

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

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News from your Headteacher

It has been a lovely week in school with children well and truly back into the routine of school life like we have never been away! Our new EYFS children have managed their first full days in school very well, although there have been some very sleepy and tired children by the end of the week!



I hope that some families managed to visit the classrooms on Monday to see the environments where children spend their days. Staff have spent a lot of time ensuring the classrooms are inviting learning spaces where children feel comfortable. Staff also work hard to make sure the curriculum is as exciting and memorable as possible! We love a theme day at Withycombe and this week Year 4 experienced life as Celts in Roman Britain. The costumes and homemade shields were extremely impressive!

At Withycombe, we also like to get our children out and about as much as we can, to learn outside of the normal classroom. Year 6 head off on their residential trip next week. This year they are staying at Barton Hall, Torquay for three fun-filled days of challenges and activities. This is a real highlight of their final year in primary school and a trip that children remember positively for many years in the future. We look forward to sharing some of their adventures with you next week.

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. E Jones*



We kindly ask that dogs are **not left unattended** at school entrances, or any pathways where children need to pass by. Some of our children are nervous around dogs. Also, some dogs who are left alone may get nervous while they're being passed by a lot of people, buggies, and scooters, making them more responsive - including to children whose instinct might be to try and pet them.



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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Safeguarding

At Withycombe Raleigh Primary School we are committed to **safeguarding** and **promoting the welfare of our children**. Our school recognises its moral and statutory responsibility for safeguarding, and takes this very seriously. In fact, we believe that 'safeguarding is MY responsibility' – meaning that it is everyone's individual responsibility to ensure that our children are kept safe.

All of our staff, governors and volunteers receive annual (and ongoing) safeguarding training. Each member of staff knows what to do and who to speak to if they are concerned about a child in our care, whether they are at school, at home or in the wider community. We follow procedures to ensure children are listened to and receive effective support and protection.

Our School Safeguarding Team

Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Smith

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Jones



Mrs Wheeler

Safeguarding Governors



Alison Longhorn



Anna Slade

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Seeking advice and dealing with concerns

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Safeguarding Team if you have any worries regarding a child, even if you're unsure about the significance of a concern.



If you're worried about your own child's or someone else's safety or wellbeing (including out-of-school contexts) you may also contact The Devon Front Door, which incorporates the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), on 0345 155 1071 (unless it's an emergency in which case please phone 999).

You can also visit the Devon Front Door website for more information:

<https://www.devonscp.org.uk/make-a-request-for-support/further-info/>

At school, we can also support by helping to coordinate and access 'Early Help' – support which may prevent problems that occur in our lives from escalating. The aim of Early Help is to build on people's capacity and resources to manage their own dilemmas, resolve their own difficulties and prevent further problems in the future, with advice from a range of agencies.

For additional safeguarding information, please refer to the safeguarding page on our school website which contains a wealth of information and useful links. <https://www.wrpschool.org/safeguarding>. I would also like to encourage parents / carers to look out for the safeguarding themes and updates which are communicated regularly in this school newsletter.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Year 4

Our Year 4 classes really enjoyed their fully immersive Roman Days this week. Besides dressing up (*Mr Scudder had tooo much fun!*) they get to see and handle original Roman artefacts, and learn more about the Roman's impact on Britain. They even practice how to use their shields and advance in a battle!



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EYFS settle in!

Our new EYFS children have settled in wonderfully! They've enjoyed playing in their classrooms, friendships have been made, and they navigated lunch time brilliantly. See how amazing their first week has been!



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Sports & Achievements

You can email your achievement photos with a few lines of explanation, to admin@wrpschool.org



Isla recieved her 5 meters swim badge last week!



Benji in Rabbits got player of the week at his first rugby training session.



James from dolphin class passed his 5m swim badge this week.



Emily is very proud to have completed stage 3 of learn to swim. She is now excited to start stage 4!



