

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

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News from your Headteacher

I am sure you are all looking forward to the long weekend and will appreciate the short, 4-day week next week! The term seems to be racing away from us already but there are still lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead. You should have received a newsletter from your teachers along with an overview setting out the learning that your children will be covering this term. These can also be found on our website. As part of the learning, teachers are planning trips and visits, details of which you will receive separately. Payments for trips should still be made via your 'ParentPay' account for the time being – we'll swap over to MCAS soon. If you have any difficulties using your account, please contact the office who will be happy to help you.

At Withycombe we are proud of the many enrichment activities that we offer children. As well as trips and visits, we regularly have visitors in school to share their knowledge and expertise. Staff are skilled at creating exciting experiences in school too with theme days being a popular option.

As well as curriculum learning, staff at Withycombe are keen to support children's wider personal development, preparing them for life outside of school now and in the future. I feel proud of the many ways in which we help to support children's wider personal development.

One of crucial things we use to support children's personal development are our Vision and Values. These values, along with the topics taught in class (RSHE, Computing, PE, RE) help us to support children to become responsible and respectful people, ready to become actively involved in society as young adults. Here at Withycombe, we are pleased with the many ways in which we provide children with a rich and varied curriculum, with a focus on providing 'extra-curricular' activities to enhance their learning.

As you're aware we are passionate at Withycombe about helping children to learn about how to be both physically and mentally healthy. Our '10 a day' for mental health, which we shared last week and is available on our website wellbeing page, is central to our support of children's personal development. We encourage children to have active breaktimes and lunchtimes with OPAL being central to this. We provide a wide range of after school sporting clubs including the opportunity for our KS2 children to try sailing, windsurfing and paddleboarding.



We use our 'Wildtribe' area regularly to enable children to learn outdoors, giving children the chance to develop skills such as resilience, cooperation and confidence.

All our staff understand the importance of supporting children's wider personal development alongside their academic progress. If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Jones



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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Sun Cream

As the weather becomes warmer (and hopefully will be staying so) please ensure children have sun cream applied before school and that they bring a sunhat to wear when outside.



Lost Property: We're getting increasing numbers of jumpers, cardigans and leavers' hoodies left on the field and playground, as children discard them as they get too warm while playing!

To make it easier for us to return clothing and other lost property, please make sure uniform is clearly labelled.

Staff regularly sort the lost property and reunite children with their lost property, but we can only do this if everything is named.

OPAL Shout Out!

Thank you to all families who have been kind enough to support us and provide us with the steady stream of donations for the children's play. Please continue to do so, and bear us in mind if you are planning a summer clear out! We are particularly in need of larger items, such as:

- ✓ Cable drums
- ✓ Planks of wood / scaffold planks
- ✓ Lengths of guttering
- ✓ Anything else for den building!
- ✓ We would love it if you could pester someone you know who might help with any of the above!

Our contact is opal@wrpschool.org or just pop in please!

Our school is currently represented in the 'Tesco Blue Token' community fundraising scheme – please don't forget us when you do your shop!

Mr Smith / Mrs Church / Mrs Ryan (OPAL Team)



Cake Sale!

This is being organised by William Gilby for the Choose Love charity and will be on Wednesday 6th May.

Bring some cash along!

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Safeguarding

Awareness of Modern Slavery, Forced Marriage and Honour-Based Abuse

At our school, safeguarding children is always our highest priority. This week I would like to raise awareness of three issues that can affect our children and families: modern slavery, forced marriage, and honour-based abuse. These concerns can occur in any community, including ours - impacting children directly or indirectly.

Modern Slavery may involve a person being exploited or controlled for someone else's gain. This could include being made to work, being moved between addresses frequently, or appearing anxious about speaking to adults. In the UK, modern slavery victims may be forced to work in construction, agriculture, manufacturing, car washes, nail bars, bars, or domestic settings.

Children may be affected if a family member is being exploited.



Forced Marriage is different from an *arranged* marriage. In a forced marriage, a person (sometimes under age) does not have a choice, and is pressured, threatened, or coercively controlled.

Warning signs for children might include talking about an unexpected trip abroad where a forced marriage could be taking place, anxiety about holidays, or sudden changes in behaviour. You can find out more about forced marriage in the UK here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>

Honour-Based Abuse refers to actions taken to control behaviours that someone believes brings shame to a family or community. This can include restrictions on friendships, activities, or personal choices and may involve emotional pressure or fear. You can find out more about this issue in the UK, including where to get support, via this link: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/types-crime/violence-against-women-and-girls/honour-based-abuse>

I share this information to **support awareness** and encourage **open communication**. If you are worried about your child or a family member or another child, please speak to me, Mrs Jones or Mrs Wheeler.

