



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 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We’ve had a fantastic start to the new school year, and it has been such a pleasure to welcome the children back. They have returned full of enthusiasm and joy, ready for the exciting year ahead.

I would especially like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children who have joined us at Witheridge C of E Academy this week. We’re delighted to welcome:

Zack, Elaina, Eva, Jack, Lily-Rose, Bella, Oscar, Willow, Ada, Darcy, Florence, Charlie, Oliver, William, Aspen, Ocean, Lucy, Elena, Mia, and Chester. We are so pleased to have you as part of our school family.



We are also thrilled to welcome three new members of staff to our team: **Miss Coles, Miss Back, and Miss Eager.** Miss Coles and Miss Back have joined Class 1, and Miss Eager has taken on our After School Club. We’re excited to have them on board and know they will make a wonderful contribution to our school community.



A quick reminder about our upcoming **Meet the Teacher** session, taking place on **Wednesday 10th September.** This is a great opportunity for you to visit your child’s new classroom and for them to proudly show you their peg, tray, and other parts of their learning space.

Looking ahead, we will be holding **Parents' Evenings** on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October.** These meetings offer a more in-depth opportunity to speak with your child’s class teacher. Sign-up will be available via Arbor closer to the time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Ratcliffe
Head of School

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Building Community
Building Futures
Building Learning Power
Building Self Esteem



Please do not bring your mobile phone to school

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

Monday 8 th September	Class 3 PE Class 3 Forest School Group 1
Tuesday 9 th September	Rocksteady
Wednesday 10 th September	Class 1 PE Class 1 Forest School Group 1 Mr Rogo – Music Tuition Meet the Teacher 3.30-4.00
Thursday 11 th September	Reception PE – am Class 2 PE – pm Class 2 Forest School Group 1 Mr Rogo – Music Tuition
Friday 12 th September	Class 4 PE Reception Forest School Group 1

Autumn Term - Dates for your diary:

Monday 15 th September	Class 4 Tag Rugby at Witheridge
Wednesday 17 th September	Phonic Information Evening 15:30 – Details to follow
Friday 19 th September	Class 4 trip to SS Great Britain
Wednesday 8 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 9 th October	Parents Evening

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

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term - Thursday 4th September 2025 • Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025 • Last day of term - Friday 19th December 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term - Tuesday 6th January 2026 • Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026 • Last day of term – Thursday 2nd April 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term – Monday 20th April 2026 • Bank Holiday - May Day - Monday 4th May 2026 • Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026 • Non Pupil Day - Monday 1st June 2026 • Last day of term – Tuesday 21st July 2026

PE and Forest School Days at Witheridge

Monday - Class 3 PE or Class 3 Group 1 Forest School (Ava-Grace, Zoey, Keeley, Lily, Mya, Hunter, Ronnie B, Ruby & Ivy-Rose)



Wednesday - Class 1 PE or Class 1 Group 1 Forest School (Riley, Taylor, Imogen, Bille & Dylan)

Thursday – Reception PE (am)

Class 2 PE (pm) or Class 2 Group 1 Forest School (Elliot, Bethan, Lorcan, Georgia, Wren & Reuben)



Friday – Class 4 PE

Reception Group 1 Forest School (William, Ada, Eva, Oscar, Zack, Mia & Aspen)

Please ensure your child brings the appropriate Forest School or PE kit on the correct days.

For PE, the kit should include:

- A House group - coloured T-shirt (Are now available for collection from the school office)
- Black shorts or black joggers/leggings
- Trainers

PE hoodies are available to purchase from School Trends website.

Our School Uniform

- Black/Dark Grey Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore dress
- Black/Dark Grey shorts or Blue Gingham dress (Summer)
- Plain/embroidered logo pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan with Witheridge School logo
- Black/White socks or plain black tights (Not leggings)
- Black School Shoes



Find us on:

Website: [Witheridge C of E Academy - Home](https://www.witheridge.devon.sch.uk)

Facebook: @Witheridge CofE Academy

Email: admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Witheridge Blog: <https://witheridge.edublogs.org/>

TEAM MAT have job vacancies, for more information & how to apply please visit our website [Teaching & Education Jobs Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Vacancies](https://www.team-mat.com/)

Team Meal Menu – Autumn Term 2025 Week 2 - W/B 8 th September	
Monday	Macaroni Cheese V – Tomato Pasta Bake Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn Jam Doughnut or Fruit slices
Tuesday	Team's All Day Breakfast V – Team's All Day Vegetarian Breakfast Potato Waffles, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes & Mushrooms Fruit and Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast of the Day V - Homity Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Angel Delight & Fruit
Thursday	Chicken Katsu Curry (Or Plain Chicken) V - Quorn Katsu Naan Bread, Rice, salad sticks or Peas Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate
Friday	Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables & Baked Beans Oaty Cookie (various flavours)

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.)



After School Club

Monday to Friday

3.30 to 5.30

Booking essential

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£4.00 per hour (Pre-School hourly rate)

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

Assistant SENCO at Team Multi-Academy Trust

Cover Supervisor at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy.

Early Years Playworker: After School Club at Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy.




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

Instrument Lessons

- At Witheridge Academy we have three peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- The teachers come into school during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

<p>Keyboard/Piano, Guitar (Classical and/or Acoustic) or Ukulele</p>		<p>Alex Rogozinski 07565 951786 alexrogo@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Rock Band Keyboard, electric guitar, drums, voice. Taught in groups. ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY STUART</p>		<p>Stuart Snelling- Rocksteady https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/primary/ 0330 113 0330</p>

Drums

ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED



Steve Godfrey – Drum Tuition

07930667193

stevegodfreydw@yahoo.co.uk



WITHERIDGE WARRIORS YOUTH FOOTBALL

6-7PM EVERY THURSDAY

WITHERIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB, EX16 8AH

FIRST TWO WEEKS TRAINING FREE

£2 PER WEEK TRAINING FEE

£30 ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

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**EXCITING AND FUN TRAINING DRILLS
TEAM BUILDING
MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS**

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**OPEN TO AGES
SCHOOL YEAR 1 – YEAR 11**



OUR FRIENDLY COACHES

·ARE DBS CHECKED,

·HAVE FIRST AID & SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

·HOLD AN FA LEVEL 1 COACHING BADGE

WITHERIDGEWARRIORSYFC@GMAIL.COM

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Parents/Guardians of
Witheridge Warriors

Please ensure that all
Witheridge Warriors football
raincoats are clearly labelled
with your child's name!

Many students are wearing
identical raincoats and
currently, around 50% are not
labelled, making it difficult for
myself and your child
to identify them.

Many thanks
Mrs Eastman