

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 24 Spring Term

Friday, 13th 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

Puffin Class at Marwell Zoo

Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous day out at Marwell Zoo last week learning about animals and their habitats. Although a little soggy in the afternoon, we all had an amazing day. I had the pleasure of joining the class on their trip and we were treated to close encounters with many animals. Firm favourites were the giraffes, tiger and penguins who kept swimming by to say hello. The snow leopard was particularly friendly! It was great to see that the weather didn't dampen their day!





FRIENDS OF WITLEY SCHOOL
• FWS •

FWS RACE NIGHT

Saturday 18th April
From 7.30pm

- **£5 Entry Ticket** - includes a welcome drink
- **8 races to bet on** - just £1 per bet
- **Become a horse owner for £5** for a chance to win a prize

Group Offer:
Book 6 tickets or more and get a **FREE bottle of wine**

Don't miss the fun - place your bets and enjoy

FWS – Race Night coming soon!

Friends have organised a Race Night for you all on Saturday, 18th April from 7.30 pm. These events raise valuable money to buy so much extra activities and resources for our children!

FWS's next big purchase will be some monkey bars (School Council request) that are being installed at the top of the hill over Easter. Without our teams of fundraisers, we would really struggle to fund many of the resources and activities that your children take part in, so please consider coming along for a fun evening.

You may have local friends or extended family that could join you?

Anyone who books 6 or more tickets will receive a FREE bottle of wine to start the evening off!

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

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



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.

Wishing you all a lovely Mother's Day weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski and everyone at Witley School.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Squires family for the delicious lemon drizzle cake.

Congratulations to Kalu 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 – Isobel and Margo

Year 1 – Charlotte and Lola

Year 2 – Maddox and Eben



Headteacher Awards: Year R – Barnaby Year 1 – Coco Year 2 – Billy

Well done to Puffins Class who were awarded a Class award for a super day at Marwell Zoo! We were all very proud of you!

Helen Arkell
Dyslexia Centre

PARENTS' SESSION: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH DYSLEXIA

OVERVIEW OF DYSLEXIA

- 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

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?



The poster for the Godalming Library Art Competition features a central illustration of a person sitting on a stool, painting a picture. Surrounding the person are several framed artworks depicting various spring scenes like mountains, flowers, and landscapes. The text on the poster includes the library name, the competition title 'ART COMPETITION ON THE THEME: SPRING', the categories for children, teens, and adults, the launch date (28 March) and closing date (18 April), and specific rules regarding photography, collage size, and AI entries. It also mentions that judging will take place from 20 April and that there will be prizes for each category.

Godalming Library

ART COMPETITION
ON THE THEME: SPRING

Categories:
CHILDREN UP TO 11
TEENS 12-18
ADULTS 19+

LAUNCH 28 MARCH
CLOSES 18 APRIL

2D ENTRIES ONLY, NO PHOTOGRAPHY (EXCEPT AS PART OF A COLLAGE) NO LARGER THAN A3
NO AI ENTRIES PLEASE
JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE WEEK COMMENCING 20 APRIL
PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!

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
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



— 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/

**SCHOOL
10% CODE
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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)

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>

EASTER EVENTS at Haslemere Museum



Monday 30 March
11-1pm

EARLY BIRDS

Special opening for
SEND ASC



Tuesday 31 March
10.30am-1pm

EASTER CRAFTS & GARDEN TRAIL

A family event



Thursday 2 April
10.30am-12pm

FELTING WORKSHOP

For Museum
Explorers ages 5-11



Tuesday 7 April
10.30am-1pm

CREATIVE CRESTS

A family craft activity



Thursday 9 April
10.30am-12pm

SPACE

For Museum Explorers
ages 5-11



Friday 10 April
10.30am-12.30pm

LEGO DROP-IN

A family activity

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson