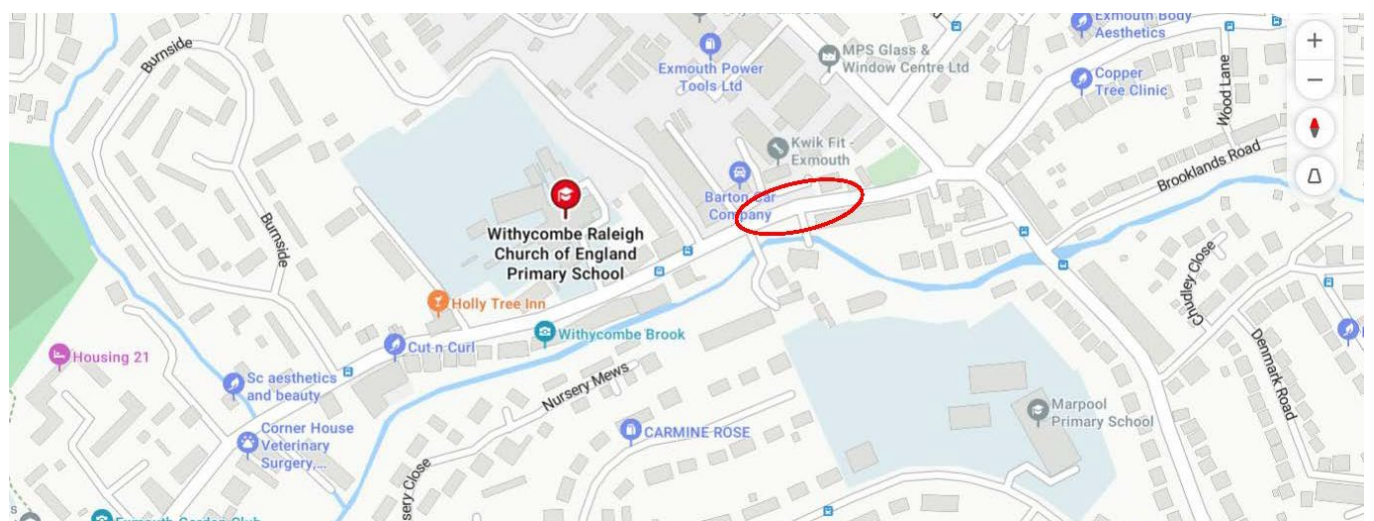
We're here to **listen**, offer confidential, sensitive support and signpost to appropriate services where needed.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead

We've had a super start to our 2 week **Bike Ability** sessions for Year 5.
Excellent control and encouragement has been shown by all - well done Year 5!



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Road closure reminder. South West Water are going to be working along Withycombe Village Road and will close the area between house No. 204 to near the Building Merchants for **11 days on 20th May 2026**. They will also suspend the parking bays opposite the Garage and the Building Merchants for 12 days on 18/05/2026.

A diversion will be put in place - signs will be placed in the relevant locations to direct the traffic.

They haven't shared a map with us but we have marked the area we understand they are closing on a map for you. To reach school, you'll need to approach from the ECC end of Withycombe Village Road.

We know this will be a challenging time but luckily at least part of this disruption will be over half term!

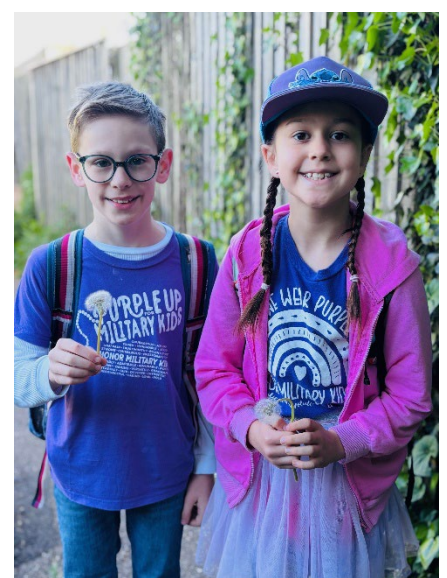
Sports and Other Achievements



Arby from Seal Class played rugby for Withycombe against Cullompton, won his match AND received player of the match!



Mia in Rabbit Class was very proud to be able to swim 200m for a RNLI charity swim challenge. WOW!



Led by the MOD Education Policy Team with support from charities and schools, April is **Month of the Military Child**. Last Friday was **'Purple Up! Day'** – a chance for everyone to dress in purple to show their support.

If your child would like to share their achievements - whether that's a sporting success, gaining library reading challenge certificates, theatre or music performances, or anything else – please email a photo and a short description to: admin@wrpschool.org

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VOTE FOR US AT TESCO!



