

Our value this half term is friendship



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

“Encourage and help each other” - 1 Thessalonians 5.11

Dear Everyone

OPAL Play – Outdoor Play and Learning



We started introducing OPAL play nearly two years ago and the playground has been transformed with lots of different activities for our children. You can find out more about OPAL play here [OPAL](#)



Some of you will remember last year's weekend Ground Force days where, together, we tipped tonnes of bark chippings onto the very muddy hill. This enabled the children to use this outdoor space all year round.

The Graffham family kindly installed the sand pit and we received donations of over 30 tyres, which we half buried to create zones of play. FWS also kindly funded the installation of our monkey bars at the top of the Hill.

The journey continues this year and if you have any of the following 'loose parts' we'd love to have them. Because OPAL focuses on child-led, creative play, schools rely heavily on a constant supply of "loose parts"— everyday, open-ended items that children can adapt, build with, and completely reimagine. We love to recycle and reuse. We are always on the lookout for the following items:

Old suitcases, baskets, fabric remnants, scarves, old curtains, or netting, old car steering wheels, lengths of guttering, jumbo drawing chalks, decking planks, bark chippings.

Thank you to our Key Stage 1 parents who have already completed our OPAL play survey that was sent out a few days ago, we've had some great comments and ideas sent through.

Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, 25th September at 9.10 am

All families and pre-school children are invited. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the staff car park where our children will serve coffee, tea and lots of cake!



Please bring cash – sorry, no card payments (the children will be sorting and counting the coins).

Can you donate a cake, biscuits or teabags for our Macmillan Coffee morning? Please bring your donations into school on Thursday, 24th. Thank you.

Puffins make apple crumble

Year 2 picked apples from our tree and made yummy apple crumble last week. We are very lucky to have a kitchen that the children can use. We are always looking for volunteers (DBS cleared) to cook with the children in small groups during an afternoon 1.30 – 2.45 pm. Please let your class teacher know if you can help.



Forest School

Forest School is back in full swing and our trees and undergrowth are beginning to look lush with the recent rain. Climbing trees, mixing mud and fire lighting are proving great fun!



FWS Cake Raffle

Every Tuesday FWS run a cake raffle as a fun way of raising money for our school. Money raised is spent on fun things for your children. Here are some of last year's delicious cakes!



If you want to be part of the cake raffle, all you have to do is buy a weekly ticket or enter for a term! Chat to your FWS Class Rep to find out more.

Thank you to the Moys family for donating a delicious cake this week and congratulations to Felix H in Puffins who won!



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

Year R – Max and Lilly

Year 1 – Sloane and Leo

Year 2 – Felix D and Alfie



Headteacher award

Year R – Etta

Year 1 – Barnaby

Year 2 - Freya

Are you a school volunteer?

As part of our safeguarding policy all school volunteers are required to have DBS (enhanced) clearance and attend one of our in-house safeguarding training workshops. We ask volunteers to attend our workshop every two years.

We have two workshops over the next few months, so please contact the office to book yourself onto one of them.

Tuesday, 10th November 9 – 9.45 am

Thursday, 21st January 2.30 – 3.15 pm

School applications for Year 3

A gentle reminder that Year 2 pupils will need to apply for a junior school place next January and schools in our area are already offering tours. Last year our Year 2 children continued their school journey at The Chandler, Grayswood Primary School, Godalming Junior School, Aldro, Barrow Hills and RGS Prep. We have included some information on the next page which we hope you will find helpful.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff



The Chandler School

JUNIOR SCHOOL TOURS

Friday 18th September 9.00am, Wednesday 30th September 9.00am

Monday 5th October 2.00pm, Thursday 15th October 2.00pm

Tuesday 3rd November 9.00am, Wednesday 11th November 2.00pm

Friday 20th November 9.00am, Thursday 26th November 2.00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2.00pm, Monday 7th December 2.00pm

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Please book using this link:

<https://bookwhen.com/chandlerjunior>

Godalming Junior School

To all parents with children
in Year 2

Junior school transfer September 2027

PARENT TOURS

Come and get a clear picture of life

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Godalming Junior School

and meet the headteacher and
the team

Please contact the school office for a space on one of
the following dates:

