



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Attendance
for the Year
95.7 %

Newsletter no. 26 - Spring Term
Thursday, 28th March 2024

Our value this term is resilience



Dear Parents and Carers

Easter Pause Day



On Tuesday all of our children spent the afternoon in mixed year groups reflecting on the Easter story. Children joined their friends visiting the different classrooms. In Dolphins class we learnt about the symbols of Easter and visited the Forest School to search for hidden eggs.

In Penguins class we learnt the importance of sending messages of love at different times of the year and made a special Easter card for our families.

In the Jubilee Hall, Mrs Graham helped us to tell the story of Easter through drama. We dressed up in costumes to help us become the character in the Easter story.



Easter Service at All Saints Church and Open Classroom

It was lovely to see you all at our Church. The children were incredibly excited to perform for you. We hope you enjoyed the service!



Sport for the summer term

We are very excited to announce that Paul from Pitch Pals will be joining us on a Thursday afternoon at 2 pm to teach our Year 2 girls football skills. The DfE are encouraging sports for girls particularly football and through our sports premium grant we are able to fund this activity.

Our boys in Year 2 will be learning to play basketball and 20 balls have arrived complete with new basketball hoops. We have also received a dodge ball kit for them too. These sports activities will take place on a Thursday with our tennis coach joining us on a Friday for the whole class.



Open the Book

Well done to a number of children in Year 2 who joined in the cast for the story The Dreadful Day yesterday.



It is probably the saddest story in the bible. It tells how, although Jesus was good and kind and loving, some bad people planned to hurt him and kill him. The Easter story helps us to understand that things can be better. It tells us how we should live our lives now in the light of that change.

Sometimes sad things happen to us. We closed our eyes and thought of a time when we were sad and what it was that made us happy again.

A very warm welcome!

Finally, we would like to welcome Mrs Sarah Wales to our staff team.

Sarah will be joining Year 1 every morning, Monday through to Thursday.



ALL SAINTS WITLEY

Good Friday 29th March Mini-Messy Church

**11.00am Hot Cross Buns, cakes,
drinks and Craft**

**11.15am Find out why Good
Friday is called 'good' with
singing**

Everyone welcome

Planning a Spring Clean?

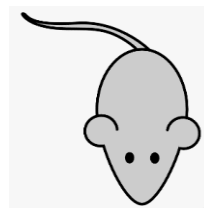
We will be tidying up our library soon, so please look out for any of our library or reading spine books hidden at home. Under the bed? In the dog basket? Down the back of the sofa? Please return any books you find. Thank you!

Have a wonderful Easter
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

We have a mouse problem!

This week 50 mice arrived in school. These little creatures will enable our children to practise their mouse control when using the Chromebooks.

Why not brush on your mouse control skills over the holiday!



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

Year R: Zach and Seb
Year 1: Bear, Fiona and Florence
Year 2: Charlie B and Bertie

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to:

Year R: Iris
Year 1: Raife
Year 2: Charlie H

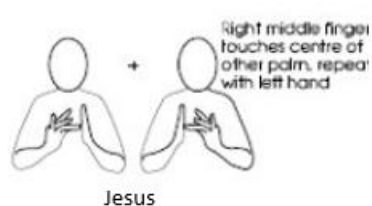
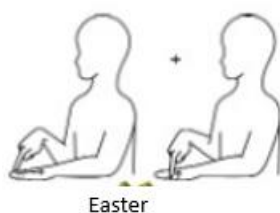


Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to Martha's Dad who made this masterpiece!

Well done to Sam and Lyra who have won the fantastic cake!





FWS SPRING TERM ROUND UP

It's Easter already, how has this happened! Before we all go off and stuff our faces with chocolate for 2 solid weeks...just me(?) we wanted to give you an FWS round up for the Spring Term. It's been a relatively quiet one in terms of big events but a lot has been going on in the background.

