

All you need to know!

Monday

Rhythm and Rhyme 11.30-12.30

Children love playing instruments and learning new songs and rhymes. Listen to and interact with traditional and new stories. This session is most suitable for children over 6 months.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Outdoor Explorers 12.30-2.30

This is an opportunity for parents and children to spend time outdoors experiencing a range of exciting activities as well as enjoying nature. This group is ideal for children aged over 18 months.
Various locations across Witney, please contact us for more information

Speech and Language Advice Drop-In, Monday 9th May and 25th July 1.30-2.30

Do you have any concerns about your child's speech and language? A speech and language therapist will be here during this session to answer any questions you have.

Speech and Language Therapy, 1.15-2.15

Parent workshop followed by 5 group sessions. Starts 6th June
Playing with words. (Referral only).

Speech and Language Therapy, 2.30-3.30

Parent workshop followed by 5 group sessions. Starts 6th June
Playing with sounds. (Referral only).
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Tower Hill Make and Do 3.15-4.30

Join us after school for this family activity session (open to all families as long as there is a child under 5 attending). We finish with a snack tea.
Tower Hill Primary School Witney

Pre-birth Group 4.15-5.30

A four week course preparing mothers and fathers for the first weeks after the birth of their baby. Sessions include vital information about feeding, bathing, sleep and relaxation. Please book your place with Kerry Saxton at the Children's Centre.
West Witney School Site

Tuesday

Mini Multiples 9.00-11.00

Are you expecting more than one baby? Are you a parent/carer of twins/ multiples? Then why not come along to our new group? Play and craft activities and an opportunity to meet others in the same situation as you.
West Witney School Site

Grandparents Group 9.30 - 11.30

A chance for grandparents who care for their grandchildren to get together Open to all ages and stages.
Radford Room,
Methodist Church

Book Worms 12.00-12.30

Enjoying stories with your child helps to develop their language. If your child is over 2 then why not come along to our new story time session.

Francis Room,
Methodist Church

Messy Play 1.00-2.30

We provide you and your child with the opportunity to get messy and creative. This session is most suitable for children over 1 year.

West Witney School Site

Walk and Talk 1:30-2:30

Develop your child's language and understanding whilst enjoying the outdoors. First and third Tuesday of the month.
Phone for details.
Witney

Me Too! 3.30-5.00

A new group for disabled children, children with impairments and children that receive additional support in school or pre-school. These sessions offer parents or carers and their children activities and support in an inclusive environment. For more details about the sessions, please contact Kerry Saxton.
West Witney School Site

Wednesday

West Witney Toddler Group 9.00-10.30

This group is run by local parents and is open to all families with a child under 5 years. For more information please contact Bonnie East on 01993 700780.
West Witney School Site

Baby Stay and Play • 10.00-11.30

Do you have a baby under 18 months? Come and join us for a hot drink and take the opportunity to meet with other parents of young children.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Starting School Sessions 11.00-12.00

(commences after May half term)
Is your child starting School in September 2011? This new group helps children to prepare for school life. For more information please contact Helen Dalton or Mel Knapton on 01993 774721.
West Witney School Site

Parents with Prospects • 11am

For parents aged 16-19, starting on the 4th May. Contact Tracy Thomas on 07919 543333.
West Witney School Site

Weaning Group • 11.30-12.15

This group is held on the first Wednesday of each month and is run by the Community Nursery Nurse Leslie Gavin. This group is most suitable for babies over 4 months.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Family Links Parenting Program 12.30-2.30

This 10 week course runs from May. Please contact Olivia Hill on 01993 774721 for more information. Creche available for attendees of this course.
Methodist Church, central Witney

Family Cookery Fun • 3.15-5.00

Join us after school for this family cooking session (open to all families as long as there is a child under 5 attending the session). Booking is essential please contact Helen Dalton on 01993 774721.
West Witney School Site

Money Management & Next steps to employment

From May to July we have two short courses on Money Management and Next steps to employment. For more information speak to Kerry or Jonathan.
Francis Room, Methodist Church

Thursday

Drop in Stay and Play session 9.00-11.00

This session is most suitable for children aged over 18 months. Parents and children can enjoy a variety of activities and a healthy breakfast is provided for children.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

All About Me! • 9.00-11.00

This course is for children who have witnessed domestic abuse. It aims to explore feelings and emotions through therapeutic play and activities and to build self-esteem and coping strategies. This course is by invitation only – if you are interested in your child taking part, please contact Olivia Hill on 01993 774721.
West Witney School Site

Well Child Clinic • 9.30-11.30

This is an open clinic where a member of the Health Visiting team will be on hand to advise on family and child health issues.

