



Wittering Primary School



Try Hard, Be Kind, Fly High

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Welcome from the Headteacher

It is a pleasure to welcome you, on behalf of pupils, staff, Governors, and Trustees to Wittering Primary School. Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus, I hope it provides you with a small insight into our wonderful school.

Our school is a very special place. The children and adults I work alongside are a constant inspiration, and it is a privilege to learn alongside them. I never tire of watching our pupils grow in confidence and support for each other. There is a great energy across the school, which comes from children and adults alike, based upon a shared view that learning together is an adventure. This ethos is promoted by adults across school who are dedicated to developing every young person in their care. As a school community, we understand that the best way to learn is through creativity and enjoyment, driving our vision for everyone to '**Try Hard, Be Kind, Fly High**'.

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

Wittering is noted for its open and friendly approach to children and staff, where every person who enters school is welcomed with open arms, ready to flourish and grow in a nurturing environment. We are well-prepared for children joining us at different points in their journey, whether at the start of Reception or later as they progress through their primary education.

We pride ourselves on the complete care our school offers. We run our own 'Chill Club' for wraparound care before and after school; we produce our own school meals, and our Families Centre provides support within the community, including Baby Massage and Stay and Play groups. Whilst we are based in Wittering village, we work closely with the RAF base as they have much to offer all of the pupils attending our school.

We highly value our partnerships with parents and carers, and understand the shared role we have in supporting children to achieve, truly flourish, and be an inspiration to others. Our parents can see that each child is recognised as an individual and their journey with us is tailored to their individuality. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of home and school having a shared view of a child's learning experience, and we welcome parental insight on how we can continue to grow and develop our school.

We would love to meet you so that you can see our school for yourself. Tours with myself can be booked on **01780 782336** or office@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk. We look forward to seeing you.

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Headteacher



Wittering Primary School is proud to be part of the Soke Education Trust: a family of six primary schools located across Peterborough and the surrounding areas of Cambridgeshire.

Established in 2018, the Trust has grown from three to six schools, working in partnership with other local schools and trusts to share expertise and best practice for the benefit of all pupils.

The Soke Education Trust is driven by a clear vision for educational excellence, holding high aspirations for every child. The Trust's ambition is to ensure that all children can strive for high achievement, explore the world around them, and transform their life opportunities. While each school within the Trust maintains its own unique identity, there is a strong culture of collaboration that increases collective capacity to provide high-quality learning experiences and excellent pastoral care.

At the heart of the Trust's work are core principles of moral leadership, that place learners at the centre of every decision. By working closely together, Soke Education Trust schools continually drive improvement and uphold the highest standards of education and wellbeing across the Trust community.

Wittering Ethos

At Wittering, our core ethos of 'Try Hard, Be Kind, Fly High' underpins everything we say and do, each and every day. Through these ideas we want our children to become empathetic and flourishing citizens in our wider world.

Try Hard

Through our engaging and progressive curriculum, we endeavour to inspire our children to be **inquisitive and resilient learners who thrive on challenge**. Our children know that they will experience trials through their learning journey and that making mistakes enables them to be **champions of their own progress**.

Be Kind

Through promoting the strong emotional health and wellbeing of children, staff, and families, we endeavour to **support excellent understanding of social behaviours**. Fostering positive relationships with our community and enabling strong partnerships between home and school demonstrates our commitment to **developing strong role-models in our children** who will truly make a difference in the future.

Fly High

Wittering Primary is a school where everybody strives to provide the best opportunities for each child who enters. **We aim to achieve the highest possible results** by understanding where they start and ensuring that a rigorous approach to learning and assessment is undertaken by all staff. We celebrate each step in our children's journeys supporting their future aspirations, **ensuring our children are learning to fly high!**

“Pupils take pride in their work and achieve well.”

– Ofsted, September 2024




“This is a friendly school, where everyone receives a warm welcome.” – Ofsted, September 2024



Our Environment

We are fortunate that our school has plenty of space. Outside, our green leafy grounds has large, well-equipped playgrounds and sports fields. Our story tree, nature garden, and trim trails provide diverse outdoor learning opportunities, meeting the needs of all our children.

Our early years pupils benefit from a safe and stimulating environment with a well-resourced, free-flow classroom area. Opportunities for sand and water play, role play areas, bikes and trikes, and a book nook provide vocabulary rich, explorative, and active learning.



Our classrooms are designed to be welcoming, inclusive, and conducive to learning. Each space is thoughtfully arranged to maintain a tidy and organised environment, promoting a sense of calm and focus.



