

Friday 12th September

Wittering Weekly Roundup



What a fabulous first full week back we have had taking time to settle into our new classes. It has been lovely to see the children working so hard and showing me their wonderful work! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Last year one of our wonderful parents raised some money for our Rainbow Room by completing a half marathon. This was incredibly appreciated, the money was spent on these great resources for the room.



During the school holiday's one of our pupils bravely had 12 inches of her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia.

The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful charity please following the link below.

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Families Centre

Here is the new Families Centre timetable for this half term.

Wittering Families Centre September-October 2025 Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10am - 11am 0-18 months	9am - 11am 0 - 5 years	9am - 11am	9am start	09:30am - 10:30am
<i>Bumps To Babies</i>	Stay and Play!	PEEP Learning Together	Childcare Provider Group	Wittering Whizzkids!
12pm - 2pm	No afternoon session	1:30pm - 2:30pm	1:30pm - 2:30pm	No afternoon session
Triple P Discussion Group	School Based Family Support	Baby Massage	Sensory	School Based Family Support

Like our Facebook page @WitteringFamiliesCentre for more information, updates and events.

🌱 Triple P Parenting Discussion Groups & Drop-In 🌱

Parenting can be one of the most rewarding — but also one of the most challenging — jobs in the world. If you ever feel like mealtimes are a battle, bedtime is a struggle, or you just need new ideas to handle everyday challenges, you're not alone. At Wittering Families Centre, we run Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Discussion Groups & Drop-In Sessions to give parents and carers a safe, friendly space to share experiences, learn strategies, and feel supported.

🌟 What you can expect:

- Practical advice on handling everyday parenting challenges
- Guidance from trained facilitators who understand family struggles
- A chance to connect with other parents going through similar experiences
- Flexible discussions based on the topics you want to cover

💬 Topics this half term include:

- ✓ Hassle-free shopping with children- 15th September
- ✓ Developing good bedtime routines- 22nd September
 - ✓ Dealing with disobedience- 29th September
- ✓ Managing fighting and aggression- 6th October
- ✓ Hassle-free mealtimes with children -13th October

📍 Location: Wittering Families Centre

📅 Day: Every Monday (during school term time)

🕒 Time: 12.30-2.30pm

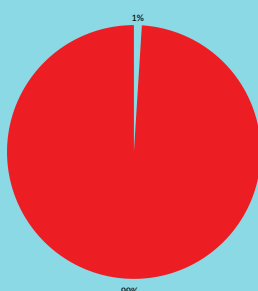
👤 Who can attend: Parents and carers with children aged 0–12 years (sessions are for adults only)

💡 Why attend?

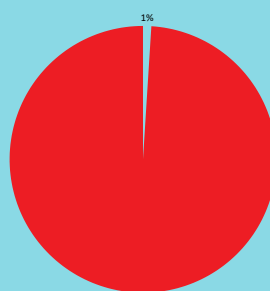
These sessions are friendly, informal, and designed to give you tools that make family life less stressful and more enjoyable. Whether you're looking for quick tips or ongoing support, you're welcome to drop in to any session.

📅 Weekly Attendance

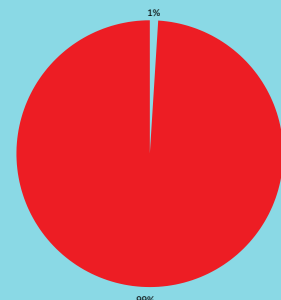
We are proud to say that our attendance across school this week is 98%. The top three year groups for attendance this week were:



Year 2



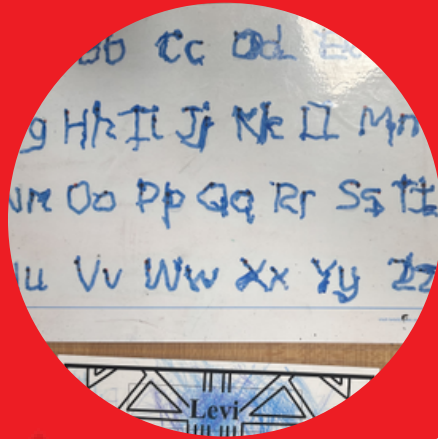
Year 4



Year 6

Key Stage 1

Year one have been enjoying Jump Start Johnny this week. They have been writing sentences using a full stop and a capital letter and practising formation, what an amazing effort they have put into their first week back! Miss Griffiths is super proud of all of them.



Key Stage 2

This week, Year 6 have been designing bridges as part of their first DT topic. After deciding upon the type of bridge they would make and which features of bridges they would include, they set to work. The challenge was to produce a bridge using art straws what would hold a minimum of 500g; some bridges managed to hold over 1kg!

