



# Witley C of E Infant School



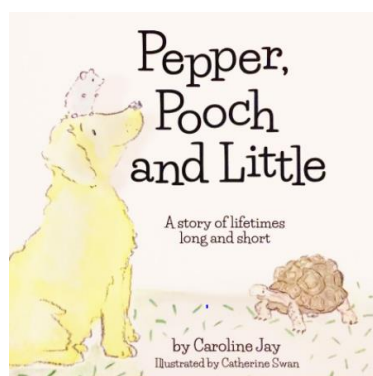
Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 12 Autumn Term  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Our value this half term is respect

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing Roman 15:13*

Dear Parents/Carers



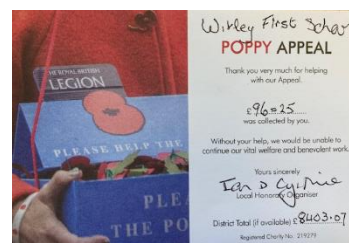
## Pepper, Pooch & Little

Losing a loved one is always an extremely heart breaking time. Whether it's a mother, father, grandparent or a beloved pet it is sometimes difficult to know how to talk to our children about death. Caroline Jay, a local author, has gifted Witley a number of copies of her book called Pepper, Pooch and Little. It's the story of a hamster, a puppy and a tortoise. They are friends for life, whether life is long or short. This picture book for 4+ year

olds offers a gentle introduction to life and death and the importance of the memories that link them, opening a door on a difficult subject. If you would like to borrow a copy please email the office.

## RBL Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Poppy Appeal.  
Together we raised £96.25.



## Thank you parents!

FWS have just purchased a saw horse for forest school. This will allow the children to help Mrs Stanton cut branches and logs with the bow saw. We've also received some new books and Dolphins have a new tuff tray!



## Learning about pivots and levers



Penguin class created their own moving animal this week in design technology.

Well done to Ted who also produced a set of instructions explaining how to make his cat step by step!

## Messy Christmas

This Saturday why not pop along to All Saints Church for Messy Christmas for craft! The fun starts at 3.30 pm.



## Non-uniform day NEXT Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – bring a bottle

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we have our FWS fundraising non-uniform day! Children can wear casual clothes, or their Christmas jumper to add a bit of festive fun! In return, please ask your parent to bring along a bottle to add to our wheelbarrow raffle! Alcoholic or non-alcoholic, large or small, we'd like as many different drinks as possible for our winner. Mrs Szczepanski will be selling raffle tickets on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December in the playground and also at the FWS Christmas Market after school.

## Little Wandle parent/carer workshop



We are planning a workshop for ALL parents/carers all about early reading and our Little Wandle phonics scheme on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January starting at 2.30 pm until 3.05 pm.



Don't worry if you can't make the event we will put all of the information on Google Classroom and our website.

Finally, congratulations to Zoe in Year R, Bear in Year 1 and Dilys in Year 2, whose names were chosen to go along and choose our Christmas Tree. Thank you to the Squires family and Church Fields for their gift to us! As you can see from the photograph we couldn't pick a winning class. Too close to call - well done everyone!



Wishing you all a warmer weekend!  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

Year R: Dylan and Seb

Year 1: Samuel and Amy

Year 2: Maeve and Charlie B



Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to Bella in Year 2, Katie in Year 1 and Martha in Year R.

## Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Frackiewicz family for making our festive chocolate Marshmallow cake!

Well done to Harry in Dolphins who won the snowman cake.



Why not try and learn a Makaton sign for every day in December?

We hope you enjoy our Makaton calendar!

