

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

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## News from your Headteacher

I can't quite believe that there is just one week left of school until half term; the past six weeks have flown by! I hope that your children have enjoyed the term so far, although I am sure they are looking forward to two weeks off school too. Please remember that **half term starts on 23rd October** and the week is followed by a second week off made up of our non-pupil days, so Withycombe children **return to school on 9th November**.

We have had a rise in absences this week with lots of nasty bugs being shared around children and staff. Please help us to keep the spread of infections to a minimum by keeping children at home for 48 hours after an episode of sickness or diarrhea. It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold, but if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

If you are unsure about if your child should attend school or not the NHS have some useful guidelines at this link.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



You may also want to look at the HANDi App; the HANDi App is a free NHS-developed app for parents and carers. It helps families decide what to do when a child is unwell, using advice developed by paediatric healthcare professionals. It covers common childhood illnesses and when to seek medical help.

You may also wish to look at the most up to date information from the NHS regarding threadworm and headlice. These are very common across schools and we advise parents to be vigilant for symptoms so that children can be treated promptly.

- [Information about threadworms](#) • [Information about head lice and nits](#) •

We have a range of advice and links on our school website too: <https://www.wrpschool.org/data-and-policies-2026>

## Appointments and absences

If your child is absent from school due to an illness or for an appointment off site, **please inform the office admin team**. You can do this via email, MCAS, a phone call, or face to face if you're dropping off other children and can stop by the office. Some parents are only alerting their class teacher and our admin team are not made aware of an absence in time for registration. Some teachers will mark the register with an absence mark, but if we are not aware of the **reason** for the absence we will still need to call or text you to chase this up, so we can amend the absence mark to the correct code for illness/appointment/holidays etc.

Beign chased up causes families upset and also causes us unnecessary workload. Please feel free to alert the class teacher *in addition* to the office of course, but it's important that the admin team know as they are responsible for the accuracy of the registers each day.

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## Parents' Evenings

Last week we sent out links for you to book a Parents' Evening appointment. If you did not receive a link or are having trouble booking an appointment, please contact the school office. These meetings will take place in your child's classroom. Please make a note of your appointment date and time as we are unable to send reminders.

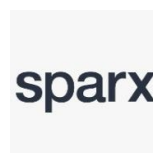
These meetings are an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how they have settled in so far this term. We hope these meetings can be a two-way conversation, and that this provides an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's learning and time in school. It may be an opportunity to share information about your child's experiences at home that staff may not be aware of.

## Please come along!

We are delighted to be hosting our **Community Support Event** in the school hall alongside our parents' evenings on **Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 October, from 3.30–6.00pm.**

We know that family life can sometimes bring challenges and we want to make sure our families know about the support available within our local community. The event will provide an opportunity to meet a range of organisations, find out more about the services they offer and discover sources of help for children, young people and families.

We are pleased that lots of organisations have already confirmed their attendance, including HeadsUp, Open Door, the Mental Health Support Team, Aggies, Royal Navy Support Charity, CTCRM Lympstone, Naval Children's Charity, Esteem Team, EFIN, LD Active, Exmouth Town Council and SPARX.



Whether you're looking for advice about mental health and wellbeing, support for service families, help for children and young people, or information about local activities and services, there will be plenty of opportunities to find out more.

Please do take a little time to visit the hall while you are attending your child's parents' evening. You do not need to have a particular concern to come along; it is a great opportunity to meet local organisations, ask questions and find out what is available should you or your family ever need support. We look forward to welcoming you!

## 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, spend time with their families and prepare for the next day.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Jones, Headteacher

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## Safeguarding: Keeping Safe Online, Including Artificial Intelligence (AI)

This is a regular feature of our newsletters, but one worth repeating periodically! The online world offers children fantastic opportunities to learn, play and connect with others, but it is important that we help them to navigate it safely. As children increasingly encounter artificial intelligence (AI) through games, apps, chatbots and online searches, it is more important than ever to have regular, open conversations about their digital lives.

Here are a few simple ways you can help keep your child safe online:

- **Talk regularly:** Take an interest in the games, websites and apps your child uses. Encourage them to tell you if anything makes them feel uncomfortable.
- **Think before sharing:** Remind children never to share personal information, passwords, photographs or their location with people they don't know or trust.
- **Question what you see:** AI can create convincing but completely false information, images and videos. Encourage children to think critically and remember that not everything online is real or reliable.
- **Understand AI chatbots:** Chatbots can make mistakes and are not a substitute for trusted adults. Children should never share private or personal information with them.
- **Set clear boundaries:** Agree age-appropriate rules about screen time, suitable apps and games, and when and where devices can be used. Parental controls can provide an additional layer of protection. Think about having an open-door policy so that children are always visible when using devices.
- **Keep communication open:** Reassure your child that they can always come to you or another trusted adult if something worries them online. They will never be in trouble for asking for help.

