



# Witley C of E Infant School

## Newsletter no. 15 – Autumn Term

### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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



*The Wise Men saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

Target attendance for the Year 95%  
This year's attendance is 95.3%



Dear Parents/Carers

### Opal Play survey

Earlier in the week we sent out our parent survey, via email, to gain your views on play opportunities at Witley. Please do take the time to respond over the Christmas period. We value everyone's comments and it is important that we do receive as many completed surveys as possible. Our staff and children have also completed questionnaires this week. Thank you in advance.

### Christmas Lunch!

Christmas Jumper Day was a real hit and the children enjoyed a delicious roast at lunchtime! Money raised will go towards our chosen charity 'Child of Hope' in Uganda.



## Christmas Nativity

Well done to all of our children who practised their lines and sang their hearts out at our Nativity play this week. The children's performances were a real treat to watch. Thank you to our staff who have persevered over the past couple of weeks with so much illness across the school. Thank you everyone for helping to light up our festive week.



## Year 2 invited to the new Junior Choir Club

Further in the newsletter you'll see some information about a new junior choir club starting at All Saints Church at the end of January. Don't miss out!

## Friends of Witley School

Thank you to all of you who have supported FWS either baking a cake, helping with the events or generously giving up your time. You'll see from the newsletter that we sent out yesterday that they have certainly had a busy year. FWS have funded the Road Safety Magic Show today – thank you!

Finally, we'd like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and thank you for your support this year and for our wonderful gifts!

Have a lovely break and we'll see you all in the new year,  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski and everyone at Witley C of E Infant School

## Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Dooley family for the wonderful snowman cake!  
Congratulations to Oran, Puffins, and Hanora, Dolphins, who won.

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 – Charlie Y and Lola

Year 1 – Sylvie and Jacob

Year 2 – Matilda and Isla Hi



## 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/>

## 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.

**DO YOU LIKE SINGING?  
ARE YOU IN YEAR 2, 3, 4 OR 5?**

JOIN US FOR GAMES, ACTIVITIES, LEARNING MUSIC, SINGING SONGS

**JUNIOR CHOIR CLUB  
FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WITLEY  
3:30PM–4:45PM**

*To sign up please  
email:  
[office@allsaintswitley.org.uk](mailto:office@allsaintswitley.org.uk)  
with child's name  
and school Year*

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
		<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November
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!
		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> December– 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Mon	06.01	First day back after Christmas
Thurs	13.02	3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	<b>INSET Day no. 4</b>
		<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> 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
		<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Mon	05.05	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Sat	10.05	WITSTOCK 2025
Fri	23.05	<b>INSET Day no. 5</b>
		<b>MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> 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

# HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025

WE ARE **EXCITED** TO ANNOUNCE THAT BOOKING HAS OPENED FOR OUR 2025 HOLIDAY CAMPS!

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HIGH QUALITY, FLEXIBLE CHILDCARE FOR YOUR 4+ YEAR OLD, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!

**17TH-21ST FEBRUARY**  
ST JAMES PRIMARY

**7TH-17TH APRIL**  
ST JAMES PRIMARY

**27TH-30TH MAY**  
ST JAMES PRIMARY

**4TH-29TH AUGUST**  
ST MARY'S INFANTS

\*CHILD UNDER 4? CHECK OUT OUR EARLY YEARS SUMMER CAMP INSTEAD...

**8.30-5.30PM\***  
LUNCH ADD-ON AVAILABLE

£40.00 per day or,  
£80.00 for 2 days  
£100.00 for 3 days  
£120.00 for 4 days  
£140.00 for 5 days

Did you know we accept  
Childcare Vouchers and Tax  
Free Childcare payments?

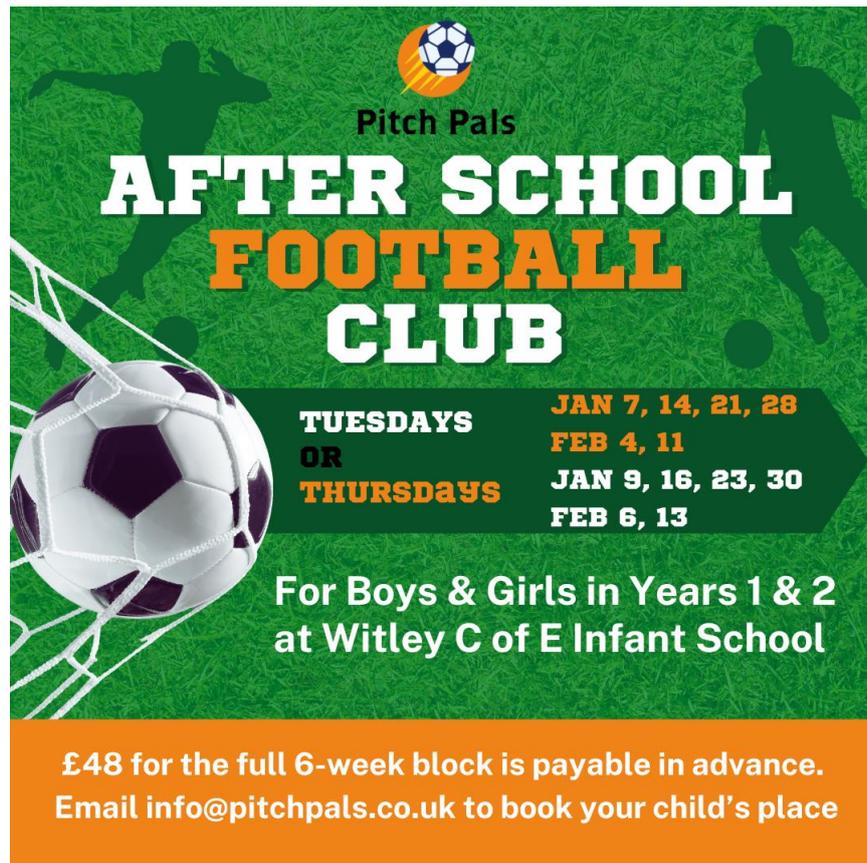
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Registration and booking  
essential.  
Places are limited.

Email [care@thehen-house.com](mailto:care@thehen-house.com) for more information

\*8am-6pm available for only £6 extra



Pitch Pals

# AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

**TUESDAYS** JAN 7, 14, 21, 28  
**OR** FEB 4, 11  
**THURSDAYS** JAN 9, 16, 23, 30  
FEB 6, 13

For Boys & Girls in Years 1 & 2  
at Witley C of E Infant School

£48 for the full 6-week block is payable in advance.  
Email [info@pitchpals.co.uk](mailto:info@pitchpals.co.uk) to book your child's place

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