinch points, which make it difficult for cars and emergency vehicles to gain access along church lane.

Please also avoid parking opposite the staff carpark as it makes it impossible for staff to exit safely.



Helen Arkell
Dyslexia Centre

PARENTS' SESSION: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH DYSLLEXIA



OVERVIEW OF DYSLLEXIA

- What is Dyslexia?
- Understanding Learning Needs
- Common Signs & Indicators
- Building Confidence

HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR READING & WRITING



MULTI-SENSORY LEARNING IDEAS

STRENGTH-BASED APPROACHES

DAILY ROUTINES & TOOLS

PLUS: BROWSE SPECIALIZED RESOURCES!

MONDAY 20TH APRIL
1:15 - 3PM

LOCATION:
WITLEY INFANT SCHOOL

EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A PLACE office@witley.surrey.sch.uk

Hosted by The Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre | Working together for children's success

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

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

Saturday 21st March
3.30pm - 5.30pm
in church

Messy Church

All ages welcome
 01428 681872 for more info.

Activities, songs, stories, tea

SING DANCE & ACT

W 1: 30th March - 2nd April
 W 2: 07th - 09th April

Tillingbourne sch
 Chilworth - GU4
 Years R - 6
 9am - 3pm
 EXT hours 8.30am - 4.30pm

EASTER THEATRE CAMP

boogie pumps



FRIENDS OF WITLEY SCHOOL
 FWS

Sponsored Litter Picking Competition!

Over the Easter holiday we will be holding a sponsored litter picking competition.

Sponsor forms will be sent home before the holidays.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- The most bags of rubbish collected
- The **craziest** item found!

Don't worry - you don't need to keep the rubbish!

Simply **take a photo** and send it to your class WhatsApp group.

All funds go towards helping the school buy essential resources.

Planning a farm visit this spring?

A few simple steps to help ensure your farm visits stay fun and bug-free



A few simple steps can help ensure your day out stays fun and bug-free. While farms are great fun, animals can carry germs such as E. coli and cryptosporidium, which can cause serious illness particularly in young children and pregnant women. Infections can be picked up from the animal's body, its poo or from areas where animals have recently been.

Thorough handwashing with soap and warm water after touching animals or surfaces, and before eating, is the most effective way to prevent infections. Hand gels and wipes unfortunately do not remove germs in dirt.

Key safety tips

Do:

- Follow any farm rules or guidelines and maintain safe distances from animals to ensure your safety and the wellbeing of the animals.
- Wash hands with soap and warm running water after touching animals, fences or animal-area surfaces, and before eating or drinking. Dry your hands with paper towels.
- Supervise children during handwashing and ensure it lasts around 20 seconds. Singing "Old Macdonald" with the kids helps make it fun.
- Eat only in designated areas such as picnic areas or cafes.
- At the end of the visit, clean your shoes/boots and pushchairs wheels, then wash hands again.
- Be aware that germs can transfer to clothing if you have held animals, so wash clothes on a hot wash cycle (ideally 60C).

Don't:

- Touch your face or put fingers in your mouth when around animals.
- Let children get too close to animals' faces or kiss animals.
- Eat or drink while walking around the farm.
- Eat anything that has dropped on the ground.
- Rely on hand gels or wipes, as they do not remove the bugs found on farms effectively.

If anyone feels unwell

If you or your children develop diarrhoea or vomiting within two weeks of the visit, contact your GP or NHS 111. **Seek urgent medical attention for bloody diarrhoea.** Pregnant women are advised to take extra precautions due to risks to mother and baby.

For further information visit [How to stay safe from infections carried by animals when visiting a farm.](#)

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
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 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 Us for —

Junior Easter

Tennis & Pickleball Camps!

At Elstead Village Tennis Club

Easter: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Full Days (10am - 3pm) £40	Half Days (10am - 12:30pm) £20	Mini Camp (Ages 5 & Under, 9am - 10am) £8
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Weekly Term Time Sessions Also Available Before & After Camp!

Contact: headcoach@elsteadtennis.co.uk
 Book Now: elsteadtennis.co.uk/junior-coaching/

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

U5 & U6 BOYS AND GIRLS

FRIDAYS
17.00 - 18.00
 FROM 24TH APRIL

OBIRTS@HOTMAIL.COM

07920043789

GUILDFORD CRICKET CLUB,
 WOODBRIDGE ROAD

LittleVoices

WICKED

AGES 5 - 15
 (Split into age appropriate groups)

30TH MARCH – 2ND APRIL
£150

THE WINSTON CHURCHIL SCHOOL, WOKING

LittleVoices 07468424967
AMY@LITTLEVOICES.ORG.UK

HELP NEEDED!

The Chichester Hall Witley

**Would you like to be involved in your community, shape local decisions,
protect shared spaces, and make a real impact?**

Do you have a few hours to spare?

THIS MIGHT BE JUST FOR YOU SO SIGN UP NOW!

Our Village Hall is a fantastic venue in the heart of the community of Witley village. The Hall Management Committee is a happy band of volunteers, but we need more help now to keep the Hall running.



Whilst no experience is needed and we would indeed welcome all, we particularly seek

- Volunteers to welcome potential hirers and show them the brilliant facilities
- Volunteers to market the Hall to find more hirers
- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

You would be most welcome to be a Trustee on the Management Committee. Being a village hall trustee lets you give back, build leadership skills, and helps your village thrive.

If you'd like to know more or receive some more details, please email thechichesterhall@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thechichesterhall.org.uk