



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 13 – Autumn Term

Friday, 6th December 2024

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



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing Roman 15:13

Target attendance for the Year 95%
This year's attendance is 96%

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday, 7th December in the Jubilee Hall starting at 2 pm. We hope you will be able to join us in our festivities!

Thank you to Church Fields who have again donated a Christmas tree and they seem to get taller every year. Mrs Stanton went with the children to choose a tree and it does look fantastic!

Thank you to FWS and all of you who helped to make our tree look so festive!



Cake Raffle

Thank you to Ellie in Penguins, and her family for making the festive cakes.

Congratulations to Ted in Puffins who won this week.

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



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

Year R – Marnie and Remy

Year 1 – Jack and Ru

Year 2 – Amelia, Max and Olivia

Headteacher's Gold Book award

Year R – Emma Year 1 – Addison Year 2 – Henry



Mrs Hall visits Penguin Class

Mrs Stratford welcomed Mrs Hall on Monday when she met Penguin Class as part of our transition programme. Mrs Hall will be in again before Christmas.

Mrs Hall joins Witley as Class Teacher in January when Mrs Stratford moves to The Chandler Junior School.





Surrey County Council Autumn Half Term Break

Your Opinion Counts!

In response to the national conversation that has emerged over the last few months, about school holidays and term times, the council is seeking the views of our community, including school staff, businesses, workers, residents, and partner agencies. Nationally, there are approximately 10% of state funded schools that have made a change to the length of the autumn half term holiday, which includes a number of Surrey schools and education settings.

The council is inviting parents to express a view which will assist us to consider our approach to determine if there is an appetite for change to the autumn half term holiday for future academic years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/autumn-half-term/>

Yesterday we saw 18 children and two staff ill in what has been the worst week we've known for temperatures and colds. We have reminded children about the importance of washing hands and good hygiene, using a tissue and coughing into their upper sleeve or elbow. Please do not send your child into school if they have a temperature. Hopefully the weekend may help us recover.

Have a fun time at the Christmas fair tomorrow!

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.

New Books for Puffin Class!

Thank you to FWS who have purchased some 'Stretch and Challenge' books and a set of 30 Little Wandle fluency books for our avid readers in Year 2!



Puffin Class visit All Saints Church

Year 2 visited our Church as part of our RE curriculum, noticing the different features in its interior. Can you name some of them?



All Saints Church has a huge wooden door, which, while being very old and attractive in its own way can be a physical barrier to those who have never entered All Saints before - don't let it be like that.



Turn the handle, push the door and come in, all are welcome. Inside you will find a building that is filled with the prayers of 1000 years, a wall painting that is 900 years old, a 700-year-old Lady Chapel with medieval stained glass, signs of the conflict in the 16th and 17th century with an unfinished memorial tablet in the sanctuary and several other family memorials.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CONFIDENCE THIS CHRISTMAS

A place where your child can sing, dance, act and build self esteem!

Weekly Classes for young people aged 4-18 years

Friday Evenings at St Hilary's
Saturdays at St Catherine's

STAGE COACH

www.stagecoach.co.uk/godalming



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



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JOIN US FOR A

crafty christmas party

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
MORNING SESSION - 10:30AM TO 12PM
AFTERNOON SESSION - 1PM TO 2:30PM
COMPTON VILLAGE HALL, GUILDFORD, GU3 1EG

Christmas Crafts Biscuit Decorating Face Paints + Glitter Meet an Elf! Goody bag for every child!	Child Ticket - £14 Adult Ticket - £1 Recommended for children age 3-8. Under 1's go free
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Visit our website for more details
www.artfulkids.uk



Milford Baptist Church
Registered Charity No: 1299321



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
Thurs	19.12	KS1 Christmas performance. Parents welcome at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
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 26th – 30th 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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