

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

# Wittering Weekly Roundup



We have had a wonderful and very busy first week back!

Parents evening is now live and can be booked via your Arbor app.

Our Remembrance assembly on Wednesday, led by Mr Mal Brown, was incredibly impactful. He talked about the what remembrance means to him and told the children some interesting stories from the First and Second World Wars.

On Thursday, we had individual and sibling photos taken. We will share more information on how to purchase these as soon as we have it.

Lastly, the soup kitchen has collected our harvest festival donations and would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to our wonderful community for their generosity.



# Friends of Wittering



Please save the date for our Winter Wonderland School Fair . If you're able to volunteer either setting up or running a stall please get in touch on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EuaUXBatV/?mibextid=wwXlfr> or email [witteringptfa@gmail.com](mailto:witteringptfa@gmail.com)

## Children in Need

A reminder that this year our School Council would like to support Children in Need as our national charity and this takes place next Friday, 14th November.

Children are invited to come to school in something yellow, something spotty or just other non-school uniform whilst donating £1 to Children in Need. We are ideally asking for your donation be made at the link below, however a cash donation can also be brought into school.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/wittering-primary-school-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/wittering-primary-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

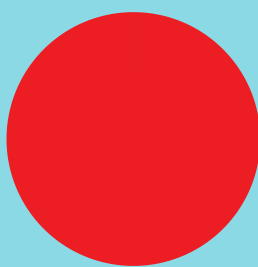
As always, please make sure clothing and footwear are appropriate for school, both inside and outside at playtime. If children have PE, can you please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for this too.

In addition, the charity's theme this year, for 2025, is 'Challenge Yourself to 25' and so we would love to hear of anything children may do to raise additional monies outside of school. Their suggestions is: 'to be sponsored to do 25 of anything; 25 kilometres on a bike, 25 cupcakes baked, a 25-minute football tournament.. whatever you like!'

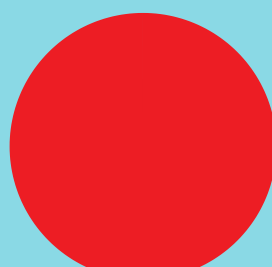


### Weekly Attendance

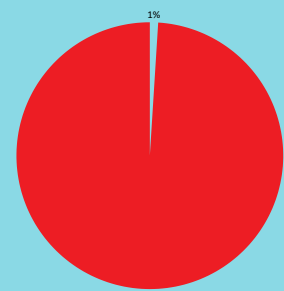
We are proud to say that our attendance across school this week is 96%. The top three year groups for attendance this week were:



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

# Key Stage 1

Phonics Friday was a huge success with Key Stage 1 today. We had lots of parents come in to attend a phonics lesson with their children.

These sessions are hugely beneficial for both parents and children, enriching the understanding of phonics in a fun and engaging way.

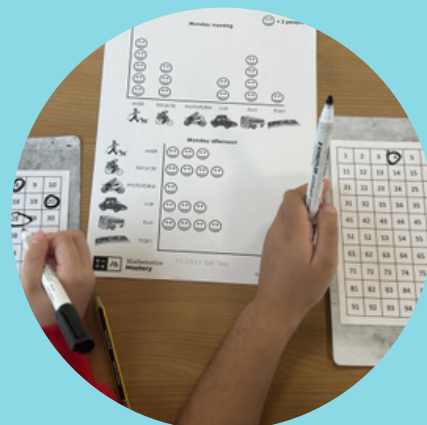
Thank you for your continued support in making learning a joyful experience!



# Key Stage 2

This week Year 3 have started their unit on pictograms and bar charts. Today they were reading and interpreting pictograms with units greater than one. They smashed this lesson! I can't wait to see the rest of their work.

