



# The Witton Warbler



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## World Mental Health Day 2018

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, we are supporting **Young Minds #HelloYellow** campaign by asking pupils to replace one item of their uniform with a piece of yellow clothing (for instance, pupils could wear a yellow t-shirt instead of a shirt and tie). Yellow hair accessories and hats may also be worn. Please note that, apart from the one item of yellow clothing, pupils must be in uniform. The aim of this campaign is to spread the message that young people are not alone when it comes to mental health. A lesson and an assembly will also be dedicated to raising awareness and will provide students with information and strategies to keep their own minds healthy.

I am sure you'd agree that this is a very worthwhile cause. In order to raise money for Young Minds and our own school mental health fund, we would greatly appreciate any donations. Thank you



## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 6 who have surpassed out 97% target; nearly there Year 7.

Attendance up to and including 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	
Overall attendance	96.6%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	97.1%
Year 7	96.5%

## Incorrect Term Dates

Please can we make you aware that we have been alerted to the fact that there are number of websites operating that advertise our holiday dates, and those of other schools. These websites are not linked to us - the dates are unverified and in many cases incorrect. Please ensure that you check all holiday dates on our own website or letters, particularly before booking any holidays.

The websites we are currently aware of are:

[www.termdates.co.uk](http://www.termdates.co.uk)  
[www.myschoolholidays.com](http://www.myschoolholidays.com)

Unfortunately they do not have a telephone number, but we have emailed them.

Please use:  
[www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/calendar/](http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/calendar/)



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## Year 5 Photographs

Year 5 photograph orders should be handed into the School Office by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. If you would like to preview the whole class photographs, please call in to the School Office.

Late orders must be sent directly to Tempest Photography.

## Vehicles Outside School

Please can we make a very strong plea to you regarding the drop-off and collection of pupils outside school. We are extremely concerned as the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous for our children as they arrive and leave. Cars come too quickly along the road and stop suddenly and without warning; pull over into the bus bay on to yellow zig-zags; park at angles that block the road; push forward, creating gridlock and park/stop across the driveways of our neighbours, for whom this is a constant issue.

We are exploring traffic calming measures, but in the meantime please can we ask that you slow down, park and stop within the rules of the road, not park in the bus bay and respect the lives of local residents. In this way, we hope we can work together to prevent the serious injury of a child.

Please consider parking a little further away and meeting your child on foot if at all possible.

## Pupil Leadership

Thank you for the amazing applications for the Eco and Maths Ambassadors. We were impressed by the quality of the applications. There may be further opportunities later in the year but for now the successful applicants are:

### Maths Ambassadors

*James Rochelle 5JD, Poppy Mossop 5JD, Holly Smith 5AP, Henry Riley 5SW, Ava Clive 5JB, Florence Bird 5SO, Penelope Crabbe 5SO, Romeo Midani 5JB, Luke Daniels 5JB, Jamie McCammon 5JB, Bobby Patel 6LQ, Holly Dufty 6LM, Phoebe-Leigh Steele 6CB, Medi-Rose Souter-McHugh 6CR, Alfie Semmens 6LC, Finlay Morgan 6LQ, Rhys Newman 6CR, Hayden Gadsby-Cooper 6CR, Ella Marshall 6CR, Grace Jelfs 6LC, Olivia Grace 6LC, Lewis Halford 6LQ, Nicolas Espin 7OA, Julian Nicklin 7CW, Jack Fletcher 7BT*

### Eco Ambassadors

*Emily Colley 5JB, Alex Burrell 5JD, Simaran Watts 5JD, Maisie Pitt 5AP, May Wadlow 5AP, Lexus Gadsby 5JB, Hermione Marshall 5JD, Yolanda Wamiridza 5JD, Lily Smith 5SO, Daisy Evans-Lochlin 5SO, Charlie Bowsher 6LM, Rory Crawford 6LC, Jaygo Morris 6LC, Evie Felgate 6LQ, Noah Grimstvedt 6LM, Owen Exon 6LM, Ellie Dawson 7KW, Shelby Taylor 7JC, Charlie Harris 7JC*