We kicked off the term with **Sleepy Stories** which the teachers were keen to run meaning we just needed to provide milk and biscuits, so a big thank you to them for that. We then funded the **Pied Piper** theatre visit as well as the class trips to **Haslemere Museum and Brooklands Museum**. The **Krispy Kreme** sale was a big hit - and we finally got the numbers right and sold every last one!

Jo came in to get each class involved in drama workshops for **World Book Day**. The kids were really engaged and enthusiastic and we had a lovely time reading stories and racing around acting out all the characters. The **Dino Run** saw Emily & Jo don inflatable dinosaur suits and put their fitness to the test! It seemed to be a big hit with the kids - thank you to Camille for the outfits and to all of you for your immense amount of sponsorship. Finally FWS provided all the **Easter Eggs** for the hunt this week. Thanks to the school for running this event.

So, this term through your generous donations we raised:

Dino Run	£1,200.50	WOW!
Sleepy Stories	£89.80	
Krispy Kreme	£68.47	
Cake Raffle	A further £120 on top of the payments at the beginning of the year	

Total **£1,478.77**



Additional items we have purchased for our children this term include:

£445 Phonics books £800 Group reading tables for every class
£534.50 x6 programmable Beebots, wooden claves for music
£304.25 Heavy Duty guillotine for art, stationery
£150 Sand and water play table for Dolphins
£120 10 x lined white boards for Dolphins
£954 Jigsaw PSHE resources for everyone £162 Easter Eggs & Caterpillars



Total paid out by FWS: £4067.44

The Summer Term is quite a big one for FWS. You can look forward to Break the Rules Day in April, the Colour Run in May, a Danceathon and The Club Tropicana Summer Social in June (dates TBC) and the Leavers Dinner in July. We are also hoping to resurrect Fruity Fridays - watch this space!

So, please look out for further information and save the dates when we come back from Easter as well as calls for volunteers to help at the events.

Have a brilliant break everyone, thank you for your continued support and generosity, you make it so easy for us.

Jo, Tiff, Sam, Hannah, Emily and Katy xxx



TERM DATES 2023/24

DAY	DATE	SPRING TERM 2024
Th	28.03	1.05pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
Mon	15.04	INSET DAY No. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tues	16.04	First day of term
Weds	17.04	Outdoor photo-shoot with Amy Blackwood Photography (back up 18.04 if wet)
Mon	06.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Mon	07.05	Witley School will be participating in the optional Key Stage 1 Tests for Year 2 pupils this academic year. This will take place in the month of May.
Sat	11.05	WITSTOCK at The Chichester Hall
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05
Mon	10.06	Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 – all week
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Th	20.06	Whole Class group photographs
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Wed	03.07	Year 1 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Tues	09.07	Year R Trip to Tuesley Farm
Th	18.07	Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft
Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Mon	02.09	INSET DAY no. 1
Tues	03.09	INSET DAY no. 2

Weds	04.09	Welcome back to Year 1 and Year 2 Year R (EYFS) start dates and home visits to be confirmed
Fri	25.10	INSET Day no. 3
		AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November
Mon	04.11	First day back
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
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
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

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THE HEN HOUSE!

Witley Infant School

NEW Crafty Club!
Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm - £9.50
Extended sessions available.

A chance for your children to use and develop their arts and crafts skills and we clear up all the mess! Children signed up for our after school club are free to join at no extra cost.

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>



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam

Brownies

1st Witley Brownies has spaces available for girls aged 7-10. We welcome girls to join us to enjoy new experiences, make new friends and learn new skills.

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure

Brownies gives your daughter the opportunity to do something different each week. Over recent terms our pack has enjoyed basketball and rugby coaching, dissecting owl pellets, learning BSL, cooking pancakes and fajitas, trying lawn bowls and croquet, conquering bouldering, making graffiti art and learning to kayak.