Mrs Ledbrook



# Community News

AUTUMN ISSUE Wednesday 22nd October

## COSY UP

A half termly newsletter for by the Autism Advisory Teacher Service for Peterborough's Autism community

### SENSORY SMILES

**Rob Emery (Autism Advisory Teacher)**

For many of us, brushing our teeth is a simple part of the daily routine. But for children and young people with autism, it can be a deeply uncomfortable and distressing experience. In this issue, we explore practical strategies to help parents navigate this challenging aspect of daily life.



- UNDERSTANDING SENSORY PROCESSING**  
The mouth is one of the most sensitive parts of the body, and brushing teeth can trigger a range of sensory responses. Children with autism may experience sensory input differently—some may be hypersensitive (over-responsive), while others may be hyposensitive (under-responsive). Below, we outline ways to support different sensory systems to help make tooth brushing more tolerable.
- PROPRIOCEPTIVE INPUT**  
Proprioception helps us understand where our body parts are and how much force we're using. Supporting this system can help prepare the jaw and mouth for brushing.
- Apply firm pressure to the jaw and neck before brushing.
  - Encourage biting down on a towel or cloth several times beforehand.
  - Use fingertips to gently press around the cheeks and gums.
  - Consider using a vibrating toothbrush for added sensory feedback.
- VESTITIBULAR SUPPORT**  
The vestibular system controls balance and head position. Stability can help reduce anxiety during brushing.
- Have your child lean against a wall while brushing.
  - Make sure they can see themselves in a mirror to stay oriented.

- TACTILE SENSITIVITIES**  
Texture and touch can be overwhelming. Gradual exposure can help build tolerance.
- Start with a Nuk training brush before introducing bristles.
  - Use soft bristles initially, then transition to firmer ones.
  - Try chewable toothbrushes for a different sensory experience.
  - Use warm water instead of cold to reduce discomfort.
- AUDITORY CONSIDERATIONS**  
The sound of brushing—especially in an echo-prone bathroom—can be unsettling.
- Play calming music or use a countdown timer to distract.
  - Try ear defenders or noise-cancelling headphones during brushing.
- TASTE AND SMELL**  
Strong flavours or smells can be off-putting.
- Encourage regular rinsing if needed.
  - Experiment with mild, flavourless, or differently flavoured toothpastes.

- BUILDING POSITIVE HABITS**  
Establishing a consistent routine early on can make a big difference.
- Make tooth brushing a regular part of the day from a young age.
  - Brush your teeth together to model the behaviour.
  - Use apps like the Aquafresh Brush Time app to make brushing fun and rewarding.

**diverse** You're invited to Diverse's Annual General Meeting!

Next just an AGM - join us for free talks and workshops!

- 3:00pm - 6:00pm: Meet & Greet
- 3:15pm - 3:45pm: Keep the Conversation Going: Talking About Relationships & Sex - Workshop with Harriet Sanchez-Brown, Education Manager
- 4:00pm - 4:30pm: Good Kids Can Do Bad Things - Talk on Mental Health Awareness by Ron Perry, Senior Behaviour Services, Peterborough City Council
- 4:45pm - 6:15pm: Annual General Meeting - Hear what we've been up to, discover our plans for the year ahead, and see how our support makes a difference. Ask questions, get involved, and enjoy refreshments throughout!

Thursday 12th November 2020 10:00am - 5:00pm  
101 exp@diverse.org.uk

Don't miss out! Call 01753 541111 or 01753 541112  
The Maple Centre, 101 Oak Drive, Nottingham NG22 9JH

**College Open Days:**

**Peterborough College:**  
13<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm [register online](#)

**City College:**  
18th November, 11th December [Click here](#)

**John Mansfield College:**  
18th November, 11th December [Click here](#)

**Stamford College:**  
19th November, 5:30pm [register online](#)

**Out & About**

- Half term at Nene Park Holiday Trail, Pop-up Fun park, boat trips.** [Click here](#) for more info
- Infantation SEN Friendly sessions** [Click here](#)
- Dr. Who at Peterborough Museum** (including a sensory friendly session). [Click here](#)