Thank you for all of the **Sports Council** applications. The quality of each application has been overwhelming which has meant some very tough decisions being made as only eight children could be selected. Although not everyone who applied could be selected, all children will be given the opportunity to support, coach, lead and participate within PE at Witton. Our successful applicants are:

*Flynn Hatfield-Evans, Megan Harris-Chance, Josie Pheasant, Catherine Sandell, Imogen Evans, Mark Hewlett, Harry Price and Lucas Colley.*

## Save the Date

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October... Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.**



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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b>4 Oct</b>	<b>KS2 English &amp; Maths Parents' Session</b>
	10 Oct	Young Minds #HelloYellow day
	15 Oct	Y5 flu vaccinations
	16 Oct	Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LM, 6LQ & 6CR)
	17 Oct	Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LC & 6CB)
	23 Oct	7JC Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	<b>26 Oct</b>	<b>Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.</b>
	26 Oct	School closes at 3.00pm – half term
	5 Nov	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
	6 Nov	School starts at 8.25am
	27 Nov	7CW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	4 Dec	7KW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	11 Dec	7BT Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	21 Dec	School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term
7 Jan	Teacher Training Day (School closed)	
8 Jan	School starts at 8.25am	
15 Jan	7OA Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm	

<b>Homework</b>	You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link: <a href="http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/">http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/</a> Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.	
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<b>Harvest Festival</b>	A huge thank you to everyone who made donated some food to support the Droitwich Spa Foodbank. It makes a difference to many local families lives.	
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<b>We appreciate your feedback</b>	The comments we receive from parents and carers are incredibly helpful to us. They often lead us to make improvements to our systems or to give you more information when this is needed. In order to allow you to give feedback that is informal, non-urgent or even a little bit amusing, we have set up a new email address for this purpose. Please contact us at:  <a href="mailto:wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk">wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk</a>  Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the <a href="mailto:office@witton.worcs.sch.uk">office@witton.worcs.sch.uk</a>
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<b>Witton Reading Challenge</b>	The challenge is to read and pass the Accelerated Reader quiz for 50 books in a school year. For each ten books read a certificate is awarded. Congratulations to the following pupils who received a certificate for passing 10 quizzes:  <i>Daniel Evans, Rose Lewis, Harry Thomas, Holly Dufty, Noah Grimstvedt, Simran Nijjar, Roxy Robinson, Isobel Sprague, Emily Sprague</i>	
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## Pupil 3 Rs recognition-

## Ready Responsible Respect

The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond':

**5JB:** Romeo Midani, Luke Daniels & Ava Clive

**5JD:** Jocelyn Cheah, Hermione Marshall, Eddy Pheasant, Amelia Scattergood & Simaran Watts

**5SO:** Hope Andres-Blocksage, Beth Childs, Kloe Jagielski & Theo Bourke

**5AP:** Alice Clarke & Dylan Sivaharan

**5SW:** Lilly-Mae Doherty-Lawrence, Lilly-Kate Tompkins, Levi Curtis, Oliver Marshall & Joshua Shuck

**6LC:** Darwin Brookes, Cara Fern, Josh Gennard, Jack Hampton, Grace Jelfs, Alfie Semmens & Olivia Weatherby

**6CB:** Lexi Hemming Chatterton, Phoebe-Leigh Steele & Olivia Traynor

**6LM:** Lewis Hartwell, Sydnie-Sade Price & Charlotte Westcott

**6LQ:** Evie Felgate, Isla Fishwick, Calum Williams, Lillie Greenhill & Amy Taverner

**6CR:** Charlie Wright, Callum Lewitzkyi, Violet Adams, Lily Blackmore & Jake Johnson-Budd

**7CW:** Madeline Holyfield, Joshua King & Jessica Pearce

**7KW:** Mark Hewlett & Harry Ford



## Headteacher Awards

**Josh Gennard 6LC** for going above and beyond to support Alan from Year 5 who spent the day with us.

**Jem Fowler 6LC** for amazing independent maths.

**Eloise Harris 6LC** for excellent maths.

**Jem Fowler 6LC** (again) for excellent science.

**Tamsin Taylor 6LC** for fabulous Art Work

**Lexus Gadsby 5JB** for a huge effort and perseverance in writing a recipe for curing first day nerves.



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