Eliza Brooks Hazel class got her 20 metres swimming certificate.



Poppys Brooks Dolphin class got her 15 meters swimming certificate.



Left: Ned created a Family Tree! He cut out all the circles himself and drew his family members.

Right: Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! The weather was against us a bit this week - hopefully next week we'll have more opportunities to bring out the collection so you can drop in your £1 coins in aid of Educate the Kids!



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Despite the rain this week we still enjoyed our lunchtimes outside. As we plan to take children outside whatever the weather, please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat** in school every day, preferably with a hood.

This week we introduced bikes and trikes to our available activities as well as sand pits! These new activities proved very popular.



Our OPAL shout-out this week is for some more dressing up items and outfits please, and perhaps more ride-on vehicles.



Primary Teacher Training

Start your journey today

Train to Teach in Devon

As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance, and hands-on experience from day one. Applications open on **7th October 2025** for training starting September '26. Find out more: www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach

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Have you seen that our friends at Krispies are celebrating 25 years – with an amazing challenge!

HeadsUP

Supporting Young People To Develop The Skills For Life

The Big Krispies Challenge, 11 October 2025 • Raising £25,000 for HeadsUp

Krispies Fish & Chips are celebrating 25 years as a family-run business by setting themselves the challenging task of raising **£25,000 for charity in just one day!** They're marking their 25-year milestone by giving something back to the communities who have supported them over the years. They have chosen the local charity HeadsUp, who offer vital early intervention mental health support to children across East Devon.

What's the challenge?

Krispies will be **selling Fish & Chips for only £5.00** - for one day only - **Saturday 11th October 2025.**

To ensure ALL the money raised goes to HeadsUp *Krispies staff will be working for free!!*

Their trusted suppliers have also donated fish, potatoes and more – how amazing!

As you can imagine, the funds will make a huge difference to the service HeadsUp can offer the children of East Devon - they need your help to reach the massive £25,000 target.



Colouring Competition

The winning design will be used in the Big Krispies Charity Challenge promotions, plus the winning artist will receive a **whole year's worth of Krispies Kids Meals!** Every entry will receive a **FREE Krispies Kids Meal Voucher.**

We know we have lots of eager and able artists in our school community who would like to take part in the competition. Please ask in the school office for a copy of the template and entry instructions. We'll also put a copy on the Home Connect page of the school website. **Competition closing date is: 19th September 2025.**

Remember to go along for your fish and chips on Saturday 11th October, to help them reach their £25,000 target!



This is a truly amazing challenge and we at Withycombe School would like to commend Krispies, and their staff, for taking on this feat in support of a worthy local charity.

Good luck Krispies!

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Harvest Festival is approaching and if you are kind enough to be planning to donate to the Exmouth Food Bank this autumn, please could you focus on the following items:

- Tins of soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned baked beans and spaghetti
- Tinned meat meals such as stews, meatballs or curry
- Tinned cold meats such as ham or corned beef
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard

Thank you so much for your generosity



It's time for the AGM!

The PTFA are always looking for new members and other volunteers. They'd be grateful to see as many faces as possible at the AGM! Pop along to see if you'd like to join the friendly group of mums, dads and carers who make a huge difference to the school.



1
SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
The PTFA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the things your child loves or funds the items the school desperately needs.

2
IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE
Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, finding resources or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3
MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4
BE BETTER CONNECTED
Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTFA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

5
BECAUSE IT'S FUN!
Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most crazy idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6
CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER
Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

7
LEARN NEW SKILLS
Everyone has something they can bring to the PTFA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

8
IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTFA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them grow.

