

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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### News from your Headteacher

We all enjoyed Sports Day yesterday, we hope you did too. We were blessed with good weather yet again! Please take a look at the photos later in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children. It was so nice to be able to welcome you all on site and to the rugby club for such a special event in the Withycombe calendar. All our children showed great enthusiasm for the events, great sporting values and lots of energy. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and cheering each other on. Many thanks to LD Active, ECC Young Leaders and Year 5 for their time, and to the wonderful Mrs Ryan who organised the whole day (including setting up at Withycombe Rugby Club very early on Thursday morning!).

#### Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please be mindful of our neighbours and local businesses, avoid blocking driveways, pavements, access routes, or parking in areas where restrictions apply. I also request that you avoid parking in the main school entrance, including when dropping off for breakfast club as this is causing difficulties for staff arriving on site.

We have been informed that the Holly Tree Pub has installed parking enforcement cameras in its car park. Please note that vehicles parked there without authorisation may receive a parking charge notice (fine). We appreciate your cooperation in helping to ensure a safe and respectful environment for our pupils, families, staff and local community.

#### Volunteers needed for Withyfest on 3rd July 2026

To be able to put on this amazing event the PTFA need more volunteers. Whether that's 1 hour supporting on a stall or 30 minutes helping to pack away at the end: events like these can't go ahead without you and we need your help! Please sign up to assist using this link: <https://shorturl.at/Eq6jA>

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Jones

Our Admin Officer Mrs Bull has decided to move on to something new. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness in her new adventures. She wanted to share a few words with you all:  
*Over the last 4 years I have loved watching and helping to support your children grow and develop into the beautiful little people that they are. I hold some precious memories that I will treasure forever. Withycombe is a wonderful school and I will miss the daily hustle and bustle. I would like to thank you all for the little gifts and treats over the years at the end of term and Christmas - they were truly gratefully received and appreciated! Lynsey.*

Our TA Miss Hart has decided to leave her post at Withycombe Primary. During her time with us, Megan made a lasting impact on the children she worked alongside. Her kind, caring nature and dedication to supporting the children helped them to feel safe, secure and valued. She has a wonderful ability to form positive relationships with the children and to reassure them when they are unsure or worried. Megan will be greatly missed, especially by the children in Rabbit Class where she played such an important role. We would like to thank Miss Hart for everything she has contributed to our school community, and wish her every happiness and success in the future.



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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## Safeguarding - World Refugee Day 20th June



A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their home country because of danger, war or persecution; who has sought safety in another country. This is the definition used by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

This is an opportunity to recognise, and show solidarity and understanding towards refugees and the challenges and dangers they may have faced, or continue to face. This includes children and families who are now part of our school community, and also our wider society.

**As a school, we want all children and families to feel safe, welcome and respected.**



How parents can support this:

Families can help by talking positively at home about difference, kindness and respect and by encouraging children to be understanding towards others' experiences. If children have questions, simple and age-appropriate conversations can help build empathy and reduce misunderstandings.

Safeguarding underpins everything we do at Withycombe Primary School, and we are committed to ensuring that every child is supported and protected so they can learn, be happy and grow.



Saturday 20th June is also Exmouth Pride, taking place between 11am to 6pm at Manor Gardens. Their mission is to provide Exmouth's LGBT+ community, friends, families and supporters with opportunities to socialise, network and build confidence within a supportive environment. Pride day is a fun event for the family, and aligns with our school's inclusive ethos.

If you are planning to attend, we hope you have a great time!

You can find the programme and a map of where events are taking place here: [exmouthpride.co.uk/programme/](http://exmouthpride.co.uk/programme/)

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead

**If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school safeguarding team.**

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## Sports Day 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported our sports day! Key Stage 2 finished their morning at the rugby club with a series of races showing their competitive spirits, while EYFS/Key Stage 1 had some great games on the school field. Here's a small taste of the day for now, while we edit a photo and video for you.



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## Beyond the classroom...

... and onto the sports field for some fantastic training, and some great wins!



A big well done to lots of our **Year 1** footballers, who took part in their first football tournament for Brixington Blues at Exeter City on Saturday. There was lots of effort and energy on display - and more importantly, plenty of smiles!



This week Year 5 started their 5 weeks of rugby coaching sessions with Community Chiefs trainer Dave Armstrong. We had a brilliant first session, looking at fundamental skills, team work and enjoyment.