Easter Performing Arts Workshop

INFINITY
school of performing arts
Presents

Trolls

2-4TH APRIL

 **Gosden House School, GU5 0AH**

www.infinityperformers.com



Brownies
1st Witley Brownies

Volunteer with us





We open up a **world of possibilities** for girls from 4-18-years-old, one where they can do anything.

It's totally flexible, you can help as much or as little as you want.

Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures.

Your local Brownie group needs:
Leaders and unit helpers so we can continue to inspire girls to have adventures, make new friends and learn new skills. Monday evenings during term time. Training and uniform provided, male and female volunteers of all ages welcome. Contact witleybrownies@gmail.com for more information.



Register today



girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer

Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS TRAIN ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AND SATURDAY MORNINGS

HOWZAT?



- ECB Level 2 Coaching
- Years 7-9 train 18.00-20.00 on Friday evenings
- Years 2-6 on Saturday mornings from 09.30-11.30
- A girls only training session for years 5-9 takes place from 11.45-13.00 on Saturdays
- Match time guaranteed
- Idyllic and safe setting with a superb village shop

Whether your child is cricket crazy or just starting out, we'd love to see you. Training starts April 26th /27th depending on your age group.



The Cricket Green, Hambledon, Surrey, GU8 4HF
Contact: Caroline Tristem at caroline@tristem.co.uk for further information.

Elstead Village Tennis Club presents

OPEN DAY & FREE TENNIS COACHING

REGISTER NOW!

Sat 13th April 2024

10.00 - 10.45 - 7 years & under
10.45 - 11.30 - 8-10 year olds
11.30 - 12.30 - 11-18 year olds
12.30 - 1.30 - Adults
1.30 - 2.30 - **Try Pickleball!**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN! ★

AT: BURFORD LODGE RECREATION GROUND
GALA LANE | ELSTEAD | GU8 6FG

All ages welcome including adults ★



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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HEAD COACH - DOUG BARKER: 07557 404 523



Elstead Village Tennis Club

Holiday Camps 2024

Easter- 2nd-5th April, 8th-12th April

May H/T- 28th-31st May

Summer- 29th July-2nd August, 5th-9th August, 12th-16th August

5th day free if you sign up for the whole week!

Time	Level / Age	Camp Option	Cost per day	Cost per week
09:00-10:00	3-5 years	1 x Early Years	£8	£32
10:00-13:00	MINI Tennis (Red, Orange, Green) (5 - 10 yrs)	1 x Half Day	£24	£96
10:00-13:00	JUNIOR Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	1 x Half Day	£24	£96
10:00-15:00	MINI Tennis (Red, Orange, Green) (5 - 10 yrs)	1 x Full day	£40	£160
10:00-15:00	JUNIOR Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	1 x Full Day	£40	£160

For more information or to book, contact Doug

Mobile: 07557404523

Email: HeadCoach@ElsteadTennis.co.uk

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Easter Events at Godalming Library

23rd March-27th April
Godalming Library Spring Poetry
Competition



27th March-20th April
Pebble's Treasure Hunt



Wednesday 3rd April

11am
Book Trust Storytime and Craft



Monday 8th April

11am | Suggested Donation 50p | Drop-in
3D paper egg decorations



2.30pm | 9+ | Book via email
Drawing Workshop, Eggs for Easter

Tuesday 9th April

1pm | £2 | Book on Wayfarers League Website
D&D Taster Sessions for Families

Thursday 4th April

2pm | 8+ | Donation | Book online
Shakespeare in the library, Antony and
Cleopatra



Wednesday 10th April

11am
Book Trust Storytime and Craft

Friday 5th April

10.30am | 9+ | Book via email
Drawing Workshop, Eggs for Easter



Friday 12th April

11am | Suggested Donation £1 |
Book via email
Butterfly Pencil Holders



Saturday 6th April

2pm | 8+ | Donation | Book online
Shakespeare in the library,
The Winter's Tale



Saturday 13th April

2.30pm | 12+ | £5 | Drop-in
Pyrography coaster workshop