Online safety is an ongoing conversation, not a one-off lesson. By staying curious about children's digital experiences and working together, we can help them become confident, responsible and safer digital citizens.

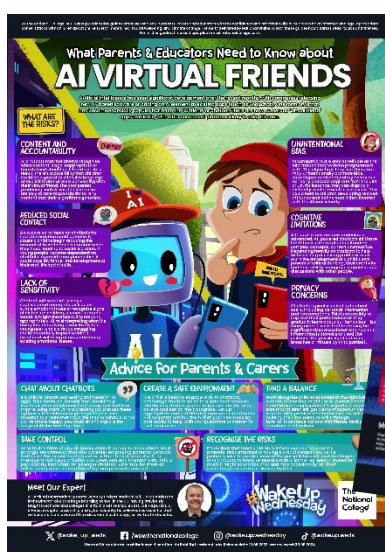
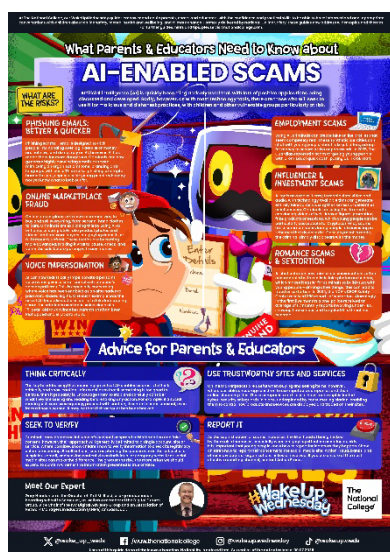
Some useful resources for parents and carers:

[NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online:](#) Practical advice on online safety, apps, gaming and parental controls.

[Vodafone – Digital Parenting:](#) Guidance to help parents navigate children's digital lives, including online risks and emerging technology such as AI.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe, both online and offline.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Our website is another good place to look for information and guidance: <https://www.wrpschool.org/online-safety>. You'll find some videos that challenge our perception of risk, and some downloads similar to the ones here which explain both where the threats can be found, and how to avoid them.

# Cookie and Cupcake Sale



Monday 19th October

After school on the  
**MAIN PLAYGROUND**

Raising money for the  
**WITHYCOMBE  
TRAMPOLINING TEAM**  
to attend the  
**BRITISH SCHOOLS TRAMPOLINING CHAMPIONSHIP**



**CASH ONLY**

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## Does your child start school in 2027?



**We'd like to invite you to come and have a look around our popular school with us.**

### **Morning tours, 9:15am**

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Afternoon tours, 1:15pm**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> September  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> December

Tours last about an hour.  
Your children are welcome to come along.

**To book your tour: Tel: 01395 263397**

or email: [bookings@wrpschool.org](mailto:bookings@wrpschool.org)



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**PRIMARY**  
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## THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

SCAN TO  
**BOOK!**



AGES  
**5-14**  
YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG,  
HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS, **GLOW IN THE DARK** SPORTS,  
DODGEBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, INFLATABLES & MORE!

### PRICES:

STANDARD DAY  
- £24.00 (PER CHILD)

EXTENDED DAY  
- £28.50 (PER CHILD)

### TIMES:

STANDARD  
8:45AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED  
8:00AM - 5:30PM

- ✓ FUN & ACTIVE EVERY DAY
- ✓ EXPERIENCED COACHES
- ✓ SAFE & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ OFSTED REGISTERED

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS  
CAN BE USED AS A  
FORM OF PAYMENT!

### 2026 DATES:

- 🎃 MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
- 🎃 TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
- 🎃 WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
- 🎃 THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
- 🎃 FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### THE BEACON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 📍 1 BEACON PLACE
- 🏠 EXMOUTH
- ✉ EX8 2SR

**Ofsted**  
Registered



### BOOK NOW:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/10/26/the-beacon-primary-school-ultimate-october-holiday-camp-2026>

**SPACES  
ARE LIMITED!**

**MORE INFORMATION:**



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**LD ACTIVE**



**BOOK  
ONLINE**

**Develop  
Social &  
Life Skills**

**Fun  
Active  
Engaging**

***outdoor  
Activities***

## **ACTIVITIES**

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

**FIND US**

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



# **HOLIDAY CAMP**

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPPORT AT OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH**

Open Door has started a new, simpler way for families to access support during school holidays at their Community Cafe, Church Street, Exmouth.

### **FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

All children under 18 can enjoy a free meal during the school holidays on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Simply choose from our school holiday menu and pick either breakfast (served until 11:30am) or lunch (served from 11:30am to 1:30pm).



### **A WELCOMING SPACE FOR ADULTS**



We are more than just a cafe - we are a community. Parents are more than welcome to relax in a warm stigma-free environment. Access to further support is available should you need it.

**For more info: Email [info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk) or call 01395 224218**