



# Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

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## ‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Friendship	Courage
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### Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. We’ve had a fantastic first week back at school—it’s been such a joy to see the children return full of energy, smiles, and enthusiasm for their learning!

Keep an eye out for our brand-new Curriculum Newsletters, which will be coming home next week—they’re packed with exciting updates about what’s coming up in your child’s learning journey.

A special shout-out to our Reception children who had their very first Air Extreme session this week! They bounced back into school absolutely buzzing with excitement. A huge thank you to Mrs North, Mrs Bragg, and Lisa for accompanying them—we're already looking forward to next week’s session!

We’ve got a fun-filled and busy half-term ahead, so here are a few key dates to pop in your diaries:

- 🏺 Pottery with Laura B starts next week! Every KS2 child will get a chance to take part during the summer term—watch out for some amazing creations coming home!
- Exmoor Challenge – Saturday 3rd May. Best of luck to our intrepid walkers! Mr Manning and I will be with them every step of the way.
- Deaf Awareness Week – Beginning the week of 5th May. A fantastic opportunity to learn, connect, and raise awareness.
- 🇬🇧 VE Day – 8th May – Children are invited to wear red, white, and blue as we commemorate this important day with a church service followed by a festive 'street party' at school.
- 📖 Y6 SATs Week – Week beginning 12th May. We’re so proud of our Year 6 pupils and all their hard work!
- 🏕️ Y6 Residential – Week beginning 19th May. An adventure awaits!

Don’t forget to check the ‘Dates’ section regularly for any new updates or additions.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Warm regards,  
Miss Ratcliffe

Also, thank you to R J Weatherley of RJW Electrical, our electrical engineer for installing our school’s new external defib cabinet free of charge. This will be a great asset for the local community.



## Life, Love and Learning to the Full



Building Community  
Building Futures  
Building Learning Power  
Building Self Esteem



Please do not  
bring your  
mobile phone  
to school



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**  
Every Day Counts!

## Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	96%
Nursery 2	97%
Reception	98%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98%

### Reminders:

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01884 860205 by 9.20am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.



## Attendance Update

It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beating our **96.5%** target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

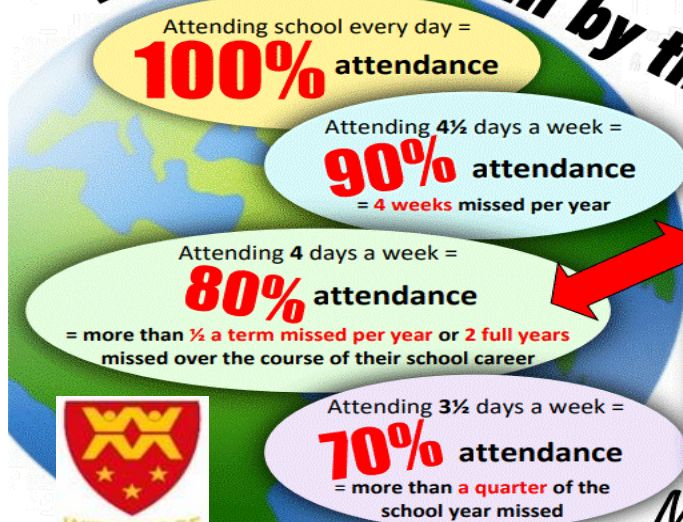
Our attendance for the week is **96.6%**

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.6%**

Together Each achieves More!



**The world is run by those who turn up**



An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole **2 years** from school.

### Being late for school reduces learning time

If your child is **5 minutes** late every day - they will miss **3 days** of learning each year

If your child is **15 minutes** late every day - they will miss **2 weeks** of learning each year

