

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

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## News from your Headteacher

The Easter holidays are here at last! It has been a very busy term with lots of lovely things going on in school. I think we are all ready for the break though, let's hope the weather improves so we can all get out and about.

This week we have been getting ready for Easter, which has included Easter Services in the hall. We usually walk to Church but the weather was appalling so we stayed in school this year, with children contributing their prayers, art, drama, acting and facts about the festival. It was great to hear the children sing with such enthusiasm too.

### Our School Travel Plan & The Longest Walk Challenge

As a school we have a School Travel Plan which looks at the ways in which staff and children travel to school and ways in which we can ensure getting to school is safe, environmentally friendly and enjoyable. Over the years, traffic volume, parking and pedestrian safety have all been contentious issues for us as a school. We already encourage children to travel to school in active ways with our Active Travel Scheme and we are often liaising with our neighbours and local police about the issue of parking on Withycombe Village Road. Our current Active Travel Plan is focusing on 'The Longest Walk'... but for the holidays we are challenging children to do the 'Longest Easter Walk'

#### How it works:

This school year our aim is to collectively, **actively** travel a distance equal to the *world's longest walkable route*, from Magadan in Russia to Cape Town in South Africa, which would take 4,492 hours - we're currently just over half way! Active travel includes: cycling, scooting, walking, skateboarding – any way that means you can leave the car at home! Just add up the hours you spend actively travelling to school and log them online – we have a dedicated web page here: <https://www.wrpschool.org/the-longest-walk>

Each term the total number of hours travelled will be updated on the map which we'll share in the school newsletter, and we'll update our Active Travel notice board in school so that children and families can track their progress.



*Have you seen our short video about the latest Longest Walk challenge? It's on our Facebook Page and the Home Connect Page!*

#### Rewards:

- The top contributor for this term will be awarded a 'Longest Walk' badge, an EASTER EGG, a certificate, and will be featured on our photo gallery if they wish.
- Once the overall target been achieved, ALL children will receive a surprise MYSTERY DAY in school and/or A MYSTERY VISIT from a special guest!

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## Class Photos

Tempest photographers visited school on Monday to take class photos. Due to staff absence Tempest were unable to provide 3 photographers, so class photos this year are class groups instead of the vistas as planned. We apologise if you were hoping to purchase a vista print.

Proofs will be available after Easter for you to see and decide if you would like to purchase a class photo this year.

## Parent Survey

The survey will close on 19th April 2024.

This time last year we were inspected by OFSTED and parents were asked to complete an online survey about our school. In order that we can evaluate our school's effectiveness prior to OFSTED's next visit in the coming months, we would like your help once again. Please find below a link to a short survey which we would like as many parents as possible to complete. Your responses will help us to plan our school priorities over the next year. Thank you to those parents who have already submitted responses.

We have a link on the Home page of the school website for easy access, or you can type the following into your address bar: <https://forms.gle/6uRfx4SxfCAh8ET8>



## Collective Worship:

This week our theme in Collective Worship has been The Easter Story. On Monday, we were treated to an assembly led by Year 2. It was wonderful to hear the children sing so beautifully and to retell the Easter Story so clearly.

Have a lovely Easter Break,  
Mrs. E Jones

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## Key Dates for your Diary:

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| • PTFA Bags 2 School   | Thursday 18th April - <i>perfect for an Easter clear-out!</i> |
| • Y5 Eden Project Trip | Thursday 25th April   |
| • Bank Holiday Monday  | 6th May   |
| • SATs w/c             | 13th May  |
| • Pentecost Services   | 16th May (children only)                                      |
| • Half Term            | w/c 27th May : return to school <u>Tues</u> 4th June          |

For our current term dates please find a link on our website Home Page: <https://www.wrpschool.org/>  
Dates are occasionally subject to change.

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## Contact us:

You can email your child's teacher using the class email account which you can find on the school website under your Year Group page. Remember that teachers don't have an opportunity to check their emails during the school day as they're busy teaching, so if you have an urgent message please contact the school office.

Tel: 01395 263397, email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)



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## Have a Happy Easter!

Children return to school after the Easter break on **Monday 15th April.**

The rest of our term dates can be found on the school website – there's a link on the Home Page and on the FAQ page. <https://www.wrpschool.org/faqs-2024>

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## Safeguarding Disguised Compliance

For this week's safeguarding news, I have added some information about 'Disguised Compliance' - a term used to describe when a parent or carer gives the appearance of cooperation with agencies to avoid raising suspicion, or to allay professional concerns to weaken professional intervention.

***Disguised Compliance occurs when someone wants to deflect attention away from allegations of harm.***

At the most basic level, disguised compliance harms children as it prevents professionals being able to properly assess the risks to children in the household. Babies and very young children are at particular risk from a lack of timely intervention. There have been a number of serious national case studies in which disguised compliance is a feature.

Our school staff are trained to look out for and recognise signs / possibilities of disguised compliance; acting accordingly by escalating their concerns in order to safeguard children.

Below are some examples of signs that might be concerning to staff:

- parents / carers focusing on one particular issue, deflecting attention away from other areas
- selective engagement with professionals, such as our school staff or health visitors
- when children's accounts of incidents or experiences differ from that of their parents / carers
- parents / carers appearing critical of professionals and telling professionals 'What they want to hear' or selectively engaging, where 'just enough' is done to keep professionals at bay.

At Withycombe Raleigh Primary School we value the fact that our staff form fantastically positive and trusting relationships with children; listening carefully to what they have to say. We keep children safe by maintaining a 'healthy scepticism' when concerns are raised, and always act to establish facts and gather evidence.

