



Witley C of E Infant School

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'Be kind to one another and tender hearted' Ephesians 4:32

Dear Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who worked together with us through the heat this week, next week is looking decidedly chilly!

Catering News!

We are pleased to announce that, from September, our school catering service will be provided by a new company called The Pantry. This is following the closure of Twelve15, our current provider, at the end of this academic year. Our food will continue to be cooked by The Chandler School.



The Pantry will be bringing fresh ideas and an exciting approach to school meals, and are committed to offering nutritious, balanced menus made with high-quality ingredients, alongside a wider variety of options to suit different tastes and dietary requirements. They will also focus on sustainability, healthy eating education, and creating a positive dining experience for all pupils. We look forward to working with them and are confident that this change will enhance our lunchtime provision for the whole school community.

The Storm Whale

Year 1 held their class assembly this week based on the story of The Storm Whale. It was lovely to see our glockenspiels played by the children and the musical accompaniment from Mrs Hall. The story reflects so many of our school values. Well done Penguins.



Don't forget Year R assembly is at 2.45 pm on Monday. Parents welcome via the Jubilee Hall car park.

Well done to the following children who are in our Gold Book this week!

Year R – Mila and Wren Year 1 – Sienna and Freya Year 2 – Eben and Percy

Headteacher awards

Year R – Myela Year 1 – Emma Year 2 – Seb



Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Drechsler family for the yummy cake.

Congratulations to Barnaby in Dolphins who won.

Allergies: Please note some cakes are shop bought and some are homemade and therefore we cannot guarantee that they are nut free.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff.

Summer Holidays 2026 Information from Surrey County Council: Support for families during the summer school holidays

A range of support remains available for families over the summer and we've compiled details of some of these schemes including affordable days out, supermarket discount schemes and food banks here: [Support with food costs for families - Surrey County Council](#).

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme - known as [Club4](#) in Surrey - is also available to families in receipt of Targeted FSM, with bookings going live on Tuesday 30 June.

We are awaiting further details on the UK Government's recently announced Great British Summer Savings scheme, which is expected to include free bus travel for children and targeted food tariff reductions. More information: [Cost of living boost with free bus travel for children and targeted food tariff cuts - GOV.UK](#). This great initiative will help families and children travel for less this summer. We are working with our bus operators and will provide more updates soon. Until then, remember young people aged 20 and under can also apply for a LINK card to get 50% off adult bus fares in Surrey: [Apply for a Surrey LINK bus card - Surrey County Council](#).

Staying safe around water this summer

As the weather warms up, more young people are spending time outdoors and around open water. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is reminding families to stay safe around water this summer.



We ask parents and carers to have an open conversation at home about staying safe near rivers, lakes, reservoirs and quarries. While these places may look calm and inviting, they can be extremely dangerous. Cold water shock, hidden hazards, sudden drops and unstable ground can all pose serious risks, even for strong swimmers.

Figures show that between 2019 and 2024, 1,602 people in the UK lost their lives in accidental drowning incidents. 56% (901) of these occurred in inland waters such as rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Alarming, around half of those who drown had no intention of entering the water, with slips, trips and falls identified as a leading cause.

We are also seeing an increase in risk-taking behaviour, including swimming in unsupervised areas, jumping into unknown water and accessing restricted locations. These situations can escalate quickly and may be difficult for emergency services to reach.

It's important that young people know what to do if they find themselves in trouble in the water. Teach your child to **Float to Live**: tilt their head back with ears submerged, relax and try to control their breathing, use their hands and legs to stay afloat, and once the effects of cold water shock have passed, call for help or swim to safety if able.

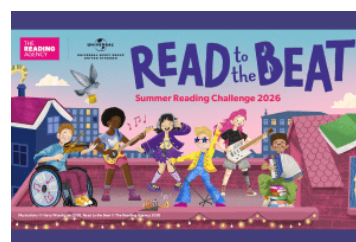
Please also remind your child that if they ever see someone in trouble in the water, they should call 999 immediately and never attempt a rescue themselves.

Please encourage your child to stay out of unsafe water, follow warning signs and look out for their friends. By talking about the risks and how to respond, we can help keep young people safe around water this summer.

Godalming Library

In partnership with The Reading Agency, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to continue reading for pleasure throughout the summer holidays.

A creative, music-inspired theme



This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates the connection between storytelling and music. Pupils are encouraged to explore how rhythm, sound and creativity can bring stories to life, whether through fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels or audiobooks — all reading counts.

How the Challenge works

The Challenge is free to join and is aimed primarily at primary-aged children, although all young people are welcome to take part. Children can:

- Read up to six books or complete six reading goals
- Collect rewards as they progress
- Receive a certificate and wristband on completion
- Participation supports reading motivation, independence and enjoyment — key drivers of literacy attainment.

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
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
Tues	30.06	Year 2 Chandler transition afternoon 1:15-3pm Please arrive in PE kit – NO BOOK BAGS
Weds	01.07	Year 2 Chandler transition afternoon 1:15-3pm – NO BOOK BAGS
TBC – EYFS Home visits during the month of July for siblings joining us in September 2026 –		
Thurs	02.07	EYFS School Reports issued
Fri	03.07	Year 2 trip to Sayers Croft
Tues	07.07	Year 1 trip to Chichester Harbour
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
Thurs	09.07	KS1 School Reports issued
Mon	20.07	Year R trip to Tuesley Farm
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 – TWO WEEKS		
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		
Weds	28.07	Last day of term - early finish at 1.05 pm

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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.

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OPEN DAY
SATURDAY
27 JUNE
2026

2pm - 4pm

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