

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 26 Spring Term

Friday, 27th 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

The last couple of weeks have been so busy for our school which has resulted in a bumper newsletter today! In our assembly on Wednesday we reflected on the year so far and shared some of our favourite moments! We often forget to take a minute and think about those times that make us smile.

Ground Force Day



OPAL GROUNDFORCE DAY

'Thank you!'

We were very lucky to have the sun shining on our Ground Force day and thank you to those who joined us last Sunday. We achieved so much and the school grounds are certainly looking a lot tidier. Thank you to Zoe in Year 2 who was our official photographer for the day!



Special thanks to **Colbourne Construction**, who dug a trench for the tree trunks saved from the holly tree. These now provide a stepping stone area for when we install our messy kitchen. Pete has been in the building industry for twenty years completing brickwork, groundwork, hard landscaping, drainage and he will be helping us with a few more jobs – thank you Pete!



Celebrating the end of Ramadan



Ezwa kindly baked some cookies for her friends in Dolphin Class to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan. It's a joyous occasion when Muslims express gratitude and distribute gifts. Islam, along with Judaism and Christianity are the three religions we learn about at Witley through the RE curriculum.



Dyslexia Workshop for parents

Parents regularly ask about dyslexia when we have pupil progress meetings so we have reached out to the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre to present information and guidance all about dyslexia. Please join us on Monday, 20th April 1.15 – 3 pm. This invite extends to our community schools as well, including The Chandler. Please let us know if you are joining us.

Please see our flyer further on in the newsletter for more information.

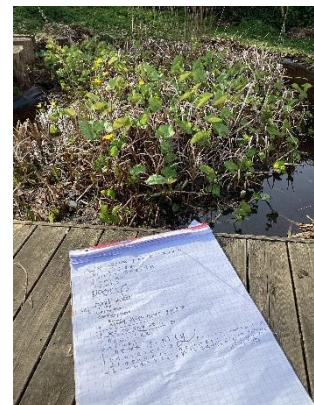
Earrings, jewellery and watches

The wearing of earrings is discouraged in school. If parents opt for their child to wear earrings they must be small, plain stud earrings.

- We recommend ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow time for them to heal and your child can practise taking them in out and replacing them as staff are not permitted to remove/insert earrings.
- Earrings must be removed by the child for all curriculum physical education activities. Staff are not allowed to remove them.
- If your child does wear earrings the school accepts no responsibility for injury or loss of jewellery.

Pond Dipping

Mrs Stanton helped our children visit the pond last week. The children identified several newts, pond skaters, water boatman, leeches and to everyone's excitement a large mass of frog spawn.



Staff News

We are sad to announce that Mrs Hannah Lee-Smith will be leaving after Easter. Mrs Lee-Smith's last day will be Friday, 17th April. She has worked with all year groups since September 2024 and we will all miss her but we are pleased that she is moving on to help older children in a secondary school. Thank you Mrs Lee-Smith for all of your kindness, dedication and support. We wish you the best of luck in your new role.

Trikes

All of our children have been enjoying the trikes over the past couple of weeks, donated by Gemma, Sunny Days Nursery and Forest School in Brook.



Finally, please continue to save your small change for the School Council sale in the playground after school which will be Dolphins on Weds, 22nd, Penguins on Thurs, 23rd and Puffins on Fri 24th. Children will be selling books, toys and cakes to learn about coins and money. Nothing priced over a £1.

Have a wonderful Easter break,

Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Worthington family for making the yummy cake.

Congratulations to Cameron in Dolphin Class 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 – Freddie and Ezwa

Year 1 – Henry and Olive

Year 2 – Iris and Rex

Headteacher Awards: Year R – Toby Year 1 – Ayda Year 2 – Maddox, Evie and Immy



PARENTS' SESSION: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH DYSPLEXIA



OVERVIEW OF DYSPLEXIA

- 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



DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
		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!
Wed	22.04	Dolphins small change sale 3-3:30pm
Thurs	23.04	Penguins small change sale 3-3:30pm
Fri	24.04	Puffins small change sale 3-3:30pm
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

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

EVTC
OPEN DAY
COME AND TRY PICKLEBALL
AND/OR TENNIS
ALL WELCOME!!!

 **25** APRIL 2026
2pm - 4pm

No need to book - come along for all or part of the day!

 **Burford Lodge Recreation Ground**
headcoach@elsteadtennis.co.uk