Wittering Primary School



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Wittering
Primary School & Families Centre

"Learning to Fly High"

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Hello,

Welcome to Wittering Primary School. My name is Rhys Thrower and I am very proud to have been headteacher here since September 2011. We are very proud of our school here at Wittering and I strongly feel that we have a school that provides excellent education and opportunities for all of our pupils. We have a staff team that are caring and nurturing and a supportive governing body that is made up primarily of parents of children in school to help us to continue to guide our school forward.

Our school strives to achieve educational excellence and personal achievement. Our pupils are happy to come to school and eager to learn in a variety of different ways. We are used to children joining us at different points in their educational career whether that is at the start of reception or at other points as they progress through primary school.

Our school motto of "Learning To Fly High" was decided upon by our school council and summarises our ambition whether the focus is academic, sports, arts or any of the other varied and valuable skills that children need to progress in as they go through their primary school journey.

We are a valuable part of our community and run our own school meals, our own Chill Club for childcare pre and post school time and our Families Centre, which reaches out further into the community to provide support especially for pre-school children. We are not a service school but we do work very closely with the RAF base as they have much to offer all of the pupils that attend our school.

If you were to look around our school during the day you would see focussed and welcoming staff and pupils who are polite, hardworking, well behaved who also have an enormous sense of fun. You would also feel a sense of wellbeing and togetherness amongst everyone in the building and most importantly you would see smiles.

We continuously strive to improve ourselves in the key areas and this is done in consultation with our community and especially our pupils. We are a founding school as part of the Soke Education Trust Academy chain and this helps us to keep ourselves up to date with educational thinking and training so we provide the best education for our pupils as we can.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the information in this pack. We would also love to meet you so you can see our school for yourself. Tours with myself can be booked on **01780782336** or by emailing **office@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk.** We would love to meet you.

Rhys Thrower BA Hons QTS NPQH

Headteacher

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Our resources

We are lucky that our school has plenty of space both inside, and outside in our green leafy grounds and landscaped play areas. We have great facilities available to us including our own catering kitchens, we run a families centre on our site which really links us to our wider community, and are continually investing in our resources. We really recommend a visit but here are some highlights!



School Meals

Thanks to a government scheme all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their lunches paid for. We run our own school kitchen and provide high quality, delicious food for the children to enjoy. If the children are older, they can order a meal on the day. There are always two options on each day for both main course and pudding and our meals are planned so that we meet all of the healthy eating guidelines that apply to school meals. We are able to cater for food allergies and our kitchen team are brilliant at getting to know the children and their likes and dislikes. We have special theme meals each Friday, which are always popular. Our kitchen has maintained a five-star food hygiene rating for many years, which we are also very proud of. The children rate our food very highly and many members of staff also take up the option of eating a school meal, which is high praise indeed!

Sensory Room

We are quite unique amongst Primary Schools in our local area in that we have our own purposely-resourced Sensory Room. This room is equipped with various equipment to help children who may need occupational therapy or programs putting in place to help physical development. Staff are trained in different uses of the equipment and are always updating their own knowledge of best practice. We also may use this amazing resource if a child is feeling a little upset and needs a space to talk or even as a reward for some hard work or kindness.





Library

We have a beautiful school library split over two rooms. It was designed especially for us and the children love spending time in it. The jungle themed room is all based around fiction books for all children across the school to broaden their experience of reading and expand imagination. The blue room is designed around the inside of an aircraft with portholes that children can sit in to relax and read. The books in this section are focused around non-fiction as well as nurturing and finding a book that can help when dealing with some of the challenges life throws at us.

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Pupil Questionnaire May 2021

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Hello from the Governing Body

I'm Jane and I'm Chair of Governors at Wittering Primary. I'm a parent here and see the fantastic education, opportunities and fun my children have at the school, and I know that doesn't just 'happen', it is the result of effective leadership and efforts of the staff, parents and pupils all working together. For me, being a Governor is my way of contributing more to help ensure the school really does achieve the best possible for each and every child.

What we do

The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability. We have three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

We work with the Trust (which has a CEO and CFO, and oversees central policies and compliance), and we ensure local Governance is strong. We set the aims and objectives for the school locally, and targets for achieving them, we monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making, seek views of parents, and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher.

We operate through formal meetings and committees, but also in school, visiting and learning about day to day activities, so we can ask informed questions and understand how school works for our staff and children.

Who we are

Our group of 18 Governors includes parents, staff and others who bring skills and experience we need (a range of elected and co-opted positions). We have a wide range of interests and experience and we try and ensure we play to our strengths on the various roles and committees, whether that's understanding data, analysing the finances, communicating with parents and staff, promoting the school, there are many aspects to our work! Read more about us on the school web site.

Contact us

If you have questions about the Governing body and our work, or if you're interested in being a Governor, please get in touch. We would be delighted to hear from you.

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What A Day At School Looks Like

Learning To Fly High

7:30am:	Chill Club opens (providing breakfast as well as childcare)
8:45am:	School gates open and children go to their playgrounds to see their friends before school.
8:55am:	The whistle blows for the start of the school day. Teachers come to collect the children from the playground.
9:05am:	Assembly – Usually led by the headteacher. We have an assembly or circle time everyday. On a Friday we hold an achievers assembly where we recognise effort during the week as well as any out of school achievements as well.
9:30am:	Lesson time. Often it is English and maths work during the morning.
10:40am – 10:55am:	Break time with friends.
10:55am – 12:00pm:	Lesson time
12:00pm – 12:55pm:	Lunch time. Key Stage 1 will have a lunch provided. Our school food is excellent and we have a really high take up of school lunches throughout the school including many staff members. Key Stage 2 meals are paid for through parent pay. Packed lunches can also be brought to school.
12:55pm – 3:15pm:	Lesson time
2:00pm – 215pm:	Key stage 1 break time.
3:15pm:	End of the school day children leave for home, attend a club or go to Chill Club
6pm:	Chill club closing time. We provide a meal for those children attending Chill Club.

