



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you, Psalm 56:2

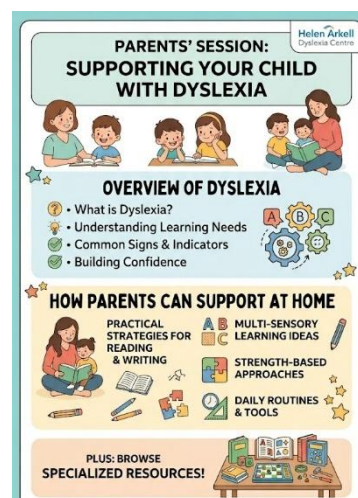
Dear Everyone,

We hope you all had a restful break over Easter and are ready and recharged for the summer term!

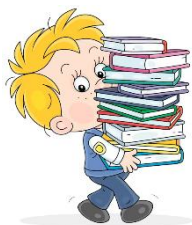
Just a reminder that we have our parent information workshop about supporting children with dyslexia on Monday.

The event is a very informative session and helps you, as a parent, begin to see if your child needs support with reading and writing. Lots of practical ideas for everyone.

Please do join us if you can, no need to let us know if you can make it last minute on Monday, 20th April at 1.15 – 3 pm.



Playground Sales next week



Please continue to save your small change for the class sales in the playground after school. The sales are for all children every day:

Dolphins on Weds, 22nd

Penguins on Thurs, 23rd

Puffins on Fri 24th



Children will be selling books, toys and cakes to learn about coins and money and raising money for our charity, Child of Hope in Africa. Nothing priced over a £1.

The children are asking for **small cakes/biscuits** to sell and would welcome any donations over the three days.



School Place allocation for September 2026

Yesterday was National Offer Day and parents should have now received information regarding Year R and Year 3 school places for September 2026.

Please ensure you check your emails and accept your place before the deadline on Thursday, 30th April 2026.

For our new children joining in September we have an Open day planned for families on Saturday, 27th June as well as some after school sessions.

This Open Day invitation also extends to our families who may be applying to join us in September 2027.

We hope to see you on the day!



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Infant School**

No need to book,
just come along!

Family Open Day for parents and children starting school in September 2026 and 2027. A great chance for local families to get to know their school and explore our wonderful environment.

Our Early Years will be open, as well as our Forest School and pond dipping.

**OPEN DAY
SATURDAY
27 JUNE
2026**
2pm - 4pm

Church Lane, Witley, GU8 5PN
Call: 01428 682420
office@witley.surrey.sch.uk

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The poster features a large background image of children sitting on tree stumps outdoors, reading books. There are two circular inset images: one showing the school building and another showing children engaged in pond dipping. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Monkey Bars

We've all had great fun with the bars this week, especially Year 2 who have been showing great resilience. Thanks go to FWS!



YMS Educational Ltd

Year 2 children were given a helpful booklet to share with parents this week. The booklets were donated by Miss Claire Hibbert at Tender Hands Ltd in Milford containing helpful information about road safety, swimming and lots more as our children get older.



The Rag Bag Scheme – last chance to clear your wardrobe!

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

Attendance and lateness

If pupils arrive at school after the close of the register at 8.55 am, parents should bring them to the main office so they can be recorded as being late, denoted by L on the official Arbor register, but present in school.

Children will be recorded as being late, denoted by L on the official Arbor register, if they arrive after 8:55 am but before 9.15 am, with a valid explanation.

Any child arriving after 9.15 am, without a valid explanation, will be recorded as late after close of register and this will be denoted with a U (unauthorised late after registers close) on the official Arbor register.

Old Ordnance survey maps

Do you have any old Ordnance maps in a drawer? In geography the children study maps as part of our fieldwork investigation and it would be great to have some of these larger types to look at. They don't have to be of our local area as the children will have fun finding places they have visited in the UK. Please drop them off to Year 2 or the office.



Can we urge 'everyone', parents, carers and pupils to regularly check lost property which is located near the pupil entrance/exit gate? You will always get notice of a 'clear-out', but it's sad to see so much left behind which doesn't get claimed. Happy rummaging!