Furthermore, our record keeping is robust and detailed. We aim to communicate with those with parental responsibility, keeping them informed about any concerns.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me or Mrs Jones if you have any concerns, or would like any further information about disguised compliance.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead





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## Sports and Achievements

### *Another Gold Standard week for Withycombe!*

On Tuesday some of our fantastic Year 2 children had the opportunity to take part in an **inclusive football event** at St Peter's in Lymstone. They worked brilliantly in their teams, scoring lots of goals but most importantly having lots of fun!

On Wednesday a team of 25 KS2 children were selected to take part in the LED **competitive swim gala**. Each child completed a 25m race in either breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke or front crawl, with 1 child from each year doing the 100m individual medley. The children were fantastic and **placed 2nd overall** which means we are **through to the final** in the summer term!

Wednesday saw our **East Devon netball team** go to the **Devon finals** held in Paignton. It was an incredibly long day with 16 teams competing. Our girls were fantastic, showing true passion and determination in every game. The girls came an **unbelievable 7th in Devon!** Our girls also play for Exmouth under 11s and have won the league twice this season (both winter and spring series). Well done girls, we are so proud of you.

On Thursday some of our Year 3 - 4 girls represented Withycombe for the **East Devon finals in football** held at Kings College. As always the competition was tough, but our girls played fantastically well and **placed a superb 3rd!!**



A huge congratulations also to Libby in Year 6 and Evelyn in Year 3 who took part in the Virtual Gymnastics final on Monday! They both came a **fantastic 3rd place** in Devon!

Another super trip out for our **Year 5-6 girls football** team representing Withycombe at Kings School. It was a fantastic competition with some **brilliant football** played once again!

Also, well done to some of our year 5 and 6 boys who went to Exmouth Community College on Wednesday to face some of the other schools in an Exmouth learning community tournament!

**The boys played brilliantly!**



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If you have any news about sports or other achievements from outside of school that you'd like to share, please email a photo and brief explanation to [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org).

Arthur in Dragonfly Class completed his stage 1 and 2 of his swimming at the Cranford club with Swim Devon!



Estée took part in the starting pointe dance performance called When You Believe. She was amazing at both dance acro, and ballet and bop – and in front of so many people! We're very proud of her!



**Hedgehog Class** has been really busy this week making hand puppets based on different fairy tales. We had great fun exploring different ways to join, designing and making our puppets. Thank you so much to all our parent helpers – we couldn't have done it without you!



**EYFS, Growing Plants** Over the last two weeks the children in Ladybird, Bumblebee and Dragonfly classes have been learning about growing plants. They've been conducting an investigation into what factors are needed to produce healthy plants such as soil, water and sunlight. They have also been listening to stories about growing - including the lovely book 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. As part of our growing topic, the children have looked closely at seeds, plants and flowers. They have then applied their artistic skills to create their own observational painting of a flower and then used their new knowledge to label their painting.

We think they have done a fantastic job and are sure you will agree! Here are a few examples:





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## Year 3 - The Bee Musical

Well done to Year 3 for their wonderful performance of The Bee Musical. The children were amazing and performed brilliantly! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, and it was great to have so many parents in to watch it with us!

Thank you to all the teaching team who worked with the children to put this performance together.



*Congratulations!*



Our warmest congratulations to Mrs Hamilton, her husband Ross and big brother Oliver on the safe arrival of *baby Alana.*



 Bristol Autism Support

**Autism Central Peer Education in the South West  
Online Learning**

Free online learning is available on Autism Central learning portal. You need to register with an email address to access the portal. Visit their website here: <https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/autism-central/>  
Find modules on understanding autism, wellbeing and autism & education.  
We'll put some information, links and downloads on the SENCO page of our school website for ease of access.



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**FIRST 3 CLASSES FOR £10!**



**DANCE FIT IN THE DARK**

**ALL AGES & ABILITIES**

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**NEW CLASS AT EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE!**

**EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7PM - 8PM**





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**£45 per ticket**

**Hospiscare Charity Ball**  
Woodbury Park Hotel & Golf Club, EX5 1JJ.

**Saturday 13 April 2024**  
6pm until late

- Three course meal -
- Auction - Raffle -
- Games - Disco - and more! -

Dress code - Formal wear/Black Tie

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Links to your year group news and information: [Foundation](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#) [Little Wandle](#)

Hot Topics: [Largest Work](#)

For other information eg term dates, documents and links please refer to our EBG page.

Weekly Newsletters:  
 • 2023-2024  
 • 2022-2023  
 • 2021-2022  
 • 2020-2021  
 • 2019-2020  
 • 2018-2019  
 • 2017-2018

Key Dates:  
 • Y1 The Blue Martin, 20th March  
 • Easter Services, 20th March  
 • Easter Eggs, 20th March - 15th April (open Monday)  
 • P7th Day 2 School, 16th April  
 • 1st Easter Holiday, 16th April  
 • Bank Holiday, 19th April  
 • Bank Holiday, 24th April  
 • Professional Services, 19th May (primary only)  
 • Staff Term 27th May, 28th May to School 29th June

Parent Survey:  
 We recently discussed at the school annual meeting in January. Our other parent and performed the link about bringing up your child to school with us.

Check Here Out: [School Chain](#) [Online Safety](#) [P7FA](#) [Wellbeing Page](#)  
[Hospiscare](#) [Start One Tree](#) [Photo Archive](#) [Values Awards](#)

*How can we keep up with everything? Having a child at Primary School is like being a PA!*

Here's how we help:

- We put information about all the main school events on the Home Connect Page of our school website.

- We post events and reminders on our Official Facebook Page.
- Posters are displayed around our school site, including in reception.
- Mrs Jones explains what's coming up in her weekly newsletter.
- We email out whole-school events like mufti days and all the year group/class trips or events.

*Maybe you could bookmark this page!*  
[wrpschool.org/homeconnect-2024](http://wrpschool.org/homeconnect-2024)