



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

*As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.
Proverbs 27:19*

Dear Everyone,

Sayers Croft

Year 2 spent a thoroughly exciting day at Sayers Croft in Cranleigh for their end of term activity day. It was so hot but thankfully most of the activities were in the shade!



Library and Reading books – where are they all?

Please have a look around your homes at the weekend and return any Little Wandle and library books. It's a good excuse to tidy bedrooms. We lose quite a number every year and it would be greatly appreciated if you could return them – no questions asked!

Chichester Harbour

One of our most popular trips in the summer is Year 1's visit to Chichester Harbour. A rewarding woodland walk, exploring nature and then a fun time finding crabs on the beach, what more do you need?



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

Year R – Ted and Leo Year 1 – Hanora and Henry Year 2 – Iris and Finley

Headteacher awards

Year R – Leo Year 1 – Charlie Wo Year 2 – Olivia



Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Watson family for the delicious chocolate cake.

Congratulations to Simone who won!

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



Great British Summer Savings for families

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.



From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.



Green fingers!

Well done to Charlie!

Charlie planted his wild flower seeds, that were gifted to all our children by FWS, as part of Earth Day earlier in the year.

Charlie, with the help of his Grandpa, tended to the beautiful flowers in the greenhouse until they were big enough to put outside.

Blooming marvellous!

Further in the newsletter FWS have written a fantastic round up of news. FWS have created so much joy for our children this year and we are so thankful for all you do!

It takes a whole community to make a happy school!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff.



FWS Roundup 25/26

We'd like to start by saying a massive thank you to all of you for your support throughout the year. We know we ask a lot of you at times, and as a brand-new FWS team, we really do appreciate all the effort you put into supporting our events and, ultimately, the children. We couldn't do it without you!

Autumn Term

Autumn term kicked off with the cake raffle, which remained as popular as ever and raised a huge £2,320 throughout the year! Thank you to all our bakers for your fantastic creations. Other highlights of the term were the Autumn Disco, where we were joined by Boogie Pumps (raising £243), and the ever-popular Christmas Wreath Making evening run by our very own Ginnie (raising £664). Our Spare Change Challenge was won by Penguins class and raised £202. Annabelle and Charlie Wood chose a magnificent tree to light up the playground, which once again was very kindly donated by Simon at Church Fields. The term ended with a very successful Christmas Fair, raising £1,250 - the highlight, as always, being a visit from Father Christmas in his magical grotto in the outdoor classroom.

Spring Term

After a very busy December (and a busy Summer term to come!), we kept Spring term relatively quiet. Our after-school hot chocolates were popular, and our new Movie Night went down a treat, raising £214 — keep your eyes peeled for this event again next year.

Summer Term

Summer term was as busy as ever, kicking off with our Spring Disco. Boogie Pumps led the dancing once again, and the children loved their snack bags and face glitter! Our stall at the Tuesley Farm open day was a great success, raising £508 - once again, thank you for your cake donations, they really do make a difference. Another new event that went down well was our Picnic in the Park: the weather was glorious, and it was great to see the children play while parents relaxed in the sun (or shade!). This is another one we'll definitely be repeating next year. We absolutely loved seeing all the children's self-portraits on the school tea towel, which raised £240 - a treasured souvenir of their time at Witley Infants. We rounded off the year with our Summer Fair. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us in the sweltering heat, and especially to our fantastic volunteers - together you helped us raise over £1,000.

Looking Ahead

We were disappointed to have to cancel a couple of events this year - our family bingo and race night. Next year, we'd love to put on an evening event for parents to socialise and get to know each other better, so if anyone has ideas for something that might go down well, please do let us know (or any other ideas).

Once again, a BIG thank you to everyone for your continual support. Without your help we would not be able to do what we do and raise those all-important funds for the school. We've had a great time organising events for your children and have loved getting to know them all.

Thank you to Mrs Szczepanski and all her amazing teachers and staff who are always so supportive and helpful with all our ideas and events. We really couldn't do it without all of you!

To our outgoing Puffins class, we shall miss you and wish you loads of luck in your new schools. To our incoming Dolphins class, we are looking forward to meeting you all.

And to everyone else, we hope you have a great summer, and we'll see you in September ready for another year of fun!

The FWS Team  



Trusted
BOOK AHEAD FOR
NEXT TERM!

