

Friday 6th March

Wittering Weekly Roundup



Wow, what a busy week it has been at our school! We have had so many exciting activities and learning opportunities.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic workshop from Peterborough Museum, immersing themselves in history and gaining new insights. Year 1 had a very exciting school trip to the National Space Centre. Year 6 also had practise SATs this week, we are very proud of the progress they all continue to make.

World Book Day was marvellous, there were some fantastic costumes! It is always a joy to see the children's love of books and reading and spending time celebrating this.

To top off the week, we hosted Parent Pop-Ins for phonics and maths. It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to join us today; your support makes a real difference!



Over the past few days, there has been significant news and social media coverage about the escalating situation in the Middle East.

Just a gentle reminder that news reports involving military action or international tensions can affect Service children more than we may realise.

Small ears often pick up more than we expect, and it can be confusing for children to understand the difference between events happening overseas and what their own parent does when they are deployed or away for work. We have seen this kind of confusion and anxiety before, especially during periods of intense global news coverage.

Please don't be afraid to open up calm, age-appropriate conversations, and encourage children to ask questions if they're feeling uncertain. Sometimes a simple reassurance from a trusted adult can make all the difference.



School Enrichment

Year 1 visited the National Space Museum in Leicester this week. It was a very exciting and educational experience where we learned all about space, planets, rockets, and astronauts and even got to see a piece of the moon.



When we arrived, we explored the different exhibition areas. One of the most impressive things we saw was the large rockets displayed inside the centre. The children learned how rockets are built and how they launch into space. We also saw real space technology and models that showed how astronauts travel and live in space.

They visited the planetarium where we watched a show about the universe. The huge screen made it feel like we were travelling through space. We learned about night and day, stars, galaxies. It helped us understand how big the universe really is.



During the visit they also learned about the history of space exploration, including the first missions to the Moon and how scientists continue to explore space today. We discovered how satellites orbit the Earth and help with things like communication, weather forecasting, and GPS.

The trip helped us understand more about science and space. It made us curious about how astronauts train, how rockets work and what life might be like on other planets.

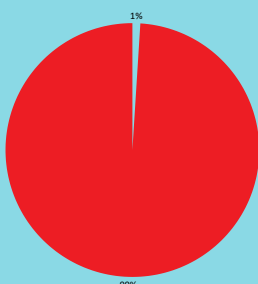


Overall, the visit to the National Space Centre was a fantastic experience. We saw many interesting things and learned a lot about space and space exploration.

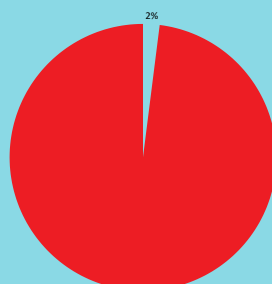


Weekly Attendance

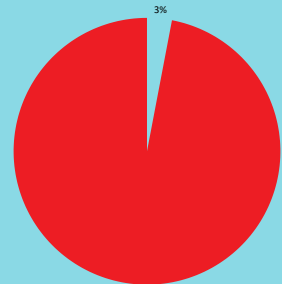
Our attendance across school this week is 96%. The top three year groups for attendance this week were:



Year 1



Year 2



Year 5

Key Stage 1



We have had a lovely World Book Day thinking about books and stories, and immersing ourselves in them. Our day started with Mrs Thrower reading a story in assembly called 'The Frog Prince, Continued' and then we all spent time producing work to decorate our classroom doors- photos will follow when they are finished!

Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed their workshop with Kwame Alexander in the afternoon.

Sadly, the workshop for Key Stage 1, with Marta Altes, was thwarted by gremlins in the technology, but our wonderful Miss Sutherill stepped in, and we had a fun illustrating session, learning how to draw Stickman!



Key Stage 2

A Hands-On Journey into the 1940s

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 stepped back in time as they welcomed a special visitor from Peterborough Museum. This enriched their history study as the children had the opportunity to become historical detectives by handling genuine artefacts from World War II.



Friends of Wittering



This will make a massive difference to the funds our community can raise for the school. As a charity we can:

- ★ **Claim Gift Aid** – unlocking an extra 25p for every £3 donated on eligible donations, making your money go even further!
- ★ **Access grants and donations** - charitable donations from local and national companies and apply for grants from charitable trusts.
- ★ **Receive new donations** - Payroll Giving and Company Matched Giving schemes
- ★ **Empower Volunteers** - If your employer offers volunteering days you can now use them to help at our events.
- ★ **Have Greater Credibility and governance** - We operate under a formal constitution, ensuring all activities strictly benefit our pupils and that our finances remain transparent.



Families Centre



At Wittering Primary school, we are committed to supporting young carers. We understand the unique challenges they may face and strive to provide a supportive environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Young carers are young people under the age of 18 who provide care, unpaid, for a family member with an illness or disability, mental health condition or an addiction.

Our Support Offerings Include:

1:1 Support/ Wellbeing Group: Our dedicated Young Carers Champion, Jo Ward, is here to provide personalised support and guidance to young carers and their families.

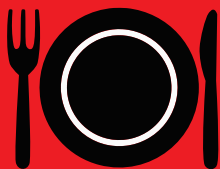
Staff Training: Our staff members undergo specialised training to better understand and support the needs of young carers.

Assemblies and Events: Regular assemblies and events to raise awareness and celebrate the contributions of young carers.

Additional Resources:

In addition to our school-specific offerings, we also provide referrals to external organisations such as Centre 33 for Young Carers Needs Assessments. (LINK TO C33 WEBSITE: Caring - Centre 33)

Polite Reminders



Please ensure school dinners are booked in advance of 8am of the day.

If no booking has been made you may be asked to bring in a pack lunch for your child.



If you haven't already booked please book your Parent Evening appointment via Arbor by 9am on Friday 13th March.



For the safety of our children no bikes or scooters are to be used on school grounds by any children including pre schoolers.

Key dates this Half Term

- 9th - 13th March - Chance to Share Week
- Friday 6th March - Reception Phonics Friday & Years 1 to 6 Math's Pop In
- 17th, 18th March - Parents Evening
- Friday 20th March - Jump Start Jonny Visit
- Friday 27th March - Last day of term
- 30th March - 12th April - Easter Holidays
- Thursday 16th April - Year 3 & 4 trip to Peterborough Museum
- Tuesday 21st April - Year 5 School Trip
- Thursday 23rd April - Year 2 School Trip
- Friday 1st May - KS1 Phonics Friday
- Wednesday 6th May - Class Photo's
- 11th May - 15th May - Year 6 SATS
- 1st June - 12th June - Year 4 Multiplication test
- 8th June - 12th June - Phonics test Year 1 and Year 2's who did not previously pass
- Thursday 18th June - Sports Day
- Tuesday 22nd June - Reserve Sports Day
- Thursday 25th June - Year 3 & 4 School Trip
- Friday 26th June - KS1 Phonics Friday
- Thursday 2nd July - Reception School Trip

Class Assembly Timetable

- Thursday 12th March - Miss Russon's class
- Thursday 19th March - Mrs Ledbrook's class
- Thursday 30th April - Mrs Thrower's class
- Thursday 21st May - Miss Griffiths' class
- Thursday 11th June - Miss Sutherill's class



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