We are quite unique amongst primary schools in the local area as we have our own **purposely-resourced Sensory Room**. This room is equipped with a range of apparatus to help children who may need occupational therapy or programmes putting in place to help physical and emotional development. Staff are trained in different uses of the equipment and are always updating their own knowledge of best practice.

We have a beautiful, **well-stocked school library**, split over two rooms. It was designed especially for us, and children love spending time in it. The jungle-themed room is dedicated to fiction books for all children across school to broaden their experience of reading and expand their imagination.

The blue room is designed to resemble the inside of an aircraft with portholes where children can sit in to relax and read. The books in this section are focused on non-fiction, as well as supporting emotional wellbeing and helping children to navigate life's challenges.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum enables children to learn important knowledge, skills, and concepts so that they make meaning of the world and thrive within it.



"Phonics is consistently taught following the chosen programme. In Reception, children enjoy sharing books and discussing them in depth."

– Ofsted, September 2024



We offer a rich and vibrant curriculum which is ambitious for all pupils; regardless of their starting points and how long they are with us.

At Wittering Primary School, we work together to create a happy, safe, and stimulating environment, where children are motivated to learn together. By maintaining high expectation of ourselves and each other, our children will be equipped to encounter opportunities and challenges with resilience and determination.

We encourage a curiosity about the world and strive to ensure that our children will contribute positively to it, both now and in the future.

The curriculum is a carefully sequenced narrative of learning which encourages children to build on their skills and knowledge during each year, throughout their time at school and across the various subjects they cover.



As an inclusive school, we work in partnership with parents and professionals to identify and support children with additional needs across the four areas of SEND. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo) works closely with class teachers and outside agencies to ensure that children's needs are identified early, accurately assessed, and carefully planned for, whilst progress is regularly reviewed.



“Pupils enjoy a variety of trips and visits that link to the work they are doing within the curriculum.”

– Ofsted, September 2024

Beyond the Curriculum

Pastoral and Wellbeing Support

At Wittering, we have a dedicated team who work hard to support the pastoral needs of our pupils. Our Family Support Workers offer individual and group 'Time to Talk' sessions, for those children experiencing difficulties. Our Wellbeing Club, held weekly, allows drop-in support with therapeutically trained adults, allowing swift child-focused provision.

Trips and Experiences

We organise regular trips, including our Year 6 residential, visits to museums and galleries, and outings to outdoor experiences. In addition, we aim to offer enrichment workshops, enhancing the curriculum offer.

We regularly invite visitors into school, including volunteers from RAF Wittering, our local vicar, and veterans.



Chill Club Wrap-around Care

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 by our school's 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 arts and 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 enjoy playing games, and join in with activities planned to help them learn, play, laugh, and chill out with their friends.

Our families are given peace of mind knowing that their 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

7.30am - 8.30am Breakfast at Chill Club

8.30am - 8.45am Whole group games

8.45am School begins

(School gates open at 8:35am)

8.45am - 11.55am Morning lessons

11.55am - 12.55pm Afternoon lessons

3.15pm School ends

Children are collected from their classrooms at 3:15pm

(Key Stage 2 make their own way to Chill Club)

3.20pm Chill Club Registration

3.25pm Reading/Homework

3.35pm Free play/ outside play

4.00pm Tea

4.30pm Free play/adult led activities



“Pupils settle in quickly and make friends. Pupils enjoy coming to school every day.”

- Ofsted, September 2024

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, as well as community support activities, Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm.

Centre Activities

We offer a wide range of engaging group sessions for children aged 0-5, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

Please see our Facebook page [@WitteringFamiliesCentre](#) for updates and the current timetable of events.

“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.”



So much more!

School Council

Our children have many opportunities to experience leadership. This begins with being a member of our School Council. Representatives from Year 1-6 are voted by their peers. They are involved in school initiatives, consult on school policies, and support whole school events and fundraising.

Eco Warriors

Supporting us in raising awareness of our environmental responsibilities are our Eco Warriors. Our team meet with their staff lead to plan improvements in both the school environment and the wider world.

Year 6 Leadership

Our Year 6 children provide vital support around school as House Captains for our four houses (Harriers, Tornados, Spifires, and Hawks), play leaders on our play ground, sports champions, librarians, and so much more!

“Sporting opportunities are vast... there are also competitive and non-competitive sporting opportunities, which the school are successful in, and pupils enjoy.”

– Ofsted, September 2024





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