28TH APRIL – END OF JULY 2026

HELP US BRING AMAZING PLAYTIMES TO LIFE!

Our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** journey ensures **every child has an hour of high-quality play every day.**

Your vote can help us:



Create exciting, inclusive play spaces



Boost wellbeing, confidence & friendships



Provide even more creative resources



HOW TO VOTE

1

Shop in Tesco

Make any purchase to receive a blue token

2

Find the voting unit

Look for the Stronger Starts stand

3

Pop your token in our slot!

Vote for: Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School – OPAL Play

WHERE YOU CAN VOTE

- Exmouth Superstore
- Budleigh Salterton Express
- Exmouth Churchill Road Express
- Rolle Street Express

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! ♥

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LD ACTIVE



HOLIDAY CAMP

**BOOK
ONLINE**

*Outdoor
Activities*

ACTIVITIES

- Inflatables
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Nature adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Board games

**Fun
Active
Engaging**

**Develop
Social &
Life Skills**

FIND US

**BOOK VIA LINK, or EMAIL
LDACTIVE@OUTLOOK.COM**

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We need your help to raise some funds to buy additional Little Wandle books, so our children can borrow them and continue their brilliant phonics learning at home. We would once again be very grateful for any support you can give, if you are able.

We'd like the children to work for these donations! Pick & Mix the best challenges **for your family:**

Would you rather take part in a **Sponsored** challenge?

Or, invite friends to come for a **Read-Over?**

Or, plan a **Selfless Saturday?**

Or would you rather **Just Donate?**

Sponsored activities:

We will supply sponsorship forms. *Ask friends and neighbours to chip in!*

- * Sponsor your child to **read** on their own (per page/per paragraph)?
- * Or, sponsor your child to **read to their sibling** – they could read their younger sibling's bedtime story every day for a week/fortnight?
- * Come up with your own sponsored challenge, or
- * You could *really* challenge your children with a sponsored **silence!!**

Have a **Read-Over:**

Invite a few best friends for a sleep over *with a difference*. Everyone brings their favourite book and reads quietly for an hour before bed! Charge your 'guests' a small fee to donate as a group.

Plan a **Selfless Saturday:**

Does your child usually have some treats on the weekend? Perhaps it's pocket money day, or maybe they get a small toy, a take-away, or some sweet treats. They could decide to be selfless one day and donate the money that's usually spent on Selfless Saturday instead!

Just Donate:

If your family is too busy to arrange sponsored activities at home but you'd still like to support the appeal, we also offer the option to Just Donate! We'll put a payment item on Parent Pay for your voluntary donations. Please feel free to amend the default amount downwards – or upwards!

We still need to raise LOTS more if you can help!

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SCAN TO BOOK!



5-14 YEARS OLD

THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, ARTS & CRAFTS, DODGEBALL, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, TALENT SHOWS, CRICKET, SILENT DISCO & MUCH MORE!!!



PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £21

EXTENDED DAY - £26

TIMES:

STANDARD - 8:45AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED - 8AM - 5:30PM

2026 Dates:

TUESDAY 26TH MAY

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

THURSDAY 28TH MAY

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

THE BEACON C OF E PRIMARY

1 BEACON PLACE

EXMOUTH

EX8 2SR



BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/05/26/the-beacon-ultimate-holiday-camps-may-half-term-2026>

More Information: marcus@primary-sports.co.uk / 07976979202





PRIMARY SPORTS – GLOW IN THE DARK SILENT DISCO

Withycombe Raleigh Primary School

Mr Troman from Primary Sports will be running a Glow in the Dark Silent Disco session for children in Year 1 to Year 6. The session will take place on **Wednesday 20th of May 2026**

SESSION – 5.45pm to 6.45pm

“Our amazing Glow in the Dark silent disco will give the children a brand-new unforgettable experience. The children will have headphones with the choice of switching between 2 different playlists with accompaniment of fluorescent lighting.”

We can only cater for 30 children so please book as soon as possible using the instructions below. The cost of the session will be **£7.50**. Children must be collected from the school at **6.45pm**

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL SILENT DISCO EVENT

To make a booking for the club please follow the instructions below:

- **1 – Enter our website – www.primary-sports.co.uk**
- **2 – Click on the “Booking now tab”**
- **3 – Click on the “Withycombe Raleigh Primary School –Silent Disco” tab**
- **4 – Complete the online booking form**

Mr Troman holds a clean enhanced DBS through Primary Sports. All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable bright PE Clothing and trainers. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

Silent Discos could result in a child being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability.

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FUN TO BE FIT

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