Parish Council AGM 2025 – Witnesham Pre-School Report

The Pre-School has had a really successful year, we have been running at full capacity and we have recruited additional staff.

We continue to work in close partnership with the Primary School and we have several children who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to join the reception class at the school. We also continue to provide a breakfast club for Primary School pupils.

One of our current focal points is to fill the spaces that will become available from September.

Aside from all of the really positive points and the progress that we have made over the last two years the future of the Pre-School sadly still remains uncertain.

We lease our building from Suffolk County Council and they have raised their concerns over the costs of maintaining the building. This is due to the age of the building and its need for proper insulation. Conversations are ongoing but the bottom line is that they could end our lease at any time if they feel the maintenance costs are uneconomical.

It would be a huge loss to the village, the Primary School and the surrounding areas if the Pre-School was forced into closure.

We will continue to explore potential solutions to this situation and any support would be greatly appreciated.