Wesley Room, Methodist Church

Post Natal Group • 11.30-12.30

This 4 week course commences the FIRST Thursday of each month and is run by the Health Visiting Team. Come along and meet with other new mothers in Witney. No need to book, just turn up.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Young Parents Group • 12.00-1.30

Are you a young parent aged between 16 and 22? This session enables young people with children to meet others in a similar situation. Lunch will be provided.
West Witney School Site

Lunch Stop Breast Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.00

Lunch stop is where pregnant and breastfeeding mothers can meet up in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere to get advice and support on breastfeeding. Please bring your own lunch.
Radford Room, Methodist Church

Dad's Drop in • 3.30-5.30

Calling all dads/male carers. We meet each week for fun activities for you and your child to experience together. Advice and support is available from our Dad's Support Worker.

West Witney School Site

Friday

S.P.A.C.E • 9.30-11.30

A support group for parents of disabled children, children with impairments and children that receive additional support in school or pre-school. The Children's Centre will be providing activities for children at this group on a monthly basis. Please contact witney@pactcharity.org or Sharon 01993 881134 or Debbie 07810 862072 for more information. Term time only.
Springfield School

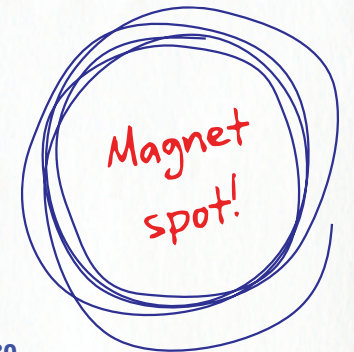
Sow and Grow Club 9.30-10.30

Come along and enjoy outside activities with your child, we meet weekly throughout the summer. This group is most suitable for children over 18 months, but if you are a keen gardener then come along and 'dig in'!
Park Road Allotments, Witney

Buggy Walk 11.00-12.00

(not the FIRST Friday of the month)
Come along and enjoy a buggy walk. Designed for all levels of fitness, enabling you to gently re-introduce exercise to your routine after the birth of your baby.

We meet outside Cotswold Kids at the rear of the Methodist Church



Saturday

Saturdays Group 9.30-11.30

This session meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday and is open to all male carers. We offer a variety of fun activities for you to do together with your children. For more information please contact Jonathan Rawle our Dad's Support Worker on 01993 774721.
West Witney School Site

Give us a call on
01993 774721
for any further info!



PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

Tax credits Helpline 0845 300 3900

Library 01993 703659

NHS direct 0845 4647

What does Witney Children's Centre offer?

Witney Children's Centre is for children under five and their families, and offers a variety of services that families may need to thrive and make the most of life's opportunities, whatever their background or circumstances. We deliver sessions in various locations across Witney.

Our activity programme varies during the year but includes:

- Play times for children
- Advice, support and learning opportunities for parents and carers
- Health services such as the well child clinic
- Saturdays, a group for fathers and their children

Family Support

We have a team of family support staff based at the Children's Centre. If you have a child under five and you need support with any of the following please ask to speak with a member of the family support team:

- Emotional issues
- Relationships
- Domestic abuse
- Substance or alcohol abuse

- Financial/Benefits support
- Housing
- Parenting
- Concerns about your children

Support is provided on a one to one basis and can be in your own home or at the Children's Centre.

Parent Representatives

We are currently seeking parents to be involved in our Parent Forum. This group of parents help us to plan events and activities for the future to ensure that the Children's Centre meets the needs of families in Witney. We encourage parents to voice their opinions on the delivery of current activities, propose future activities and any other relevant issues that may arise. No experience is necessary to be involved, just enthusiasm and a commitment of a meeting once a term. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the **Service Coordinator on 01993 774721**.

Can I be a volunteer?

We have a number of opportunities for anyone wishing to get experience of working in a children's centre. Opportunities for volunteers can include supporting staff in running groups and helping with administration in the office.

Safeguarding statement: All information parents share with staff will be confidential and not shared with any other agency/individual without parental permission. However, we have a responsibility to protect the children in our care and in matters of safeguarding children, when there is a concern regarding a child's welfare, it may be necessary to consult the Assessment Team in Social Care prior to discussing the matter with parents

What's on at Witney Childrens Centre



May - July 2011



Volunteering gives you the chance to meet new people, learn new skills and have the opportunity to get work-based experience which could help you gain employment. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the **Service Coordinator on 01993 774721**.

Main Office for enquiries:

PACT Children's Centre Office,
Methodist Church, High Street, Witney, OX28 6HG

Tel: 01993 774721

Email: Witney@pactcharity.org

Web: www.pactcharity.org/witney

Children's Centre Activities held at:

Radford Room & Wesley Room
Methodist Church, High Street, Witney, OX28 6HG

West Witney Primary School
Edington road, Deer Park, Witney, OX28 5FZ

Springfield School
Cedar Drive, Witney, OX28 1AR

Tower Hill Community Primary School
Moor Avenue, Witney, OX28 6NB



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Give us a call on 01993 774721 for any further info!

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