#### Withycombe Raleigh **C** of **E** Primary School

Date: 10th October 2025



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#### **News from your Headteacher**

On Wednesday we welcomed the Public Health Team into school to administer the Flu Nasal Sprays. It was a very smoothly organised with the children vaccinated by lunchtime. Many thanks to Mrs Wilson for her hard work in managing and achieving this amazing feat. If your child was absent for this and you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please telephone the School Age Immunisation Service for information about their 'catch up clinic' on 01392 342678.

Anyone who has already completed a consent form and their child did not get the vaccine for any reason will automatically receive an email inviting them book into a community clinic.

#### **Cross Country**





Well done to all the children who took part in the **Exmouth Schools Cross Country Competition on** 

Tuesday! It was a pleasure to accompany the children to the event. They were a fantastic team who supported one another enthusiastically and demonstrated determination and resilience.

Our teams were a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 out of the 4 team events, which is a brilliant achievement!

Special congratulations to Emilia who was 1st in the Y5/6 Girls' race and Connor who was 3rd in the Y5/6 Boys' race.







#### Contact us

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account. Alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397.

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#### **Contacting School Staff**

At Withycombe we really value open and easy communication with our parents. Working together helps us ensure that every child gets the best possible support while they are in school. We do kindly ask however, that parents only contact teachers outside of school hours (8:00am–5:00pm) if it is absolutely necessary. Our staff are dedicated professionals who need time to rest and prepare for the next day.

Please note that teachers do not have access to their emails during lesson time while they are teaching, so any urgent messages should be directed to the school office, where they can be passed on promptly.

We completely understand there may be occasional times when you are worried or unhappy about something. In these situations, we ask that all communication remains polite and professional so we can work together to find the best solution for your child.

Thank you for your understanding, kindness and ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. E Jones



We feel lucky to have had some good weather recently and the children seem to be enjoying their lunch times enormously – with the odd reminded needed to curb their enthusiasm! Please would you try your best to find a pair of wellies to leave at school, and when the weather turns to ensure that your child comes to school with a rain coat, and then on colder days with a hat and gloves.

This week we would appreciate your help with:

- ✓ Long lengths of guttering
- ✓ Dressing up clothes (sparkly dresses and hats remain the most popular!)
- √ Sand toys (buckets, spades etc)

Please drop off at school or contact us on opal@wrpschool.org

#### Year 3 had an Amazing TT Rockstars Day!

Everyone came dressed as Rock Stars ready to show off their Times Tables skills. The classroom was full of energy, music and fun maths challenges. Pupils competed in some exciting TT Rockstars battles, improving their speed and accuracy, while cheering each other on. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and teamwork!







### Wellbeing

#### **World Mental Health Day**

World Mental Health Day takes place every year on 10 October. It's a reminder of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in good mental health.

Our Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors ran the Friday school assembly, to help educate pupils of what mental health is and about how we can all look after the health of our minds.



Our ambassadors demonstrated many ways that children can take responsibility for their mental wellbeing through our school 'Pick & Mix' approach, which focuses on 10 different approaches we can all think about to support our mental health.











Although World Mental Health Day raises awareness on one day of the year, our own mental health needs our attention every single day.

MIND, the mental health charity, writes:



'Mental health is more than a small part of our lives – it's every moment of every day. It's a hard day's work and a catch-up with friends. It's when you become a parent and the day you lose someone you love....'

'Mental health matters on the days when everything happens and the days when nothing happens. When life is busy and unpredictable and when it's quiet and ordinary too....'

'10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day, but we want everyone to understand that mental health is important every day. Together we can make sure everyone sees it that way.'

Mrs L Jones Wellbeing TA



Freddie has won his first ever trophy for being the focus star of the week for his football team Brixington Blues U6s!



Harriet from Avocet was fortunate to be chosen to be the Junior Chief Mascot for the Exeter Chiefs Men's first home game of the 25/26 season. Not only did she get to lead the team out, she got to have pictures taken with one of her favourite players, winger Paul Brown-Bampoe!



Alex had a fantastic game on the Harley from Barn Owl Class right wing - a real threat every time has passed his Stage 2 swimming. he had the ball! Well done Harley! Well done Alex!



Reggie in Rabbit Class was awarded 'Trainer of the Week' at Brixington Blues on Saturday. He is very proud of himself!





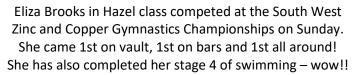
Ellyse in Hazel Class was over the moon to win the Krispies art competition! Her poster will be displayed in all three Krispies shops. Ellyse's prize is a whole year worth of fish and chips, and a Jellycat!

Remember to support Krispies and HeadsUp by going along for your Fish & Chips on Saturday 11th Oct!

(They're serving until food runs out! Be especially kind to the staff if service is slower than usual - they are working for free on the day!)









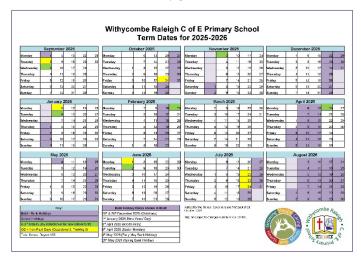
Max was awarded the Player of the Match for the Brixington Blues U9's Vs Dawlish. He has scored 4 goals from the first 3 games this season!

#### **Upcoming Events!**

Please also remember to check the live calendars on the school website. Classes/Year Groups may have additional other events.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA School Discos (book on Parent Pay)			
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTFA Mufti Day (fundraising event)			
	Austin (Kingfisher Class) 'Sweet Treats' charity fundraising			
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil day			
Week 27-31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term (Back to school 3rd November)			
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bags2School collection			

The term dates are on the Home Connect page of the school website.



This 'live' calendar is on the website too!

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