Lots of new vocabulary was learnt and great teamwork was witnessed not only within the groups but also supporting those in other groups too. Their finished creations will form part of our class assembly later this term.



Community News



Stamford Welland Academy

Join us for our **Open Day** and experience the vibrant, supportive, and ambitious community that makes Stamford Welland Academy truly special.

DETAILS

Date: Tuesday 16th September 2025
Time: 17:00 - 19:00pm
Headteacher talk starts at 17:30pm
Location: Stamford Welland Academy, Stamford, PE9 1HE

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www.stamfordwellandacademy.org



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September 2025

To: All Parents of Year 6 Children

Dear Parents and Children

ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE – PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' EVENING
THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025, 6.15 pm

On behalf of the Governors, staff and students, I am writing to invite you to our Open Evening for Year 6 children and their parents which will be held at Arthur Mellows Village College on **Thursday 9 October 2025**.

At Arthur Mellows Village College we pride ourselves on being a warm, friendly, and successful school. Traditionally, our students perform very well and are fully supported and equipped to successfully move onto their next stage. We were again delighted with the excellent levels of attainment and progress achieved in GCSE, A Level and Vocational qualifications this summer. Our staff and students are excited to welcome you to Arthur Mellows on one of our most important days of the year.

The evening is designed for parents and their children who will be commencing secondary education in September 2026. The format of the evening is that the Head of College will make presentations at 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm and will be accompanied by a selection of students from various Year Groups. Visitors will also be able to explore our facilities by undertaking a self-guided tour. **As this evening generates a high degree of interest, the presentations are likely to be extremely busy and seating will be limited. If the first presentation at 6.30 pm is full, visitors will be invited to tour the College and return for the second presentation at 7.15 pm. Whilst parking is also at a premium, we are able to accommodate all vehicles. However, where possible, please walk to the College and avoid parking in the village.**

Please note that the doors for this event will not open before 6.15 pm to allow departments time to be ready.

When touring the College, families will be free to walk around at their leisure to view various departments, speak with subject teachers and current students and for Year 6 students to participate in department-based activities. The Senior Leadership Team and many other staff will be available throughout the evening to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you on the evening.

Yours sincerely

J GILLIGAN
Head of College

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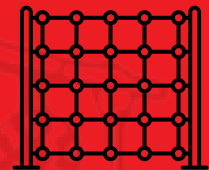
Polite Reminders



For the safety of our children if using a bike or scooter to travel to school, can you please dismount these on entering the school gates and keep them parked near the gates.



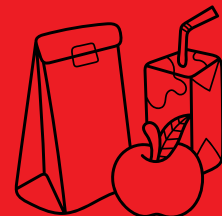
Please can we ensure when dropping children off we do not block the roads around and outside the school. Our neighbours are incredibly understanding, but we also have a number of elderly residents who have carers and medical needs that need to be accessible at all times. Private driveways are also being blocked, to prevent this from happening please either walk to school or make use of the Sports and Social car park.



Please can you ensure children do not go on the trim trails at the start and end of the school day, as these are not supervised by staff at this time.



Toys and teddys should not be brought into school. We have a good selection of playground toys for break times and we have found increasing issues arising as a result of toys from home. Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.



If your child will be having a school dinner next week and you have not done so already, please make sure it has been pre booked in on Parent Pay. Thank you!

Key dates this Half Term

- Monday 15th September - Reception start full days
- Wednesday 17th September - Year 6 start Swimming
- Thursday 18th September Flu Vaccination - the link to register your child for this can be found on Dojo
- Thursday 23rd October 9am - Harvest Festival - more information to follow
- Friday 24th October - School Closed staff training day
- Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term
- Friday 31st October - deadline to apply for year 6 children's secondary school
- Thursday 6th November - Individual school photograph's
- Thursday 15th January - deadline to apply for your child's reception place
- 11th May - 15th May - Year 6 SATS
- 1st June - 12th June - Year 4 Multiplication test
- 8th June - 12th June - Phonics test all Year 1 and Year 2's who did not previously pass

Class Assembly Timetable

- Thursday 9th October - Mrs Brant/ Mrs Kelwick class
- Thursday 13th November - Mr Toma's class
- Thursday 22nd January - Miss Sears' class
- Thursday 5th February - Mrs March/ Mrs Whittess class
- Thursday 12th March - Miss Russon's class
- Thursday 19th March - Mrs Ledbrooks class
- Thursday 30th April - Mrs Thrower's class
- Thursday 21st May - Miss Griffiths' class
- Thursday 11th June - Miss Sutherill's class

All class assemblies will start at 9am, please wait in the KS2 playground until a staff member takes you to the main hall.

Due to fire regulations please leave any pushchairs in the playground, if it is raining these can be left outside the main hall.

The chairs positioned down each side of the hall are for staff members.



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