



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 12 – Autumn Term

Friday, 29th November 2024



Learn, love and flourish together
Our value this term is respect



'Encourage and help each other' 1 Thessalonians 5

Target attendance for the Year 95%
This year's attendance is 97%

Dear Parents/Carers

Starting Reception Class in September 2025?

Over the past few weeks I have been showing a number of families around our school. Our school tours have been popular and your children have made us very proud as I walk through the classes with our visitors.

We have one tour left before Christmas on Thursday, 5th December at 9.50 am. Deadline for Witley C of E Infant School applications to Surrey County Council is 15th January 2025.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Dolphins are the winners!



Well done to Dolphins Class who have filled their jar with the most change. Sienna and Charlie Y were the children chosen (lucky dip) to join Mrs Stanton and Mrs Szczepanski to walk to Church Fields, pick a tree for the school, cut it down and bring it back! We can't wait to see your chosen tree in the playground!

Cake Raffle

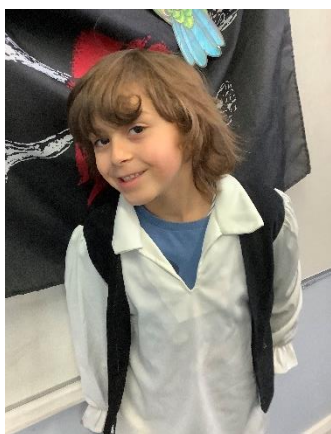
Thank you to the Woolerton family for the fabulous brownies!

Congratulations to Daniel in Penguins who won.

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



Pirate Day in Year 1



Year 1 had a great day dressed as pirates this week. Using the books *The Pirate Next Door* and *The Pirate Crunchers* they became pirates for the day.

Penguins' English learning was based on writing a sentence using capital letters, correct letter formation, finger spaces and full stops.

Our pirates also followed instructions to make a pirate hat!



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

Year R – Ida and Ayda

Year 1 – Ellie and Martha

Year 2 – Indy and Ellie

Headteacher's Gold Book award

Year R – Grace

Year 1 – Penguins Class

Year 2 – Ted





Open the Book



On Wednesday our Open the Book Team joined our children to retell the story of Moses and his visit to Egypt to try to make the Pharaoh free God's people.

Our OTB assemblies are a real favourite! Well done Year 2 for helping tell the story.



Our ending prayer, which the children choose to join in with, was full of hope.

Dear God

Thank you that you care about everyone who is being treated unfairly in the world today. Please give wisdom and courage to the world leaders to change things so everyone can be treated fairly.

Amen

Christmas is coming...

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday, 7th December in the Jubilee Hall starting at 2 pm and Christmas jumper day is on Friday, 13th December to coincide with our Christmas lunch. We are asking for a small donation towards our Child of Hope charity.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

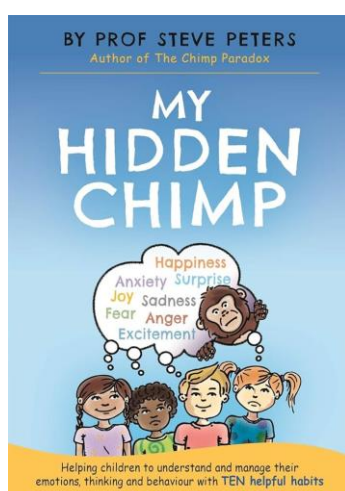
Sarah Dutton – Home School Link Worker – Deputy DSL

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Bringing up children is never easy! We have many families who ask us about helping children with making the right choices. One book that is recommended time and time again is called *My Hidden Chimp*, available on Amazon. Even if you're a bit sceptical about textbook 'help', try it!

My Hidden Chimp is an effective and powerful new educational book that offers parents, teachers and carers some ideas and thoughts on how to help children to develop healthy habits for life. The science behind the habits is discussed in a practical way with exercises and activities to help children think the habits through and start putting them into practice. The neuroscience of the mind is simplified for children to understand and then use to their advantage.



New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.



Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Thank you to everyone who supported FWSwreath making evening!
They look very festive!





THE HEN HOUSE!

NEW Crafty Fridays! at Witley Infant School

Friday 3.15pm-4.15pm - £10.00

Extended session - crafty top up 4.15-6pm £12

Regular full 3.15pm - 6pm session (including crafty club) £17 +£3.50 for dinner

So popular we have added a duplicate of our Thursday club!

Starts after October half term.

Contract bookings only - allowing us to create larger crafts and making sure your space is reserved.

Registration and booking essential.

We accept childcare vouchers, tax free childcare payments and the regular methods of payment.

<https://wollahwollah.kidsclubhq.co.uk>

childcare@thehen-house.com

Milford Baptist Church
Registered Charity No: 1151325

Be families

LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS!

a FREE party for children aged 0-14 and their families

BUFFET PARTY FOOD, CHRISTINGLE, STORIES, GAMES, CRAFT, SONGS, AS WELL AS LOTS OF FUN!

Friday 13th December, 6 til 8pm

at Milford Baptist Church
New Road, Milford
GU8 5BE

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
		AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November
Sat	07.12	FWS Christmas Fair 2 – 4 pm in The Jubilee Hall
Fri	13.12	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Child of Hope Charity and Christmas lunch
Mon	16.12	EYFS Christmas dress rehearsal/KS1 watching/parents with toddlers at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Tues	17.12	EYFS Christmas performance, parents welcome at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Weds	11.12	NEW DATE - Christmas service at ALL Saints Church – 2.30 pm. All parents welcome, but it's a bit of a squeeze!
Thurs	19.12	KS1 Christmas dress rehearsal/EYFS watching. Parents with toddlers welcome at 9.10 am. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
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Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH Children's Magic Road Safety Show during the morning – thank you FWS!
		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23 rd December– 3 rd January 2025
Mon	06.01	First day back after Christmas
Thurs	13.02	3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term
Thurs	06.03	World Book Day – Extreme reading competition and WBD costume day!
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Mon	05.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sat	10.05	WITSTOCK 2025
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Mon	09.06	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

School Website

We are currently updating our website in response to parent feedback. One of the most notable changes is the calendar. Why not take a look? Google Calendar will no longer be updated and we aim to add more information on the website school calendar, which is easier to navigate.

Please bear with us while we add the daily events throughout the year. Calendar dates at the end of the newsletter will gradually be phased out next term and the website will be your main calendar for events.

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