



The Witton Warbler



11th May 2018

Year 6 SATs

As you know, our Year 6 children have their SATs tests next week. The children are really looking and sounding ready now, and we are confident that they are now going to be the best they possibly can be! Your child has worked tremendously hard and can be praised for this - and for the gains they have made in their learning - regardless of the outcome. We know you will join us in wishing all of the children the very best of luck!

It is extremely important that our children arrive in school refreshed after a good night's sleep. We are asking you to ensure that your child really does get plenty of sleep from now on, as a lack of sleep can stop them from learning and from performing well in their tests. A good breakfast is also vital in helping our pupils perform at their best. With this in mind we will be offering free toast and a drink for all pupils on the mornings of each test day.

Children should bring a plain, transparent pencil case with a handwriting pen, pencils, ruler and a rubber as a minimum requirement – otherwise, equipment must be placed upon the desk without a case. A bottle of water to sip during the test will also help.

Should your child be feeling unwell next week at any point, please do be aware that we can administer 'Calpol' etc., supplied by you and with written permission. If your child is absent, we will normally arrange for them to sit the missed test on their return.

Finally, Year 6 staff would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support.

Attendance

It's surprising to see the Year 6 attendance drop so close to SATs and Year 7 need to at least reach National Average.

Attendance up to and including 4th May 2018

Overall attendance	96.1%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	96.2%
Year 7	95.8%

Year 7 Photographs

We have our Year 7 photos being taken on **Friday 18th May**. As this coincides with our Royal Wedding Party day, we ask that **Year 7 pupils come to school in full uniform** and bring their red, white and blue clothing with them to change into.

Royal Wedding Special Menu

On **Thursday 17th May**, Shire Services are preparing a special lunch to celebrate the Royal Wedding. There is no need to pre-order.

Royal Wedding Party

On the afternoon of **Friday 18th May** we would like to celebrate the Royal Wedding by having our own 'Royal Wedding Tea Party'. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue and bring party food. We will also do some 'Royal' activities on class. Brining party food is completely voluntary and children will be asked what they would like to contribute for sharing.

Save the Date

Summer Open Day – Wednesday 6th June
Sports day is scheduled for Thursday 19th July, from 9am to 2.30pm.



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Water Bottles

To help your child remain hydrated, which in turn helps with their concentration and general health, please provide your child with a bottle (with a non-spill top) so they can drink water throughout the day.

We would like to make you aware that some of the water bottles currently in use are potentially carrying bacteria that could be harmful to your child's health. Some of the bottles in school are even carrying black mould! Please do ensure that your child's water bottle contains water, not squash or juice, and is washed regularly with hot soapy water. Your child may have mentioned to you that we are asking that they come to school with their water bottle filled and ready for the day and these are only refilled during the first part of the lunch break, when they have their food. This not only means that children will not lose learning time in queuing for the water fountain, but also ensures that water bottles are regularly washed at home. We would discourage you from spending too much money on water bottles and are currently looking into a cost-effective 'school water bottle' that children will be able to purchase.



Dates for your Diary

14 th May	Y6 SATs week
18 th May	Y7 Photographs (Year group and individual)
18 th May	Royal Wedding Party (afternoon)
21 st May	Y7 Activities week
25 th May	School closes at 3.00pm for half term
4 th June	School starts at 8.25am
7 th June	Y6 Photographs (class and individual)
8 th June	Y5 House handball tournament
11 th June	Y5 visit to Blists Hill Museum
11 th June	Y6 House handball tournament
12 th June	Y7 House handball tournament
12 th June	7OA Parents' and Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
15 th June	Y6 visit to West Midland Safari Park
19 th June	7SR Parents' and Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
22 nd June	Book fair in school
25 th June	Book fair in school
26 th June	Book fair in school
26 th June	7BT Parents' and Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
2 nd July	Droitwich Pyramid Transfer Day
6 th July	Count-up day for golds for Summer term
9 th July	Drama production at 7.00pm
10 th July	Drama production at 7.00pm
11 th July	School reports home to families
12 th July	Golden time for all year groups (golds required)
19 th July	Sports Day
23 rd July	Y7 to Drayton Manor
24 th July	School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays








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Scooter, skateboards and bicycles	We are concerned about the number of children attending school using scooters, skateboards and bicycles in an unsafe way. We ask that you ensure that your child has become proficient on a bicycle, by undertaking the Bikeability training in Year 6 before riding to school, and we insist that all children MUST wear a helmet . Please remind your child that scooters, skateboards or bicycles must not be ridden once in the school grounds to keep everyone safe.	
Gold Goals	All golds earned up to and including Friday 6th July count towards the rewards: Summer disco and golden time. Please join us in praising those children who consistently earn their golds!	
Website	You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link: http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/ Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.	
House Points	House points running total as at 10 th May: Corbett - 13555 Impney - 13359 Norbury - 13109 Salwarpe - 13215	
Stars of the Week	Ffion Blackwood 5JD Joshua Isaacs 6LM	
Headteacher Awards	Charlotte Westcott and Wade Lingard, both 5JD , for accurate translation of shape in maths! Great work. Thomas Rogers 5JD for taking pride in his presentation. Your work is always beautifully presented.	



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