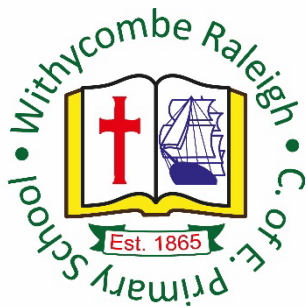


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 3rd October 2025



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News from your Headteacher

So, our week has again been very busy with lots of great things going on! On Thursday, we all visited the church for our Harvest Festivals. We have 3 services as we can't all fit in the church at the same time. The children were beautifully behaved-they sang enthusiastically and listened well to the readings from the children and to Reverend Judy's sermon.

Thank you so much for all your Harvest donations for the Exmouth Foodbank. The food will be collected today (Friday) and will really make a difference to families in our local community.



WALKABILITY

Years 4 and 5 have participated in some 'walkability' sessions. Walkability, is a new 'Child Pedestrian Training' (CPT) programme, developed in collaboration with Devon County Council and Vision Zero South West.

This structured programme is tailored to equip children in Years 3-6 with vital pedestrian safety skills, developing confidence and responsibility on their journeys to and from school. The main aim of the CPT course is to provide children with the knowledge, awareness, and practical skills necessary for safer pedestrian practices. It integrates classroom learning with real-world experiences. The CPT program covers a range of essential road safety topics with both a theory and practical session. You may have spotted the children out and about this week putting their new learning into practice – they were lucky with the weather too!

Photographs

We hope that you were pleased with your children's school photographs, you should have received proofs last week. We felt that the quality of the photos with Fraser Portraits was excellent and the option of two poses to choose from was an added bonus. Orders should be made **before Monday 13th October** in order that prints can be delivered to school free of charge to you. Orders received after this date will incur a delivery charge from Fraser Portraits.

Parents' Evenings

From **Tuesday 14th October** you will be able to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher during the week beginning 20th October. Bookings are made online and appointments are then face to face in school. You will receive an email with a booking link and we ask that parents and carers book appointments as soon as they are able, so that you are able to secure your preferred time. **Please make a note of your appointment as we're unable to send reminders.**



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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Scooters and bikes

We are delighted to see so many of our children choosing to travel to school by bike or scooter. This is a fantastic way to stay active while also helping the environment by reducing car use. We kindly remind everyone that pavements are shared spaces. Children riding bikes or scooters should take extra care around pedestrians, particularly younger children. Please travel at a sensible speed and avoid performing tricks or stunts near others—save those for the skate park!

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. E Jones*

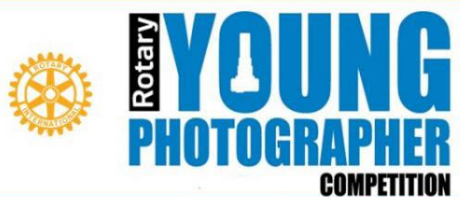


Our children continue to enjoy being outside and enjoying the variety in the lunch time play provision being offered. Please support us by **providing welly boots** to stay in school, and ensuring that your child has a suitable **water-proof coat** to wear during the lunch hour – **winter is coming!** Please also let us know if you have any items that you would be willing to donate.



We are on the lookout for ride-on vehicles, bikes, trikes, unwanted (empty!) pushchairs and large, clean bed sheets. Any donations of spare / out-grown wellies or waterproofs would also be gratefully received.

Please contact us on opal@wrpschool.org



Would you like to share your creative talents with a wide audience and possibly even win a prize? Rotary's youth competitions for art, photography and writing give you that chance.

These annual events are open to all young people up to the age of 17 years.

The theme for all of them this year is 'Happiness in Nature'.

Each year the Rotary Club run these national competitions, open to children up to the age of 17. We have lots of talented and artistic children at Withycombe Raleigh Primary, so if you would like to enter one of the categories you can find more information here: <https://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=925545&ClubID=1034>

There are three age groups for the competitions:

• **Junior up to 10 years old** • **Intermediate 11 to 13 years old** • **Senior 14 to 17 years old** •

There are information packs to download on their website, plus an application form you can fill in online, or you can email our local rotary club at: exmouthrotary@outlook.com

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Safeguarding: Contextual Safeguarding

'Contextual Safeguarding' recognises that as children develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of the family. It refers to the fact that children and young people can be at risk of harm due to external factors (outside of the home) where parents and carers have little influence over these contexts.



<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2019/october/what-is-contextual-safeguarding>

Some children at our school face risks from multiple contexts – this could be playing in the park, belonging to a club, interacting with others online or simply being out and about in the local community.

