



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Target
attendance
for the Year
95%

Newsletter no. 1 - Autumn Term
Friday 6th September 2024

Our value this term is friendship

“Encourage and help each other” - 1 Thessalonians 5.11



Dear Parents/Carers and Children



On Wednesday, in our whole school assembly, we introduced our new value of friendship for this half term. We talked about what makes a good friend and the fact that the new Year R class will be making lots of new friends when they come to school next week. We are all very much looking forward to meeting our new children in Dolphins.

Celebration Assembly



Our Celebration Assembly, every Tuesday, is a time for us all to celebrate. Two children in each class receive a certificate for either being 'ready to learn' or displaying one of our school values:

friendship, respect, joy, resilience, trust and confidence

We also celebrate achievements out of school which entails your child bringing in a certificate/medal or cup that they have been awarded, i.e. swimming club certificate, medal for participating in a football tournament or dancing, etc.

Children come to the front in our assembly to tell their friends about their achievement. It's a real boost for self esteem and confidence talking in front of a large group.

During the assembly we celebrate upcoming birthdays, so it's really important that your child knows when their birthday is!

Attendance – new DfE guidance with immediate effect

Attached to the newsletter email this week is a letter informing you about the new DfE guidance regarding school attendance for the start of the new term. Moving forward parents/carers will need to carefully consider the amount of time they request for holidays/other unauthorised absences to avoid penalty notices. As always, please do come and speak with me if you have any queries regarding planned absences other than medical appointments.



Who is picking up your child?

At the beginning of every new academic year we ask that parents inform their new class teacher or email the office if their child is being picked up regularly by someone other than parents. Also, you will need to let the office know if there is an ad hoc/one off pickup/change of plan during the day i.e. playdate. For safeguarding reasons we can only release children to authorised adults. Please support the school with this routine. Teachers do not check their emails regularly during the day as they are teaching, so please email the office with any messages. Thank you.

New reading diaries

Our KS1 children were very excited about their new reading diaries this week. Please encourage your child to keep their small Little Wandle decodable reading books and reading diaries in their plastic wallet to prolong their life. Dolphins will receive their reading diaries soon. Thank you.



Harvest Celebration and Open Classroom – Mon, 21st October 2.15 pm

Please check our dates diary at the end of the newsletter for Harvest Festival celebrations. Our children will be joining Rev Ann at All Saints for a special school service (just for the children) and our parents are invited to join us in the Jubilee Hall to watch our children perform their Harvest Celebration on Monday, 21st October. After the festival at 2.45 pm we have our popular 'Open Classroom' when parents are invited into class to share their child's learning with them until 3.30 pm.

Sunflower competition – Witley Gardening Association



Just a reminder about the dwarf sunspot sunflower competition for this Saturday 7th September at The Chichester Hall (children were given seeds last spring/summer).



The gardening association understand that it has not been a particularly good growing year and if some of the children do not have a sunflower to bring they can bring a picture they've created of a sunflower. They can be drawn, painted, collaged, etc. and will be displayed at the show.

There will also be a small gift for everyone who enters and rosettes for the winners. Bring them along at 10 am and the show starts at 2.45 pm

Online safety newsletter every month

Yesterday we sent out our first online safety newsletter of the year. We hope you find this helpful. Look out for these newsletters every month.



Education Sunday at All Saints Church

Education Sunday is on the second Sunday of September, which this year is 8th September and we will be praying for the school community at both Witley C of E School and The Chandler School for the forthcoming academic year. You are most welcome to join us.



Finally, a reminder that we are a nut free school and please do not bring bananas in lunchboxes due to individual pupil allergies.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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School Tours this autumn at Witley C of E Infant School

SCHOOL TOURS for ADMISSIONS in SEPTEMBER 2025

Is your child due to start school in September 2025? We have a number of tours planned and we'd love to show you around our school. Please call the office to book an appointment.

Autumn Term Tours

Thurs, 3rd Oct	9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am
Fri, 11th Oct	9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am
Mon, 14th Oct	9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am
Tues, 22nd Oct	9.05 - 9.45 am
Weds, 23rd Oct	9.05 - 9.45 am