Saturday 7th November @ 10.00am

Monday 9th November @ 10.45am

Tuesday 10th November @ 9.00am

Wednesday 11th November @ 6.00pm

Thursday 12th November @ 9.00am

Places will be limited and we look forward to seeing you
info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk / 01483 421597
Click [here](#) or scan the QR Code to book





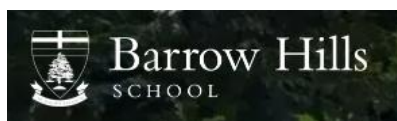
Busbridge C of E (Aided) Junior School

Cherish  *Challenge*

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



<https://www.grayswoodschool.co.uk/>



<https://www.barrowhills.org/>



<https://www.rgsg.co.uk/rgs-prep/>



<https://www.aldro.org/>

**ALL SAINTS
WITLEY**

**SING
HOSANNA**

**Sunday 20th September
11.30am**

hot drinks and cakes
**Songs, craft, story and
prayer for all ages**
Everyone welcome

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

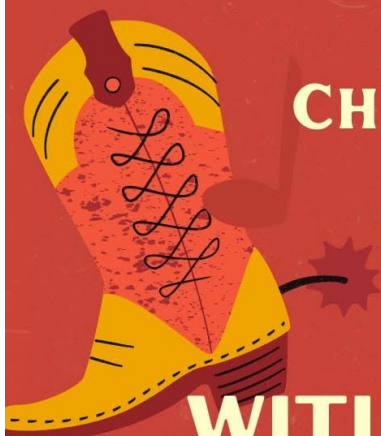
www.allsaintswitley.org.uk
office@allsaintswitley.org.uk

**Saturday 26th September
3.30pm – 5.30pm
in church**



All ages welcome
01428 681872 for more info.

Activities, songs, stories, tea



**CHICHESTER HALL
FUNDRAISER**



**WITLEY WILD WEST
HOEDOWN**

Line dancing class with
DancefitwithTina folowed by
Live Music from
'The Highway Sun'

**SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER**

CASH BAR

**CLASS 7PM
BAND 8.15PM**

**CHICHESTER
HALL**



**CLASS ONLY £10
BAND ONLY £10
BOTH £20**



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OR CONTACT TINA 07921 251770

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 27
AUTUMN TERM 2026		
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
Weds	07.10.26	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church – families welcome at 2.30pm
Tues	13.10.26	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo – details have been sent, please check Arbor to provide consent.
Tues	13.10.26	All year groups Parent/Pupil Progress meetings after school – details will be sent out separately
Weds	14.10.26	Year R and Year 2 Parent/Pupil Progress meetings after school – details will be sent out separately
Weds	14.10.26	FWS Annual General Meeting
Fri	16.10.26	Last day of term
Fri	16.10.26	FWS School Disco
HALF TERM – Mon, 19 Oct to Fri 30 Oct 2026 – TWO WEEKS		
Mon	02.11	INSET Day no 2 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Weds	04.11	FLU vaccinations – details to follow
SAT	05.12	Messy Church at All Saints 3.30 – 5.30 pm
SUN	06.12	FWS CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thurs	10.12	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Mon	14.12	Christmas Service at All Saints Church – families welcome at 9.10 am
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
Tues	26.01.27	Year 1 trip to Winchester Science Centre – <i>details to follow</i>

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
Tues	13.04	Year 2 trip to The City Museum in Winchester – <i>details to follow</i>
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		
Tues	13.07	Year 1 trip to Chichester Harbour
Thurs	15.07	Dolphins Class trip to Tuesley Farm – all day
Tues	20.07	Year 2 trip to Sayers Croft – <i>details to follow</i>
Fri	23.07	SPORTS MORNING – approx. 9 – 10 am Families welcome
Weds	28.07	Last day of term - early finish at 1.05 pm





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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:
26th and the 29th Of October 2026
Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

📍 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School,**
Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking
[26th October](#)
[29th October](#)

October half term fun

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.

📞 07712 547901



You're invited

Prep school for boys and girls aged 7 – 13




 **Next Open Morning**
Saturday 3rd October 2026



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