

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

Open the Book returns!

We welcomed our very special visitors from All Saints Church this week. Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable.

The volunteers present short, 10-to-15-minute dramatized Bible stories during regular school assemblies or collective worship.



The team use drama, costumes, props, mime, and audience participation—frequently getting the children and teachers involved in the action. This term Year 2 have the opportunity to join in.

Inclusivity: Our Open the Book story closes with a simple, open-ended reflection or an inclusive prayer meant to respect all faith

backgrounds or none.



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

Year R – Greyson and James

Year 1 – Nina and Freddie

Year 2 – Grace and Freya

Headteacher award

Year R – Kamilla

Year 1 – Toby

Year 2 – Doug



Head lice

We seem to have some extra unwanted visitors in school at the moment! These little critters are a real nuisance so please check out the following link if you spot any!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Harvest Festival

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Harvest Festival is at 2.30 pm at All Saints Church. The service will be led by Revd Amy and our children will be singing their favourite harvest songs. All parents welcome.



If you would like to donate food for our festival, then please drop into the office. Dried foods and tins are very welcome. All items are donated to the local food bank. Thank you.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Arnold family for the delicious rocky road cake. Congratulations to Charlie Y who won!

Allergies: Please note some cakes are shop bought and some are homemade and therefore, we cannot guarantee that they are nut free. Please contact FWS if you would like a list of ingredients.



School Council

This week our new School Council were elected. Well done to the following children who will help Mrs Szczepanski make our school even better!

Year R – Kamilla, Oscar, Etta and Emilia

Year 1 – Rosalie, Freddie and Nina

Year 2 – Doug, Aidan and Zach

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Szczepanski and all the staff

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

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

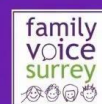
Surrey SEND Local Area Partnership inspection announced

Surrey CC have announced that the SEND Local Area Partnership will be inspected over the coming weeks. Please find parent and carer information below. The inspection will look at how well education, health and care services work together to support children and young people with SEND, from birth to age 25. The inspection starts this week and will last for three weeks.

SURREY'S SEND AREA INSPECTION

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

What Parent Carers Need to Know



WHAT IS A SEND AREA INSPECTION?

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspect how well education, health and social care services work together to support children and young people with SEND.

A SEND area inspection looks at how well local services work together to support children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), from early years through to age 25.

Inspectors will want to understand the experiences and outcomes of children and young people and their families across education, health and social care.

WHAT WILL INSPECTORS LOOK AT?



During the inspection, inspectors will gather evidence about how effective provision is for children and young people with SEND in the local area. They will also evaluate how well the local authority commissions and oversees alternative provision.

- Education (including schools, nurseries and alternative provision)
- Health (including health services and support)
- Social care (including support for children and young people)
- How well services work together
- The experiences and outcomes of children and young people
- How effectively SEND services are commissioned and

PARENT CARER VOICE

There are several ways you may be able to contribute:



Survey open
until 9am
30th September

Survey

Before inspectors arrive, parents and carers will be invited to complete a survey about the support their child receives. The survey and communication around it are designed by Ofsted and CQC, not the local area, and are the same for all areas they inspect. There is also a survey for children and young people and one for staff who work in Surrey.

Tracking meetings

Inspectors may select around 6 children and young people, with different needs, ages and experiences, to take part in tracking meetings. Families of these children may be invited to contribute alongside the child or young person and the professionals who know them.

FAMILY VOICE SURREY

Inspectors will meet with the local Parent Carer Forum, next Thursday during the second week of the three-week inspection. This gives us an important opportunity to make sure that the experiences and views of local families are heard.

Next Monday 28th September we have arranged 2 sessions for families to share their experiences with us. We will use your feedback to help inform what we tell inspectors. The inspection process moves quickly, so we needed to arrange this opportunity at short notice. Booking details are below.

We know that families have different experiences of SEND services. Whether things have worked well, you have faced challenges, or there are areas you would like to see improved, we want to hear from you.



Monday 28th 10:30-12:00



Monday 28th 19:00-20:30



PUBLIC MEETING

Under the new Area SEND inspection framework, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) no longer hold a public meeting for parents and carers as part of the inspection.



This is not a decision made by Family Voice Surrey or Surrey County Council. This change has been introduced by Ofsted and CQC as part of the new inspection.



Please make sure you are connected with Family Voice Surrey so you don't miss the information:



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Look out for updates about the inspection and opportunities to share your views



contact@familyvoice.org

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DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 27
AUTUMN TERM 2026		
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





**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

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

Secretts 

**PUMPKIN PICKING
AND HALLOWEEN TRAIL**
Secretts Farm, Milford, Surrey

HALLOWEEN TRAIL TO THE FIELD -
SCAVENGER HUNT - HUGE VARIETY
OF PUMPKINS - FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION - BISCUIT DECORATING
- GLITTER TATTOOS - MAGICIAN -
PEDAL TRACTORS - HAUNTED HOUSE
- PUMPKIN THEMED MENU -
COUNTLESS PHOTO MOMENTS AND
FAMILY FUN!

PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY
OCTOBER 2026

DATES

SAT 17	FRI 23	TUES 27
SUN 18	SAT 24	WED 28
WED 21	SUN 25	THUR 29
THUR 22	MON 26	FRI 30



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