We also hold Sports days, event days, non-uniform and charity days and have visitors to school. We take the children on school trips which can be walks around the locality or bus trips further afield. We communicate with parents through our Class Dojo system where parents can keep up to date with events as well as get in touch with teachers if they need to and don't see them at normal pick up or drop off times.

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>
> **Parent Questionnaire Apr2021**

CHILL CLUB

At Wittering Chill Club, we provide a fantastic childcare service designed to help our families balance work and life commitments.

We want your child to be safe and happy, have fun, meet new friends, and have plenty of opportunities to develop new skills.

We offer a healthy breakfast in the morning and stimulating fun activities before the children attend school.



At our after-school club sessions, children are provided with a healthy small meal, prepared on site by our schools very own catering team. At both sessions they enjoy a relaxed, sociable meal sitting together with their friends.

Each morning and afternoon session offers a wide variety of exciting, diverse, and stimulating activities. Typical activities include opportunities for art/crafts, whole group games, board games, music, pool, table tennis, outside play, construction toys, role play and much more.

After the busy school day, children can have fun playing games, and join in with activities planned to help them learn, play, laugh, relax and chill out with their friends.

Our families can have peace of mind knowing that children are well cared for and engaged in safe, healthy activities after school with our dedicated team of play workers.

Our Chill Club staff hold current first aid, health and safety, and hygiene qualifications. All staff are also trained in safeguarding.

Schedule

AM

07:30 - 8:30 - Breakfast

08:30 - 08:50 - Whole group games

08:55- Drop off to School.

PM

15:15 – Children are collected from their classrooms. (KS2 make their own way to Chill club)

15:20 – Registration

15:25 – Reading/Homework

15:35 – Free play / outside play

16:00 – Tea

16:30 – Free play/adult led activities.

"Playing outside in the sunshine is fun" OA age 7

"My friends don't live nearby, so I see them at chill club" IM age 8

"Arts and crafts are my favourite thing to do" EC age 8

"I like the chill club challenges" JP age 8

"There are lots of nice people here" MC age 8

"I get to listen to good music" ST age 10

"I really like the food" RP age 5

"Table tennis is the best!" TT age 10

For more information please call the school office: 01780 782336

You can find an enquiry form on our school website: www.wittering.peterborough.sch.uk

Wittering Families Centre



You can find us in the blue building attached to the primary school. In the centre we run a variety of baby and toddler groups and community support activities Monday to Friday 9-3pm.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide range of engaging group sessions for children aged 0-5, inline with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Please see our Facebook page **@WitteringFamiliesCentre** for updates and the current timetable of events.

Baby Clinic – Pop along to weigh your baby and chat to the local Health Visitor.

Bumps to Baby – Come along from pregnancy and beyond to meet local new parents & carers.

Ben Stay & Pay – Open ended play session for children aged 0-5 funded by the RAF Benevolent fund.

Baby Massage & Yoga – We offer courses throughout the year, for young babies.

Sensory Session – Explore sounds, light and texture with a variety of messy play and stimulating stations.

Additional Needs Support Group – open to all families with children with additional needs to chat and play.

Musical Mini's - Fun time music and movement group ran by the lovely Hazel.

"We love coming to the centre each week for Stay & Play the children get stuck into a variety of activities and I can have a warm cuppa and chat with other mums."

"Thank you to the girls in the families centre for welcoming me with open arms and introducing me to some lovely local mums, when we first arrived I didn't know anyone and my husband was away. We now have a fantastic support network and my little man loves it!"

FAMILY SUPPORT

The Families Centre team also offer family support in the community and 'Time to Talk' sessions with children inside school,supporting them through a range of mental health and wellbeing issues.

"I like meeting with Jo every week for time to talk sessions, we do fun activities together and she helps me to feel better."

CONTACT US

To chat to the Families Centre team you can...
Call us **01780 782336**
(option 3) – Email us **cc@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk**
Facebook **@WitteringFamiliesCentre**

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Welcome to

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We can't wait to have you as part of our school community!

If you would like a tour or more information about our school, we would love to speak to you and show you around, so please contact our school office on **01780782336** or email in to **office@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk**

We also have a virtual school tour available on youtube at **www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAoTu5jQkus**

If you are applying for a reception year place for your child, please apply through our Local Authority, Peterborough City Council at: **www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions**



Joining our school in another year group? If you are moving to the area or want a change for your child, we recommend that you get in touch with us first; it may be that we can initially handle the application ourselves. If we are unable to then we can advise you on the Peterborough in-year admissions process (also via **www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions**)

Quotes from our most recent Ofsted inspection

> *"You are determined to fulfil your aim of providing an 'inclusive, secure and caring environment where the children can feel safe, well cared for and happy while they learn and grow'. In this you have been successful."*

> *"One parent commented that leaders are 'extremely understanding and accommodating' of the individual circumstances of children and their families. This is a view supported by many other parents."*

> *"This is a happy school. Pupils show respect for one another and behave very well. The classrooms, play and lunch areas are buzzing with friendly discussions and activities. Pupils' personal development and welfare are provided for exceptionally well. Pupils value the extensive support that they receive from the day that they join the school."*

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Parent Questionnaire – April 2021

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