



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 25 Spring Term
Friday 24th March 2023

Our value this half term is resilience

Be kind hearted – Ephesians 4:32



Dear Everyone

Our **Easter Service** will be held at 2.30 pm on Monday, 27th March at All Saints Church, parents are invited. Our children will sit towards the front. We hope many of you will join us.



Wow! The pupils did an amazing job of raising just under £1000 to date for the school with their sponsored bounce!

They certainly bounced their hearts out, keeping fit. Amazing work!

If you haven't already sent through your sponsorship, please can you do so this week?



FWS have some BIG spending plans for the school coming up including planters, new trikes, resources for EYFS and loads of other new school equipment...so much new stuff for the kids to benefit from and it's all thanks to you and all your amazing donations.

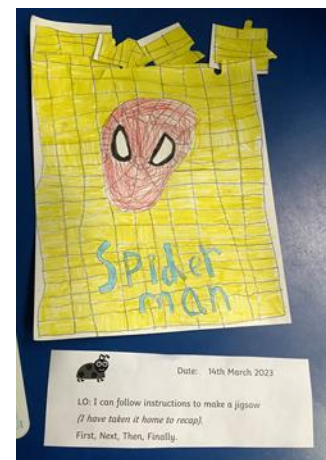
Year 1 have had an extremely busy couple of weeks. In Design and Technology they have been designing and making jigsaws.



Next week they are making catch cups as well as learning more about old toys and how they have changed over the decades.

In science the children took advantage of our wonderful grounds identifying deciduous and evergreen trees.

Can they remember the features of each tree? Maybe you could ask them?



Date: 14th March 2023
LO: I can follow instructions to make a jigsaw
(I have taken it home to recap!)
First, Next, Then, Finally.



Who's this pretending to be Captain Scott?

Year 1 have also been learning about famous explorers and the lives they led.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott led two expeditions to the Antarctic and Roald Amundsen who was first to reach the South Pole and navigate the North-West passage.



Despite the cold weather recently we have spotted frog spawn in our school pond! Signs of spring are definitely beginning to appear.

Reading for Pleasure - Competition Time!

We are organising a competition to celebrate reading for pleasure at Witley. Your challenge is to read a new book over the Easter holidays.

Maybe you could swap books with a friend? Maybe you could visit the library? The book you choose needs to be one you haven't read before.

The book could be fiction or non-fiction the choice is yours.

All you have to do is to write a review about your book. You could draw a picture from the book, write about the characters and what you liked about the story. Bring your book reviews into school after the holidays and we will pick a winner from each class who will win a prize.

We will chose several entries to display in our library. Good luck!

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Helen Szczepanski
Headteacher

How to CHOOSE a book!

- Look!** Browse the bookshelves – it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.
- Check out the COVER!** Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?
- READ the blurb!** The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?
- Think about the GENRE** This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?
- TRY it out** Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.
- The RIGHT One** Use the five finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.
- ASK** ...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

National Literacy Trust | Love our Libraries

This week's Makaton signs



More

Help

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

Reception: Oscar and Amy
Year 1: Maki and Phoebe
Year 2: Posy and Thomas



This week's Gold Book assembly Headteacher's award goes to Bear in Year R

Cake Raffle Winner

This week's joint winners are Posy and Lark.

Thank you to the Marvin family for our super owl cake!



Would anyone like a plastic play house?

We no longer have any need for our play house,
can anyone give it a home?

Please email or ring the office if you are interested.



SPRING TERM 2023

Throughout March we have our Spring Cleaning Month! We hope you the children are helping out at home and in the garden. Are those Smartie tubes filling up?

Monday 27th March – Easter Service at All Saints Church 2:30pm – parents welcome

Tuesday 28th March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall

BOOKINGS OPEN VIA ARBOR

Thursday 30th March – Easter Egg Hunt

End of term - Friday 31st March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

Friday 31st March - 1.30 pm, Easter Egg Hunt at All Saints Church



SUMMER TERM 2023

Saturday 15th April – DIY DAY at school

***Monday 17th April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – school closed – King Charles III Coronation



Wednesday 10th May – Year 1 to Broadwater Multiskills Sports event

Saturday 13th May - WitStock event

Mid May – Year 2 SATs (Standard Attainment Tests)



***Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5**

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Week beginning 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Wednesday 21st June – Year 1 to Brooklands Museum



**BROOKLANDS
MUSEUM**

Wednesday 28th June - Class photos/siblings

End of term – Friday 21st July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

INSET No. 1 – Friday 1st September

School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 4th September at 8.45 am

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

Last day of term - 15 December 2023 – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

Spring Term 2024

School starts – Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY No.3 – Friday, 9th February

February half term - 12 February to 16 February

Last day of term – Thursday 28th March – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

Summer Term 2024

INSET DAY No. 4 - Monday 15th April

School starts – Tuesday, 16th April

INSET DAY No.5 - Friday, 24th May

Summer half term - 27 May to 31 May 2024

Last day of term – Tuesday, 23rd July – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

INSET DAYS 2023/24

Witley C of E Infant School will be closed on the following days next academic year for staff training.

1. Friday, 1st September 2023
2. Monday, 30th October 2023
3. Friday, 9th February 2024
4. Monday, 15th April 2024
5. Friday, 24th May 2024



ALL SAINTS WITLEY



Saturday 25th March
3.30 – 5.30pm
Easter Fun, Worship and Tea

All welcome
More details from 01428 681872

ALL SAINTS WITLEY



IT'S TIME FOR SOME EASTER FUN

EASTER EGG HUNT

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

TEA and COFFEE

REFRESHMENTS

Friday 31st March

1.30pm – 2.30pm (in church)

Come and join us

THE HEN HOUSE!



INSET DAY COVER

9.00AM – 5PM*

Witley Infant School

17th April

£52 per child (£3 extra charge for lunch, or
bring your own packed lunch)

An action packed day of play, arts and crafts,
games and more!

Booking via <https://wollahwollah.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login>

**CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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'I really couldn't have asked for anymore and was so happy to know that he had a great time when he was there. He always looked forward to it. So a big thank you!'
D.T - Grayswood Parent

*Longer day possible upon request.



Next Thing Education Camps

Easter Holiday Scheme Places for Free

Dear Parents / Guardians

We are excited to announce that we will be running an **Easter Technology Camp** at **Birchwood Grove County Primary School, RH15 0DP** packed full of exciting and fun activities.

Dates: Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th April 2023

Children aged 5 – 11, who **receive free school meals** are eligible to attend one of our camps for up to 16 hours for **free**.

A **unique HAF booking code** will be sent by email / text message to eligible parents. Ask your school or council if you have not yet received this code.

To book your **FREE** Space:

Please go to the following link:

<https://nextthing.typeform.com/birchwood>

Or scan the QR Code at the bottom of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call us on 01442 873150 and one of our team will help you process your booking.

Kind regards,
Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.



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