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st</b>  <b>Snowman</b>	<b>2nd</b>  <b>Christmas Tree</b>	<b>3rd</b>  <b>Sleigh</b>	<b>4th</b> Finger spell 'F', circles clockwise in front of body  <b>Family</b>	<b>5th</b>  <b>Stars</b>	<b>6th</b>  <b>Happy</b>	<b>7th</b>  <b>Bells</b>
<b>8th</b>  <b>Pudding</b>	<b>9th</b>  <b>Winter</b>	<b>10th</b> light middle finger touches centre of other palm, repeat with left hand  <b>Jesus</b>	<b>11th</b> Movement of hands show antler size  <b>Reindeer</b>	<b>12th</b>  <b>Holiday</b>	<b>13th</b>  <b>Presents</b>	<b>14th</b> Mime pulling bell rope  <b>Church</b>
<b>15th</b> Flat hands flap down and up at wrists  <b>Donkey</b>	<b>16th</b> Mime two movements on the spot  <b>Stable</b>	<b>17th</b>  <b>Candles</b>	<b>18th</b> Hands make slight flutter movements  <b>Angel</b>	<b>19th</b> Stroke beard  <b>King</b>	<b>20th</b>  <b>Cake</b>	<b>21st</b> Touch chest  <b>Robin</b>
<b>22nd</b> Waggle thumb & 2 fingers under chin  <b>Turkey</b>	<b>23rd</b> Whole formation circles twice  <b>Toys</b>	<b>24th</b>  <b>Sleep</b>	<b>25th Christmas Day</b> 			<b>Father Christmas</b> Stroke long beard 

## TERM DATES 2023/24

Day	Date	AUUTMN TERM 2023
Fri	08.12	Non-uniform day in aid of FWS PLEASE bring a bottle to donate for our Christmas fundraiser (alcoholic and non-alcoholic, small or large ) please
Fri	08.12	Christmas Lunch
<b>Sat</b>	<b>09.12</b>	<b>FWS German Christmas Market and Grotto 3.30 – 6 pm</b>
Mon	11.12	Christmas at All Saints Church – 10.30 – 11 am – parents welcome
Mon	11.12	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – parents/toddlers/babies/family welcome
Tues	12.12	EYFS Nativity at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – parents welcome
Weds	13.12	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents/toddlers/babies/family welcome
Th	14.12	KS1 Nativity at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents welcome
Fri	15.12	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>
Tues	02.01	First day of term
Mon	08.01	Sleepy Story Time. Drop your child off at the Jubilee Hall at 4.30 pm (via the staff car park) and collect from their classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm. Year R will exit through the middle door in the playground.
Tues	16.01	Pied Piper Theatre Production in the school hall for pupils. Funded by FWS
Tues	16.01	Little Wandle Phonics Workshop for all parents starting at 2.30 – 3.05 pm
Fri	19.01	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Fri	19.01	Wear something BLUE – Be Lovely and Understanding to Everyone! Celebrating friendship and understanding bullying. Children can wear something blue, either socks, a hair accessory, jumper, etc
Tues	23.01	Poetry Slam performed by KS1 – Years 1 and 2 only at 2 pm in the Jubilee Hall. FOLLOWED by Open Classroom 2.45 – 3.30 pm for ALL year groups.
Tues	06.02	Parent Consultations 4 – 7.30 pm held in school



Th	08.02	Parents Consultations 3.30 – 6 pm held in school
Fri	09.02	INSET DAY No. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 12.02 to 16.02</b>
Mon	19.02	First day of term
Th	29.02	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Th	07.03	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Tues	19.03	Year 2 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall 9.05 – 9.30 am Parents welcome
Th	28.03	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>
Mon	15.04	INSET DAY No. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tues	16.04	First day of term
Mon	06.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		<b>MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05</b>
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
Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.





# Christmas Holiday club



Spaces available between 7:30-6pm



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## WinterTech WONDERLAND

A Holiday Activity Extravaganza





❄️ Snowy Coding Challenges

🤖 Robotic Snowflakes

❄️ Virtual Snowball Fight

🎨 Techy Winter Crafts

💡 Cool Coding Games

🚀 Winter Coding Quest

🎮 Offscreen Activities

Ages  
5 - 11



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Activities  
with Screen time  
check

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19th & 20th December | 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

📍 Venues

Heather Ridge Infant School - GU15 1AY  
& Haslemere Youth Hub - GU27 1DQ

[app.holidayactivities.com](http://app.holidayactivities.com)

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# MEASLES


Don't let your child catch it  
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

**Measles symptoms include:** high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

**The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.**

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.



**immunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)