Wraparound Childcare - The Hen House
Places are filling fast - don't miss out!

Book your childcare now for next term and beyond!
*Payments can be scheduled monthly
starting from August or September.*
*Secure your child's place before the end of the year
to avoid disappointment.*
Places are limited and going quickly!

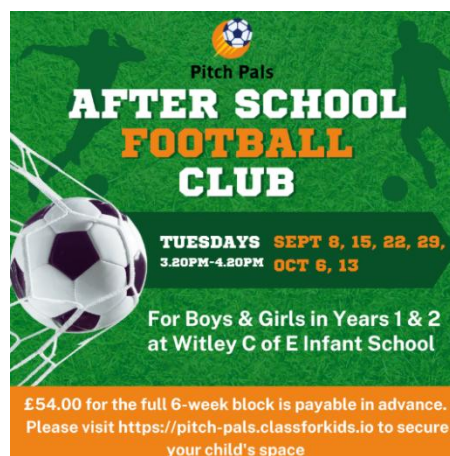
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DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26
Mon	20.07	Year R trip to Tuesley Farm – consent is required.
Mon	20.07	Year 2 Leavers Celebration at All Saints Church – 9.15 am. Parents welcome.
Wed	22.07	Last day of term – early finish at 1.05 pm
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC 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
Tues	08.09.26	MEET the YEAR 2 TEACHER in class 2.40 – 3.10 pm for parents
Weds	09.09.26	MEET the YEAR 1 TEACHER in class 2.40 – 3.10 pm for parents
Weds	16.09.26	EYFS curriculum evening for parents in Dolphin Class 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Fri	25.09.26	Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning – all parents 9.10 - 10.10 am
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





A message from The Children's
Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza

Good morning,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Pupils can complete the survey

here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely, **Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner**

Godalming Library

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

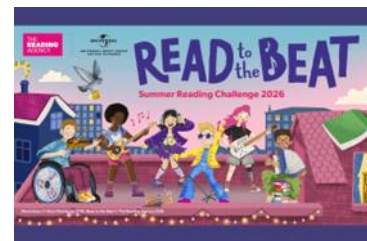
A creative, music-inspired theme

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.



STAYCATION CONTINUED

Wed 5th August | 2pm – 4pm
4+ | £1 | Drop In
Make a Festival Mask

Thu 6th August | 2pm – 4pm
Ages 6+ | £1 per person | Pre Book
Drama Games Workshop

Fri 7th August | 11am – 12noon
4+ | 50p a Badge
Drop in Badge Making

Fri 7th August | 2pm – 4pm
5+ | £1 | Drop In
Design a Board Game

Sat 8th August | 2pm – 3:30pm
4+ | Donations Welcomed
Junk Modelling

ACTIVITIES

Mon 10th August | 11am – 12noon
3+ | Drop In | £1
Make a CD Banjo

Tue 11th and Sat 29th August | 10am – 11am
8+ and Adults | Pre Book | £3 | Art Workshop
Willow Drawing inspired by William Morris

Sat 15th and Tue 25th August | 10am – 12noon
8+ and Adults | Pre Book | £3 | Art Workshop
Pattern Drawing inspired by William Morris

Mon 17th August | 11am – 12noon
3+ | Drop In | £1
Make a Shaker

Mon 24th August | 11am – 12noon
3+ | Drop In | 50p
Make a Harmonica

Sat 5th September | 10am – 4pm
Donations Welcome
Drop in Music Event

Sat 12th September | 2.30pm – 4pm
8 – 12 | £2 | Pre Book
Game Design Workshop

**READ
to the
BEAT**

**READ BOOKS,
COMPLETE
CHALLENGES, OVER
THE SUMMER AND
WIN PRIZES AND A
CERTIFICATE!**

**GO
ALL
IN!**

SUMMER AT GODALMING LIBRARY



For bookable events please talk to a member of staff at the helpdesk or email us at Godalming.Library@surreycc.gov.uk

For more information on any event talk to a member of staff or look at our website <http://www.tinyurl.com/golibevents>



ACTIVITIES

Sat 18th July | 2pm – 4pm
3+ | Drop In | Donations Welcomed
Football Finger Puppets

Thu 23rd July | 4pm – 5pm
8 – 10 | Pre Book | FREE
Chatterbooks

Fri 24th July | 11am – 12noon
7+ | Pre Book | Donations Welcomed
Ukulele Workshop

Sat 25th July and Tue 18th August | 10am – 11am
8+ and Adults | Pre Book | £3
Art Workshop | Botanical Drawing

Mon 27th July | 11am – 12noon
3+ | Drop In | £1
Make a Spin Drum

Tue 28th July | 2.30pm – 3:30pm
8–12 | £4 | Pre Book
Comic Drawing Workshop

Wed 29th July and Wed 26th August | 2.45pm
Adults and children 6+ | Pre Book | FREE
Wildlife Wednesday with What Next?