Our Safeguarding Leads and staff do our best to engage with children – forging positive relationships, and in doing so help to keep them safe by discussing these contextual risks. This way we are able to consider whether any wider environmental factors are present in a child's life that are a threat to their safety or welfare and do our best to work with others to improve these situations.

We were pleased that 96% of our pupils that completed our wellbeing / safeguarding survey felt that they knew a trusted adult in school that they could talk to. For those who replied that they were 'unsure' or with a 'no', we hope that they too will identify trusted adults as they progress through the school and get to know staff better.

We encourage everyone in our school community to keep eyes and ears open for anything potentially concerning regarding our young people; perhaps in local parks or during children's journeys to or from school. This may include the way in which they travel, eg Mrs Jones has shared concerns about bikes and scooters in School Lane, where these can pose a risk to other children and adults.

If you are concerned about a child or young person, including in a contextual safeguarding situation, then you should report this to the school or call the 'Front Door' (formerly known as MASH) on 01345 1551071, or the police (999 or 112) if you consider that a child is at risk of immediate harm.

We appreciate everyone's support in keeping our children safe both in school, within our families and in wider (contextual) situations and environments.

Online Safety



Thank you to Baz Miller, owner of the Bayleaf Café on the Strand, for sponsoring a set of Online Safety books for us to use in school.

A reminder that we also share some parent guides on our Online Safety page of the school website:
<https://www.wrpschool.org/onlinesafety>

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Sports & Achievements



Blossom from Sycamore Class took part in the kids track challenge last Friday against other year 3 & 4 boys and girls. She had a really good run finishing 2nd Year 3 girl with a time of 3min 28.5 for 800m.



Alice Bellerby in Hazel class, Achieved her 100m award in swimming last week! Well done Alice!



Isaac in Year 1 and Rowan in Year 5 both completed the Exmouth Library Summer Book Quest 'Deep Sea Adventure' - completing 5 challenges. Their prizes included certificates, stickers, keyrings and all-day tickets to the Finisher's Party at World of Country Life!



Savannah in Kestrel Class took part in a charity walk for the The Ruth Strauss Foundation. The foundation was established by Ruth, who has since passed away, and her husband Andrew who is an England cricketer, when Ruth was diagnosed with breast cancer. They formed the foundation to help support children when their parents or other adult family members have been diagnosed with Cancer: <https://ruthstraussfoundation.com/> They have a free education pack online which is a bit like Minecraft where the person goes through as an oncologist and helps people go through appointments and scans to help them understand what to expect.

House Dragon Artwork Competition



Well done to Orin, Eliza, Martha, Toby, Alyssia, Iris, Nyla, Elsie (not pictured) for their brilliant artwork for the school *House Dragons*.



These images will be used to represent the four houses for the year – these are Sun, Fire, Earth and Sea.

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A Look Ahead!

As we approach another busy time of the school year, here's a longer look ahead at key whole-school events so you have plenty of time to make arrangements *eg picking up a pre-loved Christmas Jumper?! Nativity dates will follow.* Please also remember to check the calendars on the school website. Classes/Year Groups may have other events not listed.

Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day We'll be having a special assembly led by our school Mental Health Ambassadors
Friday 17 th October	PTFA School Discos – see poster below!
Thursday 23 rd October	PTFA Mufti Day Austin (Kingfisher Class) 'Sweet Treats' fundraising – see poster below!
Friday 24 th October	Non-pupil day
Week 27-31 st October	Half Term (Back to school 3 rd November)
Tuesday 11 th November	Bags2School collection – bring bags to the main school gates first thing
Friday 14 th November	Pudsey Day – whole school mufti day to raise awareness for Children in Need
Thursday 20 th November	Pantomime for the whole school - Snow White
Friday 5 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch Day – this will show on parent pay as the roast dinner option.
	Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children Jumper Day is on 11 th but we have ours the same day as our school Christmas Lunch as it makes it feel even more like a special day in school.



Friday
17th

OCTOBER DISCO

EYFS & KS1: 5.30 - 6.15PM
£2.50 ENTRY: INCLUDES DRINK AND CRISPS

KS2: 6.30 - 7.30PM
£3.00 ENTRY: INCLUDES DRINK, CRISPS AND SWEETS

 LIMITED SPACES BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE ON PARENT PAY

HELPERS WELCOMED! PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE OR VISIT [HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/FX8TF](https://volunteersignup.org/fx8tf)



TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE WINNIE MABASO FOUNDATION, SOUTH AFRICA

SURPRISE SWEET BAGS

YEAR 3 & MAIN PLAYGROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL

Thursday 23rd October 2025
50p per bag

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN YOURS ???

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