9
IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS
Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills, they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

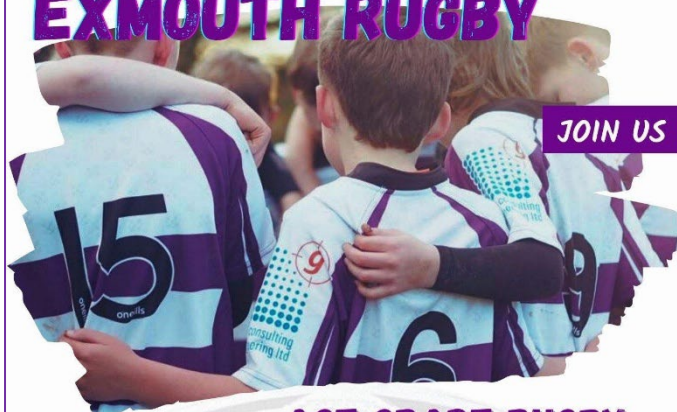
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CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTFA going so future pupils can benefit too.

10
REASONS
TO JOIN
PTFA
WITHYCOMBE

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
email wrpsptfa@gmail.com

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WE'RE BACK EXMOUTH RUGBY



JOIN US

fun, friendly
& fab place
to be.

AGE GRADE RUGBY

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

all starts @ 10.00 am

10.00 - 11:30 AM * U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12
11:30 - 1.00 PM * U13, U14, U16 (U15 AWAY)
1.00 - 2:30 PM * GIRLS U12, U14, U16, U18

music
food
rugby

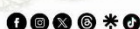
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#COCKLES



September 19th, 20th & 21st

DadFest Devon

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Devon. TQ7 2HW

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK'

& the only festival just for dads & their children
Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

- campfire stories & songs • archery • bat walk •
- Forest School • star-gazing • circus skills • stroke a lobster • art & craft space • wrestling show •
- slip n slide • green wood working • beach fishing •
- soccer skills • music workshops • kids disco •
- food & beers • World Dad Dancing Championships

Fri. 19th to Sun. 21st September 2025

DadFest2025 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages): £109

Dad + 2 children (all ages): £119

Dad + 3 children (all ages): £129



Ticket includes camping & all activities - nothing more to pay

Concessions available - please contact the organisers

Get food tickets too: £40 (dad): £30 (children)

= all meals & drinks all weekend!

To book use QR code or search for 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'
or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org

In Aid of Mill Water School

BROADWAY

Baby 5

Friday 5th & Friday 12th
September - 7.30pm

The Blackmore Theatre

Tickets £12 | Available from blackmoretheatre.co.uk

Sponsored By The Blackmore Theatre

SALMON RUN RUN WITH THE SALMON

20 SEPTEMBER 2025



RUNS + ACTIVITIES FOR ALL FROM EXMOUTH TO EXMOOR

ITS A 1/2 DAY FESTIVAL CALLED

SALMON RUN: THE GATHERING

SIDESHORE EXMOUTH
9.30AM - 1PM

- ART WORKSHOPS (ANIMATION)
- GAMES (WEIR GAME +)
- BOUNCY CASTLE (RIVER)
- MUSIC MAKING WORKSHOP
- TALKS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS INCLUDING RIVER RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPORTS (OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST ETIENNE STOTT)
- RESTORED EXE SALMON FISHING BOAT
- PAVEMENT ART
- CITIZEN SCIENCE

AND **SALMON RUN:**

A COMMUNITY TEAM RELAY RUN AND 43 MILE

ULTRA RACE FROM EXMOUTH TO DULVERTON ON EXMOOR

RUN AS A TEAM RUNNING ONE SECTION OF THE JOURNEY FROM EXMOUTH TO DULVERTON. START 9AM AT PARKRUN EXMOUTH (OR WHERE YOUR SECTION IS ON THE ROUTE)

RUN THE WHOLE 43 MILES AS AN ULTRA



MORE INFO OR TO BOOK:
TIDELINES.UK
(SALMON RUN 2025)
OR WILDRUNNING.CO.UK

SALMON RUN HIGHLIGHTS THE AMAZING BUT ENDANGERED EXE SALMON AND THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE - RUN WITH THE SALMON!