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Sat	07.09	Witley Gardening Association AUTUMN SHOW from 2.30 – 4 pm Take along your sunflowers, drawings and paintings at 10 am.
Mon	09.09	YEAR R - Half day introduction for all children including lunch. Drop off at 8.45 to 8.55 am Parents are welcome to come into the class and help their child with the early morning routine until 9 am i.e. hanging their coat up, book bags in trays. Collect at 1.10 pm outside Early Years.
Tues	10.09	YEAR R - Half day introduction for all children including lunch. Drop off at 8.45 to 8.55 am Parents are welcome to come into the class and help their child with the early morning routine until 9 am i.e. hanging their coat up, book bags in trays. Collect at 1.10 pm outside Early Years.
Weds	11.09	YEAR R Children can be collected at 1.10pm or 3.15 pm. From Wednesday onwards we encourage parents/carers to say goodbye at the Year R outdoor classroom gate to support independence.
Thurs	12.09	Year R children collected at 1.10pm or 3.15 pm.
Fri	13.09	Year R children collected at 1.10pm or 3.15 pm.
Week beg. Mon 16.09		Year R children encouraged to stay until 3.15 pm
Tues	17.09	KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 ‘Meet the Teacher’ parent meeting in classrooms – 2.45 pm – 3.10 pm
Weds	18.09	Year R parents/carers invited to our EYFS Curriculum evening 7.30 – 8.30 pm in EYFS classroom
Fri	27.09	Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning 9.05 am – Jubilee Hall, all parents invited
Tues	08.10	Individual photographs (formal) - pre-school children welcome (details to follow)
Thurs	10.10	Flu vaccinations for pupils – details will be emailed separately
Fri	11.10	Harvest Service at All Saints (PUPILS ONLY/PARENTS ASSEMBLY on THURS 17th October)
Mon	21.10	Harvest Festival at 2.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall, followed by Open Classroom at 2.45 until 3.30 pm
Tues	22.10	Parent Consultations – all year groups – 3.30 – 6 pm (details to follow)
Weds	23.10	Parent Consultations – all year groups – 3.50 – 7.20 pm (details to follow)

Fri	25.10	INSET Day no. 3
		AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November
Mon	04.11	First day back
Mon	11.11	Anti-bullying week wear something BLUE – Be Loving and Understanding to Everyone.
Fri	15.11	Come to school wearing an item that is blue – socks, hair accessory, blue top!
Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		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
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

Have you changed your mobile number, home address or any other contact details?

Please update your details via Arbor. If you have any problems logging on or using Arbor please contact the school office.

A promotional graphic for Toddler Sense. On the left, a cartoon illustration of a child in a green dinosaur costume with yellow spots and antennae stands on a blue cloud. Below it, the text "Toddler Sense Life's an Adventure" is written in a blue cloud. A quote from Peter Pan J.M. Barrie is below that. On the right, a photograph shows a young girl with her arms raised, sitting on a green block. Behind her is a backdrop with the Toddler Sense logo. A purple circle with the text "NEW LOCAL CLASSES" is positioned between the illustration and the photo. On the far right, a circular seal says "NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS SINCE 2011". Below the seal is a quote from Jacqueline Bucknall.

NEW LOCAL CLASSES

Toddler Sense
Life's an Adventure

"Would you like an adventure now, or shall we have our tea first?"
Peter Pan J.M. Barrie

www.toddlersense.com

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS SINCE 2011

"William loves the structured familiarity and the excitement of each week's new adventure. Definitely a 10/10 for both of us"
Jacqueline Bucknall

A promotional graphic for Toddler Sense with a space theme. The background is blue with yellow stars and a yellow dashed line path. A rocket ship is at the top, a treasure chest and musical notes are at the bottom, and a ship is on the right. The text describes the program as award-winning and based on scientific research. It provides contact information for Hayley and lists class locations. The Toddler Sense logo is in the bottom right corner.

Award winning classes for children aged 13 months - 5 years.
Supporting your child's learning and development through adventure play!

Each week has a unique theme, creating a whole new world of magical delights.

The programme is founded on decades of scientific research and its structure will help prepare your child for school.

To find out more:
Contact: Hayley
Email: guildford@toddlersense.co.uk
Visit: www.toddlersense.com/guildford
Classes at: Petersfield, Haslemere, Witley & Guildford

www.toddlersense.com We've done the research; so you can enjoy the fun...

Toddler Sense
Life's an Adventure

**JOIN THE RACE
TO SAVE OUR
WORLD**

THE GREAT PANDA TRAIL



**SUNDAY 15TH SEPT
2-5PM**

(PIZZA VAN FROM 4PM)

17 Ockfields. GU8 5JT.

**LET'S RUN WILD FOR WWF! I'M TAKING ON THE LONDON
MARATHON 2025 AND NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE JOIN
ME FOR A FUN-FILLED FUNDRAISER!**

TOY SALE

Facepainting

Bake Sale

Tombola

Treasure Hunt

Garden Games