**Rainy Days In**

- Burghley Halloween Trail** [Click here](#)
- Sacrewell Farm The Big Halloween Mashup!** [Click here](#)
- Try these...**
  - Autism Scavenger Hunt [Click here](#)
  - Autism Spice Playdough [Click here](#)
  - Coding Chess Game [Click here](#)
- Make Roasting ghosts!** [Click here](#)

**EXAM ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS WORKSHOP**

What? Learn about what school can put in place for your young person to support their exam access.  
Who? For parents of secondary aged pupils.  
When? Tuesday 4th November 1:30-3pm

Where? Nene Park Academy  
How? Email to sign up: [Rhys.Baker@peterborough.ac.uk](mailto:Rhys.Baker@peterborough.ac.uk)

**NOTICE BOARD**

Welcome to the AAT's Team: Rhys Baker

**To do:**

- Apply for school places by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (secondary places)
- Apply for School Places by January 15<sup>th</sup> (Primary places) [Click here](#)

My name is Rhys, I have worked in and around schools for 15 years, including 3 years as a SENCO. Most of that time has been in secondary schools where I taught Biology to 11-18 year olds. I have taught in lower-city schools and grammar, I have been classroom based and worked in Alternate Provision. I spend my spare time doing ballet, powerlifting and volunteering. I think low fees are cool, waitresses are underappreciated and that the world would be a lot better if we stopped to listen more. Two fun facts about me: I used to work as a children's entertainer for birthday parties, and I had a brief stint playing international football for Wales. I am married and have two children who take full advantage of Dad's Taxi Service.

**Scouts**  
2nd Wittering

## OPEN EVENING

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6:15pm to 8:15pm**

**Aged 4-10.5?**

Tired of dull weekends? Want to try something exciting, push yourself, learn skills for the future, and meet a whole new group of people? Come and see what we have to offer!

**Beavers & Cubs - with Squirrels joining soon!**

**Can you help?**

We can't do it without volunteers! Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table. Find out about how you can get involved!

**Want to find out more?**

Come along to our free Open evening to get involved in activities, have some fun, and see what we're all about!

Please let us know you're coming using the QR code, or send us an email.

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- 6:15pm to 8:15pm
- Wittering Parish Hall, Townsend Rd, Wittering, PE8 6BD
- [Louise.Ousley@Scouts.org.uk](mailto:Louise.Ousley@Scouts.org.uk)
- 07759 133693

**Join the adventure and learn #SkillsForLife**

## Polite Reminders



Have you started following our Facebook page and Instagram page? If not please give us a follow!

@witteringprimary

<https://www.facebook.com/witteringprimaryschool>



At the end of the school day our learning finishes at 3.10pm, teachers endeavour to bring the children out promptly at 3.15pm but on occasions this may be closer to 3.20pm. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we make sure each child is safely looked after at the end of the day.



A gentle reminder that for any issues or concerns you may have please initially speak to the class teacher, if you have any further concerns please speak to Mrs Blake. We kindly ask that you refrain from trying to resolve concerns in the playground, without adults present.

# Key dates this Half Term

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day - non-uniform
- 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening more information to follow
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 & 6 Theatre Trip
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Stone Age Workshop Year 3 & 4
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Book Fair in school
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm - Afternoon Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9am - Rock Steady Concert
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - Christmas Performance
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Phonics Friday for Reception,1 and 2 Parents and Carers
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am - KS2 Reading pop in
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9am - Rock Steady Concert
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Carols on the Base
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - deadline to apply for your child's reception place
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Primary Dance Festival Year 2
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication test
- 8<sup>th</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics test all Year 1 and Year 2's who did not previously pass

## Class Assembly Timetable

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Mr Toma's class
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Miss Sears' class
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Mrs March/ Mrs White's class
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Miss Russon's class
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Mrs Ledbrook's class
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Mrs Thrower's class
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Miss Griffiths' class
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Miss Sutherill's class



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