



Witley C of E Infant School

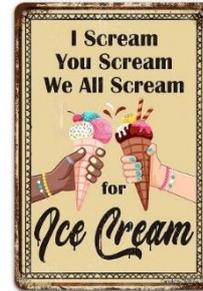


Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 3 Autumn Term
Friday, 22nd September 2023

Our value this half term is Friendship

'Encourage and help each other'
1 Thessalonians 5



Ice-cream on sale in the playground on Wednesday 27th September after school. Thank you FWS!

Dear Parents/Carers

You have probably heard about the flooding at school this week which happened over last weekend. The rain came through the lower part of the shed near the main reception into my office, through the door to the bottom of the stairs. Fortunately, there was no major damage but it has set us back a bit. We have dehumidifiers in and thankfully the damp and smell is subsiding.

We've also had some staff illness but fortunately our regular staff have rallied round with Mrs Sewell stepping in to help release Mrs Stanton and myself to cover Year 2 next week. Please be patient with us while we get into a routine with the class!



Yesterday, Oaty and Mushroom made a visit to Puffins Class where the pupils are learning about animals and their habitats in science. The piggies spent some time in the library having regular visitors all day! They will return next year for another visit.

Our hedgehogs will visit in October and thank you to FWS fundraising who fund this event.



Please join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning

Can you donate a cake, biscuits or teabags for our Macmillan Coffee morning? Please bring into school on Thursday. Thank you.

Year 2 will be preparing the Macmillan Coffee Morning which will take place on Friday, 29th September between 9 and 10.30 am. All parents and pre-school children are invited. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the staff car park where our children will serve coffee, tea and cake! Please bring cash – sorry, no card payments (the children will be sorting and counting the coins).

Children starting school in September 2024

We have several tours scheduled over the next few weeks. Please contact the office for further details.

Ready to Learn

We have been developing a new behaviour policy, linked to our values at Witley, which we will be introducing to our pupils over the next couple of weeks. Our new Learning Behaviour Blocks support children to be ready to learn and we will be teaching children to help themselves to understand how they are feeling. We all have off days and it's important that children understand that we can help them get back on top! You will also notice we will be awarding team points – more about that next month!

How do you feel today?		Witley C of E infant School Learning Behaviour Blocks		
Ready to Learn Rewards				
friendship respect joy  Everything is okay!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual verbal praise in class Recognition on the Rainbow Team points Celebration assembly awards Share learning with Headteacher 		resilience trust confidence  I'm ready to learn!	
'I'm feeling unwell, tired or hungry. I'm not myself.' 	'I'm not having a good day!' 	'I'm feeling distracted and I can't learn.' 	In the classroom or in the playground, 'I'm distracting others and being unkind.' 	In the classroom or in the playground, 'I'm angry and being unkind to my friends.' 
What can you do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk with an adult 	What can you do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk with an adult 	What can you do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiddle toy Take a break Talk with an adult Use one of your coping strategies 	I need some help from an adult. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time out, away from friends to reflect and talk with an adult 	I need some help from an adult. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time out away from friends and away from the classroom or playground and talk with an adult

School Census day – during the academic year we have three census days when the school is required to submit pupil numbers to the DfE and we encourage the children to learn about numbers. We currently have 90 children on roll which is our maximum number and we all have our fingers crossed that we have full attendance on that day. As some of you may know our school funding is based on the data collected on census day, so it would be hugely helpful if you could avoid booking medical appointments on that day (we appreciate it may not be possible to rearrange appointments that are already booked).

Congratulations to Maki and Oscar in Year 2 and Fiona and Isla Hi in Year 1, who are our new School Council representatives (Year R will join us in the spring). I shall be meeting up with them next week!

Have a super weekend
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Raring2Go! is a family magazine which is published 4 times a year with anything and everything to do with family life from ideas for days out, clubs and classes and holiday camps in the Guildford, Godalming and Haslemere area.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/guildford/autumn2023/>

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

Year 1: Katie and Florence
Year 2: Lottie and Harrison



Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to Henry in Year 1

Harvest Festival

In joint partnership with All Saints Church we will be collecting items for St Marks Foodbank this autumn. If you would like to make a contribution then Witley C of E Infant School is collecting the following items:

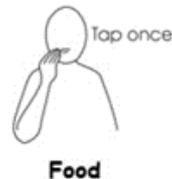


Biscuits
Coffee
Sugar
Sweetcorn
Tins of corned beef/hot dogs/meatballs/mince/steak/chicken/tuna
Tins of rice pudding/custard/fruit

You can drop items off in the box near the school office. Thank you.

Makaton Challenge

Here at Witley we regularly learn Makaton signs.



TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 27th September – FWS Ice cream sale after school in the playground

Friday 29th September – Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning 9 – 10.30am up in The Jubilee Hall. All parents/carers invited

Tuesday 3rd October - FWS AGM 7.30pm at The White Hart – why not come along?

Thursday 5th October – Parent Tours for admissions 2024, please book via the school office:

Tour no. 1 09.05 – 09.45 am (FULL)

Tour no. 2 10.00 – 10.35 am



Tuesday 10th October – Individual/sibling photographs inc. toddlers and babies first thing (details to follow)

Thursday 12th October - Parent Tours for Admissions 2024, please book via the school office:

Tour no. 3 09.05 – 09.45 am

Tour no. 4 10.00 – 10.35 am

Friday 13th October – EYFS Breakfast! (Details to follow)

Friday 13th October – FWS Autumn Disco – straight after school in The Jubilee Hall – details here:

<https://forms.gle/wX5Dr1YRpmnVsWs2A>

Monday, 16th October -- Harvest Festival in the Jubilee Hall at 2.15 pm – all parents invited followed by Open Classroom until 3.30pm

Wednesday 18th October – Hedgehog visit, all classes in the afternoon

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023



INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

Wednesday 1st November – Parent/carer consultations from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Thursday 2nd November - Parent/carer consultations from 4.00 pm – 7.30 pm

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.

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.



Nursery & Forest School

OPENING OCTOBER

7:30am - 6pm | Age 3+

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St Hilary's Open Morning

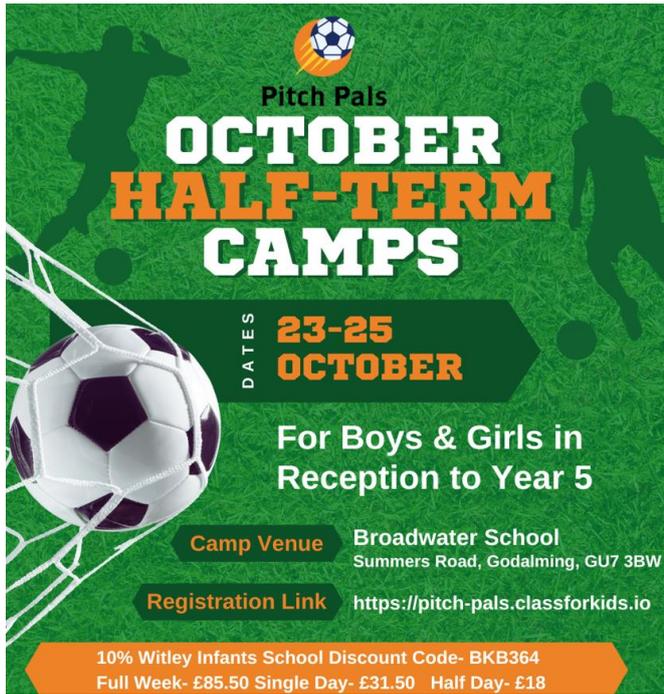
Saturday 7 October

Personal tours by arrangement

To book your visit 

Or contact Admissions
admissions@sthilaryschool.com
phone 01483 521719

www.sthilaryschool.com



Pitch Pals
OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMPS

DATES 23-25 OCTOBER

For Boys & Girls in Reception to Year 5

Camp Venue Broadwater School
Summers Road, Godalming, GU7 3BW

Registration Link <https://pitch-pals.classforkids.io>

10% Witley Infants School Discount Code- BKB364
 Full Week- £85.50 Single Day- £31.50 Half Day- £18



boys and girls ages 2-11

ST HILARY'S PREP SCHOOL
GODALMING

Open Morning

Saturday 7 October

Open Morning Tours must be booked
 Personal tours by arrangement

email admissions@sthilarysschool.com
 Phone 01483 521719

www.sthilarysschool.com

BOOK YOUR TOUR NOW >>  <<



Are you looking for
October Half Term Activities for your children?



Book now for the
Bee Active Camp
 The St Hilary's October Half Term Multi-Activity Camp
 for boys and girls Year 1 - Year 6 in the heart of Godalming

Art | Chess | Dance | Drama | Lego | Music | Sport

Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October
 8.45am - 4.00pm
 £48 per day

bookings: www.bookwhen.com/sthilarys



INFINITY presents



Theatre Workshop

infinityperformers.com

This October Half Term, Infinity we will be hosting another 3 day performing arts workshop under the theme of *The Little Mermaid*. Children will get the chance to sing, dance, act, make crafts and set whilst making new friends.

This workshop is taking place at Gosden House School, Bramley, Surrey. Just a five minute drive from Guildford and Godalming. Run by two professionally trained performers who have years of experiencing teaching to children of all abilities.



Dates:
 23/10/23
 24/10/23
 25/10/23

Book NOW



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