



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,

Looks like I missed all the fun in the playground this Wednesday when I was out on a training course!

The whole school decided to play a team building game at break with every child joining in.

Our OPAL Play programme certainly inspires the children to build obstacle courses, create crazy golf, dress up and den building.



You can see the fun they had in the glorious sunshine. The 'loose parts' they build with are all items we have in our sheds, so if you have any guttering (ideal for huge marble runs), short planks of decking, hats, bags, scarves for dressing up, blankets, etc. please drop them off at the office.

Glockenspiel fun



Last year we added Toots to our music resources for Year 2 and FWS have also purchased a class set of glockenspiels.

Year 1 have a chance to learn how to play them this term with Mrs Hall, our music lead.



Sunscreen and sun safety



Just a reminder to apply sunscreen at home on sunny days and send in a sun hat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

We are currently looking at providing more shade in the playground now that the holly tree has gone.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and see you on Tuesday,
Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Tynegate family for the scrumptious cake

Congratulations to Maddox 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 – Ember and Toby Year 1 – Doug and Charlie Y Year 2 – Ellie and Sylvie

Headteacher awards

Year R – Nina Year 1 – Charlie Y Year 2 – Rex



| DAY | DATE | ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26 |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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 2026 – 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

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| Weds | 28.07 | Last day of term - early finish at 1.05 pm |
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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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MAY 26-29

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JULY 20-28

FUN-FILLED CAMPS TO KEEP KIDS SOCIAL AND ACTIVE

- ✓ FOR CHILDREN AGED 4*-12
- ✓ OFSTED REGISTERED WITH ENHANCED DBS STAFF
- ✓ BOOK BY DAY OR FULL WEEK
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TAKE OFF ON A ST CATHERINE'S
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FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 1 & 2

ADVENTURE DAY

Become a Mighty Mover at St Catherine's!
Friday 22nd May | 9am - 12pm

Join us at St Catherine's for *Mighty Movers*, a fun-filled sports taster morning for girls in Years 1 and 2, led by our specialist sports staff. With a range of exciting activities to try, it's a great opportunity for your daughter to come along and gain an insight into life at St Catherine's.

For more information and to book your place please visit:
tinyurl.com/2s3dah8y or use the QR code.

Places are limited. Booking essential.



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"Get Ready For School" **reception class meet ups in** **2026**

The Hen House is hosting school starter meet-ups for local families joining infant and primary schools.

£10 per family, siblings welcome.

Includes 2 hour access to our soft play, role play, sensory and café area exclusively for children and parents of the school your child is going to.

A great chance for your little one to make friends ahead of their first day at school.

Head to our website and select "Get Ready For School" to book.

www.thehen-house.com





End-of-Year Nursery, Pre-school and Childminder Parties

A big celebration for little graduates –
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Celebrate the end of the academic year with a fun-filled soft play party designed especially for nurseries, preschools and childminding groups.



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Exclusive Use of Our Soft Play

Your group gets the whole space to yourselves
A safe, calm, organised space and just for your children.

A Celebration Children Absolutely Love
Slides, climbing, giggles and non-stop fun!
It's the perfect way to mark their achievements and end the year on a high.

Perfect for Photos & Goodbyes

Parents are welcome to join, relax, chat, and enjoy our excellent coffee while little ones play.

Trusted by Local Nurseries & Childminders

Many settings book every single year because:

- The children have the best time
- Staff get a well-deserved break
- It's organised, safe and super smooth
- It becomes a lovely tradition families look forward to

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How to Book

Choose your date, tell us your numbers and we'll do the rest.

Places fill quickly, so securing your preferred slot early is recommended!