Thu 30th July and Thu 27th August | 2.30pm – 4pm
7 – 10 | Pre Book | £3
Music Science Workshop

Fri 31st July | 11am – 12noon
3+ | Drop In | 50p
Make a Click Clacker

STAYCATION

Mon 3rd August | 10am – 4pm
Donations Welcomed | Drop In
Make a Model Musical Orchestra

Tue 4th August | 2pm – 4pm
4+ | £1 | Drop in
Design an Album Cover

Wed 5th August | 11am – 12noon
2+ | Donations Welcomed
Teddy bear Storytime and Picnic

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Character Hunt

Bunting Colouring

Design a Band Competition

Discover Godalming's History Mystery Trail
with Godfrey Goose!

Every Wednesday | 11am
Storytime

Every Mon | 4pm – 5pm
2+ | £1 per child
Lego and Duplo Club

Every Tues, Thurs, Sat | 11am
Rhymetime

Starts 4th July **READ to the BEAT** **GO ALL IN!**
THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

JUNIOR SCHOOL TOURS in our area for Year 3 in 2027/28



Bookings are now open for our 2027/28 school tours, on the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd September – 9.10am

Friday 25th September – 9.10am

Monday 5th October – 11am

Friday 9th October – 9.10am

Tuesday 13th October – 9.10am

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and can be made via the following online form:

[Busbridge CofE Junior School - 2027/28 School Tours – Fill out form](#)

Further information can be found on our website:

https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/school_tours_for_parents/510877



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Who are we?

Milford & Witley Village Care is a **voluntary good-neighbourhood driving scheme** helping residents of Milford and Witley to get to their **local medical appointments**.

Launched in **1984** by the local GP surgeries and churches who saw the need for local transport provision, the scheme has grown substantially.

In 2025, our **30 volunteers** made over **400 journeys** to GP surgeries, dentists, chiropodists, opticians, The Clockhouse and Milford and Haslemere hospitals.

Our wonderful volunteers help on an 'as and when available' basis and no regular commitment is needed. We do request from our clients a **small voluntary donation** for each journey to cover running costs.

Fortunately, over recent years, the scheme has generated small surplus funds and we have been delighted to make **donations** to local worthy causes including Rodborough School, Witley Infants School, The Chandler Middle School, The Little Orchard Nursery School, The Green Hub and the Hunter Centre.

If you would like more information, **need help** getting to a medical appointment, or would like to become a **volunteer driver**, please contact us by any of the ways shown above.



THE LINK
COMMUNITY HUB

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19TH JULY

12 NOON – 4PM

THE LINK COMMUNITY HUB, DERBY ROAD,
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Event Highlights

GAMES & ACTIVITIES
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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Haslemere

Come and see the new Link Community Hub building

SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS

at Haslemere Museum



Family activity **LEGO SESSIONS**

23 July am
07 August am
20 August pm
27 August am



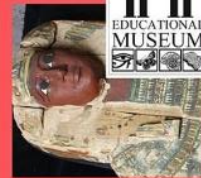
Family event **TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**

Tuesday 28 July
1.30-4pm



Ages 5-11 **MUSEUM EXPLORERS**

30 July - Maps
04 Aug - Messages
11 Aug - Artists
20 Aug - Rocks
25 Aug - Volcanoes



Family activity **ANCIENT EGYPTIANS**

Thursday 6 August
10.30-1pm



Special opening for SEND/ASC **EARLY BIRDS**

Monday 10 August
11am-1pm



Family activity **BRILLIANT BEES**

Thurs 13 August
10.30am-1.30pm



Family event **MILL COTTAGE FARM EXPERIENCE**

Tuesday 18 Aug
11am-3pm



Family activity **GET A HEAD!**

Wednesday
26 August, 10.30-1

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haslemere-museum.co.uk/whatson