*Make every minute count*





**Celebration Assembly  
Well Done  
For receiving a  
Certificate of Achievement**



<b>Class Award</b>	
Reception – Whole Class – Fantastic start to the new term – Excellent behaviour at Air Extreme and demonstrating our values of Compassion & Friendship in welcoming Lexi to FSU. Class 1 – Zara for excellent effort with work this week. Class 2 – Libby for a positive start to the new term and super contribution to class maths discussion. Class 3 – Jessica for great thinking about fractions. Class 4 – Abbie for working incredibly hard despite feeling under the weather.	
<b>Writer of the Week:</b>	
Reception – Bille – Good effort in writing ‘around sounds’. Class 1 – Nancy for great ideas in writing sessions and a wonderful prediction about our story. Class 2 – Aurora for her lovely Easter break news writing. Class 3 – Arthur C for making sure your writing is neat in all your work. Class 4 – Zack for revising spelling patterns to help make more accurate spelling choices.	
<b>Bobbie’s Lunchtime Award:</b>	
Jayden-Lee – Lovely manners and always being polite.	
<b>Reaching 10 on the Nursery Caterpillar</b>	
Willow ☺	
<b>20 Merits</b>	
Reception – Riley Class 3 – Maggie	
<b>40 Merits</b>	
Reception – Imogen Class 1 – Wren & Nancy Class 3 – Arthur B, Ronnie, Ruby, Archie, Ivy, Ava & Jack M	
<b>60 Merits</b>	
Class 3 – Freddie Class 4 – Lily-Sue	
<b>60 Merits</b>	
Class 4 – Liberty & Paige	
<b>House Points</b>	
<b>Discovery 83</b>	<b>Endeavour 67</b>
<b>Enterprise 85</b>	<b>Voyager 96</b>

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2025

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 2 PE Class 2 Group 2 Forest School Pottery with Laura from Mud & Moor Teacher Led Clubs - Choir
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Rocksteady Teacher Led Clubs – Construction, Times Table & SATs Club
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Kingsley College for the Athletics finals! Class 4 PE CANCELLED - Class 4 Group 2 Forest School Mr Rogo – Music Tuition Stay and Play Toddler Group Session in FSU at 13:45 Messy Church Nursery to Year 2 15:30 – 16:45 Teacher Led Clubs – SATs Club & Gardening Club
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception PE – Air Extreme in Barnstaple Class 3 PE Class 3 Group 2 Forest School Mr Rogo – Music Tuition Drum Tuition with Steve Godfrey Y6 Residential Parents Meeting at 3pm Teacher Led Clubs – Film & SATs Club
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Stay and Play Toddler Group Session in the School Hall at 9am Class 1 PE Class 1 Group 2 Forest School Teacher Led Clubs – Homework & SATs

### Dates for your diary:

#### Summer Term 1

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Exmoor Challenge walk – Landkey – Swimbridge
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Exmoor Challenge Day 2025
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May - Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday Church Coffee Morning – Bobbie Bacon Baps School Council Meeting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole Class photos VE Day – Details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Farm School Class 3 Group 2
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 trip - TBC
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May - 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Adventure Bude
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	May half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Church Coffee Morning KS1 Rock & Rapid
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Farm School – Year 6 last visit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Football Tournament @ South Molton Farm School Class 1 Group 1

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Starters' Evening for Parent/Carers Messy Church
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	DT Day at Blundells for Class 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	FSU Sports Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Beach Trip
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Wildside Information Evening for Parents/Guardians
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Farm School Class 1 Group 2
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Farm School Reception Class
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Performance @ 2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	FSU Graduation Ceremony – details to follow Cricket tournament - UKS2 - High Bick
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Wildside Residential for Class 3
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Year awards ceremony
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Church Service 10-11 Last Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Non Pupil Day

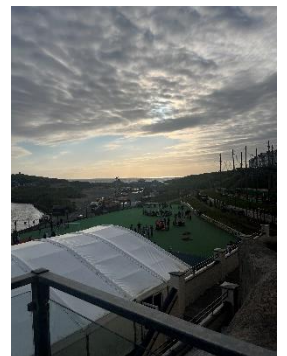
**These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes.**

## Residential Trips

### Year 6 Residential to Adventure Bude

Our Year 6's are starting to look forward to their final residential at Witheridge to Adventure Bude!

**Please do not forget that the final payment is due by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May!**



## PE & Forest School Days Summer Term 1

### Monday

Class 2 PE

Class 2 Group 2 Forest School (Lily Ed, Iris, Olivia, Ronnie, Aurora, Ethan, Lacey & Freddie)

### Wednesday

Class 4 PE

Class 4 Group 2 Forest School (Evie, Paige, Liberty, Cody, Emma, Emily, Max & Abbie)

### Thursday

Reception Class PE – Trampolining at Air Extreme

Class 3 - PE

Class 3 Group 2 Forest School (Ronnie, Ruby, Betsy, Hazel, Declan, Isabella, Khalid, Milo, Jessica & Jacob)

### Friday

Class 1 PE

Reception Group 2 Forest School (Toby, Amelia, Taylor, Harvey, Felicity, Jayden-Lee & Riley)





## School Uniform

Please make sure your children's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. Any lost **unnamed** items will be donated to the PTFA for resale at half term.