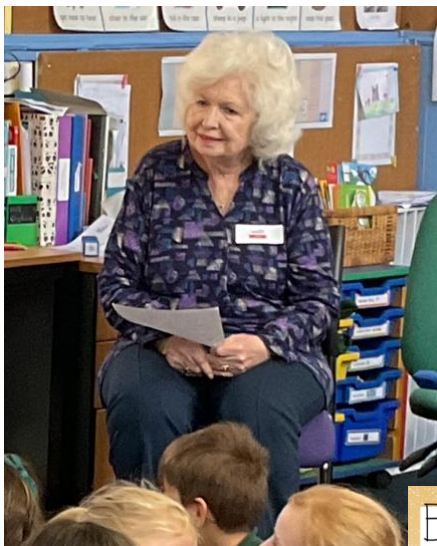
Uneven surfaces

We would like to remind you of the slip and trip hazards throughout the site caused by uneven ground. We are seeing increasing movement and unevenness across our school site on the paved surfaces. Particular areas of uneven ground to note are around:

- reception/office door area
- section just down from the pirate ship, running across the playground

Please take care as you move around the school site. We will be putting warning signs up around the site as a reminder. If you notice a new hazard or have any concerns please notify the office.

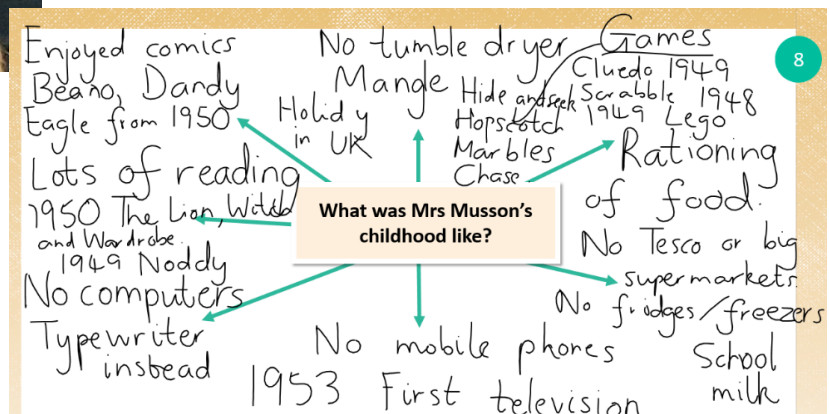
A special visitor to Penguin Class



This week Alfie's granny, Mrs Musson who was born in 1944, came to talk to the children about her childhood.

The class talked about things that were the same and different. For example, the playground games like hide and seek are the same, but going shopping and holidays were different in the 1950s. Mrs Musson did not go abroad for a holiday and there were no big supermarkets. Instead her mother shopped at the grocers.

The children collected all the key points of her talk on the whiteboard as part of our learning about history.



Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Britt family for our delicious cake.

Congratulations to Bea in Penguins 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 – Ralph and Myela

Year 1 – Remy and Coco

Year 2 – Dylan and Simone



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

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Fri	17.04	Volunteer safeguarding training 2.30 – 3pm
Mon	20.04	Year 2 trip to Bocketts Farm – there is no charge for this trip!
Mon	20.04	Dyslexia Workshop 1.15 – 3 pm. Presented by the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre All parents welcome.
Wed	22.04	Dolphins small change sale 3-3:30pm in the playground
Thurs	23.04	Penguins small change sale 3-3:30pm in the playground
Fri	24.04	Puffins small change sale 3-3:30pm in the playground
Fri	22.05	INSET DAY no. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED
		HALF TERM – 25 May to 29 May
Tues	02.06	NEW EYFS Parent/Carer Information Evening 7.30 – 8.30 pm
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
Tues	16.06	NEW EYFS children visit Cohort A 3.30– 4.15 pm
Weds	17.06	NEW EYFS children visit Cohort B 3.30 – 4.15 pm
Wed	17.06	Sports morning 9.10 – 10.10 am (Weds, 24 th June if raining)
SAT	27.06	SCHOOL OPEN DAY, 2 – 4 pm, for parents and children starting school in September 2026 and 2027
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>
Tues	07.07	NEW EYFS children visit Cohort B 3.30 – 4.15 pm

Weds	08.07	NEW EYFS children visit Cohort A 3.30 – 4.15 pm
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



Let's Move Together

AS ACTIVE SURREY & family voice surrey

SEND Movement & Wellbeing event
Sunday 26 April 2026
12pm – 3pm
Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre

Creating Connection

We're excited to welcome **Paralympian Lizzi Jordan MBE**, who will be joining us to inspire children and young people with stories of resilience, possibility and the joy of movement.

This **free**, family-focused event is exclusively for Surrey children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** and their families.

Explore a range of inclusive activities, including:

- Sports & movement sessions
- Games and Scalextric
- Crafts & creative zones
- Quiet breakout spaces
- Small animals for calm engagement

A space to feel included | A space to play, explore and connect |
A space to discover what movement can mean for your family

While **booking isn't required**, register for your free tickets in advance to receive an event pack by email before the day, including everything you need to know and details on how to claim your free goody bag. Simply **scan the QR code**.





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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

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