



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,

Our children were all given a packet of seeds this week to celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday. We hope they will flourish and blossom. Send in a photo when they do!



Bocketts Farm

Puffin Class visited Bocketts Farm as part of our science curriculum on Monday. There were so many animals to see and we were lucky to watch baby lambs being born as we were there!



School Council Playground Sales



Thank you for the cake donations, the children loved organising this event and raising lots of money for the Child of Hope School in Uganda, Africa.

Good Luck Mrs Lee-Smith

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Lee-Smith last Friday and she has kindly gifted our children some books. We will miss her and wish her good luck in her new role. Mrs Lee-Smith would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts and words.



Calendar Dates

Please continue to check our calendar dates. We have a Dolphin Class assembly on Monday, 29th June at 2.45 pm up in the Jubilee Hall. Please enter via the staff car park.

Our Year 2 Leavers Celebration will be in All Saints Church on Monday, 20th July at 9.15 am. Parents are most welcome to join us. We will also walk over siblings in the lower classes.

Medical information

Please can we remind you to check/update your child's medical information using Arbor. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to keep us informed of any allergies and medical needs so we can ensure we have the correct plans and procedures in place. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Rowley family for the wonderful flower cake!

Congratulations to William in Puffin 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 – Mila and Wren Year 1 – Emma and Grace Year 2 – Tillie and Ru

Congratulations

Over the Easter break our children took part in litter picking for the community. Well done to Doug, who collected the most rubbish, and Lottie, for finding the strangest item (a fire extinguisher). FWS organised the event and Doug and Lottie both received a £5 Godalming Delights voucher.

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Mon	04.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
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
Mon	29.06	EYFS Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall at 2.45 pm – Parents welcome
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
Mon	20.07	Year R trip to Tuesley Farm – <i>details to follow</i>
Mon	20.07	Year 2 Leavers Celebration at All Saints Church – 9.15 am. Parents welcome.
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 3.30 – 5.30 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

Do children always need antibiotics for ear infections?

Public Health - Health Protection

Survey reveals 1 in 3 parents believe children always need antibiotics for ear infections

36% of parents surveyed believe that children always need antibiotics for ear infection according to research conducted by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). The study, led by the UKHSA surveyed over 500 parents whose children had experience ear infection symptoms in the previous year.

Ear infections are very common, particularly in children, and often get better on their own within 3 days although sometimes symptoms can last up to a week. Research shows that as few as 1 in 5 children are likely to require antibiotics to treat an ear infection. The NHS have also published advice on what to do if you think your child has ear infection - [Ear infections - NHS](#)

Catherine Hayes, the UKHSA study lead said "While antibiotics are sometimes necessary for children with ear infections, unnecessary antibiotic use can cause side effects in children and contribute to **antimicrobial resistance**. If your child is prescribed antibiotics, it's important to follow the advice of your GP, nurse or pharmacist."

The survey highlights that more can be done to support parents to understand when an ear infection is serious and what they can do. UKHSA's work will aim to address this by developing resources to support health professionals and patients during consultations.

[Antimicrobial resistance \(AMR\)](#) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites evolve to withstand the medicines designed to kill them. This makes standard treatments ineffective, leading to persistent infections, severe illness, or death. It is a natural evolutionary process accelerated by the misuse and overuse of antibiotics

For more information on AMR, the SCC Health Protection Team published an article on [World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week \(WAAW\)](#) in Nov 2025 that also included a fun [you tube video about AMR](#).

Safeguarding is everyone's business

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Helen Szczepanski – Headteacher – Lead DSL

Becky Latham – School Business Manager – Deputy DSL

Phillipa Allison – SENCo - Deputy DSL

Sarah Dutton – Home School Link Worker – Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about a child, please report to one of the DSL's as soon as possible the same day.

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9:00AM -
3:30PM



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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art ,friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:

28th and 29th of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm

 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15th of May


Links for Booking

[mindfulness_pony_day_28th_of_May](#)

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We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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