### Arbor Accounts

Now we have reached the end of the Spring Term 2, we would be grateful if **ALL** outstanding balances could be cleared ASAP!

Breakfast & After School Club, School Dinners, Outstanding Trip Payment, uniform & Nursery Fees.

Many Thanks

Finance Team



<b>Team Meal Menu – Summer Term 2025</b>	
<b>Week 2 - W/B 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cheese Rolls</b> V – Quorn Chilli Diced Crispy Potatoes, Veg Or Baked Beans Fresh Fruit & Yogurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Loaded Wedges With Chicken &amp; Bacon</b> V - Loaded Wedges With Various Toppings Salad Selection Or Vegetables Fruit Sorbet
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Roast Of The Day (Pork &amp; Apple Sauce)</b> V - Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Peach Melba Ice Cream
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Spaghetti Bolognese Topped With Cheese</b> V – Quorn Bolognese Peas Artic Roll & Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fish In Breadcrumbs</b> V – Vegetable Nuggets Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans Cornflake Crunches

Also available every day:  
Jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans  
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

#### **Cost of School lunches:**

Nursery – £2.00 per meal.

Reception & KS1 children –

Universal Infant Free School Meals,

KS2 children £2.58 per meal.

**Payment to be made via The Arbor App**

A gentle reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

and we have a number of students, staff and visitors with serious nut allergies.

With this in mind, could we politely ask that **NO** products containing nuts be sent into school.



If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for your consideration and for safeguarding our students.

## Breakfast & After School Club

Bobbie's Brekkie served at 8am (£4.00)

Or

Drop off at 8.30am (£2.00)

After School Club

With daily activities

3.30-4.30 or 3.30-5.30

£4.00 per hour

All payable on the Arbor App

Discount for Pupil Premium

(Nursery aged children charged

At hourly rate.)



Witheridge CofE Academy  
**After School Club**  
FSU to Year 6



**Monday -  
Crafts**



**Tuesday -  
Board games**



**Wednesday -  
Cooking**



**Thursday -  
Keep Fit**



**Friday -  
Movie & Quiz**

**After School Club**

**Monday to Friday**

**3.30 to 5.30**

**Booking essential**

01884 860518

admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

£4.00 per hour (Pre-School hourly rate)



**STAY & PLAY  
TODDLER GROUP  
FOR BUMPS & BEYOND**

Witheridge CofE Academy

Wednesday 13:45-15:30 in our FSU  
Friday 9:00-10:30 in the School Hall

£1.00 donation per family

For more Information :  
Call 01884 860518 or email admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk



After school club for Nursery  
and up to the end of Year 2  
(Nursery Children need to be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

3.30 - 4.45 pm  
in Class 2's classroom

Parents and Guardians are welcome to  
join us and take part.

We will be offering some craft and activities based  
around the Bible & have a short celebration.

Please consent via the Arbor App (Under Trips) by  
**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** you want to attend so that we have  
enough snacks and crafts available.

Thank you, Sue and Adrian Wells

Uniform offers!

School Trends supply our PE Hoodies and thicker school jumpers and MyClothing supply the thinner school jumpers and poloshirts.



We're excited to share with you a new 10% discount code to save money on all school uniform orders placed at [MyClothing.com](https://www.myclothing.com)

Code = **MYCSS10%**

Expires = 31/05/2025



## Witheridge Warriors FOOTBALL PRESENTATION



To celebrate our first season as a Youth football club we are having a presentation celebration and BBQ  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Bank holiday Monday)**

**Edgedown Park Football Club  
Witheridge**

- 12.30pm Medal Presentation
- 1pm BBQ  
(all registered kids get a free hot dog or burger)
- 3pm Witheridge 2<sup>nd</sup> team are playing at home  
V Exeter Uni (weather permitting)

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