Our Year 5 Boys took on St Peter's Primary School in a 7-a-side football match on Tuesday after school. The team showed great energy, teamwork and determination throughout the game, working hard for each other from start to finish.

Their passing play and positive attitude were excellent and they should be very proud of their performance.

**They won 5-2!**

## ... and into the kitchen for some brilliant cooking skills!

**Year 3** have been busy creating their own delicious seasonal tarts. The children worked brilliantly, exploring fresh ingredients and showing great care in their designs. We're so proud of their tasty results!



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... and out for a day trip to Amazing Grazing for EYFS!

Foundation children had a brilliant day trip to Amazing Grazing. What a brilliant experience and they made a lot of lovely memories!



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## ... and out for a day trip to the amazing Sideshore Project!

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in a Sea Safety Day at Sideshore. We all had a fabulous day at the beach taking part in three fantastic sessions which included a sea safety session led by Sea Swim Devon, where children learnt how to swim safely in the sea this included understanding tides, currents, weather, self-rescue and risks. Exeter University ran an interactive environmental education workshop where children learnt how to respect the ocean environment and understand the threats from sewage pollution, plastics and other human activity - the workshop encouraged the children to become the change makers of tomorrow. Then the brilliant Pelican Project along with the Thelma Hulbert Gallery delivered an art workshop, where the children created their own environmental message on a t-shirt using printing blocks and screen printing techniques. Finally, the RNLI and lifeguards spoke to the year group about where to swim safely and how to float to live.

Greatest Hits / Exe radio and BBC Spotlight came down to film and interview some of the children so they were featured on the evening news on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June!

A fabulous and busy day!



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... and out to explore the Exe Estuary for Year 4!

Year 4 enjoyed their trips to the estuary where they learnt about the various creatures that make it their home. They found lots of living things, including lug worms, crabs and jellyfish!



**WITHYFEST 2026**

Volunteers needed!!  
Sign up via QR code

Friday 3rd July  
3:15pm - 5:30pm

SCHOOL FIELD  
WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Free Entry!!!**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- LD Active inflatables
- Face painting
- Glitter tattoos
- Pocket money shop
- Second hand uniform
- Sweet & snack shop
- Bottle tombola
- Splat the rat
- Hook a duck
- Ice cream
- and much more!

Remember to buy tickets to our raffle, prices released soon

Tokens will be available via Muck, closer to the date

A LICENSED BAR & HOT FOOD WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE!!!

\*Card payments and tokens will be accepted at the bar & hot food hatch.

Withyfest tokens are now available to purchase on **your MCAS account!**  
The **PTFA Facebook Group** has a price guide, and a list of raffle prizes!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/262591683901819/>

**WITHYFEST**  
FRIDAY 3RD JULY

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

- £100 Cash
- £50 Cash
- Day Pass to World of Country Life (2A & 3C)
- Toys from Tesco
- x2 £10 Vouchers Angela's Nails
- £10 Voucher, Kings Garden Centre
- Withycombe Fish&Chip Supper for 2
- Otters Pocket Discount 15%
- Poppy's Pet Food x1 2kg bag
- Bottle of Merlot, Franklins
- Grazable Voucher £10
- Bottle Green Hamper

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**WITHYFEST**

**Festival price guide**

**FOOD**

- Sausages/ Vegetarian sausages - 3 tokens
- Chips - 2 tokens
- Ice creams and lollies - 1 token
- Snacks (2 items) - 1 token
- Candyfloss / popcorn - 1 token
- Pick n mix sweet bags - 1 token

**BAR**

- Cider / Lager / beer - 3 tokens
- Prosecco (glass) - 3 tokens
- Gin & tonic - 3 tokens
- Soft drinks / water - 1 token

Card payment and tokens accepted

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**Festival price guide**

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

- Festival face paint / Tattoos - FREE
- Pocket money shop - 1 - 3 tokens
- Bottle tombola - 1 token
- Teddy tombola - 1 token
- Hoopla - 1 token
- Hook-a-duck - 1 token
- Splat the rat - 1 token
- Book Sale (3 books) - 1 token
- LD Active - 1 - 3 tokens

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## Sports and Other Achievements

If you have an achievement you'd like us to share with our school community, please send a photo or two along with a brief explanation, and we'll aim to include it in our next newsletter: email [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)



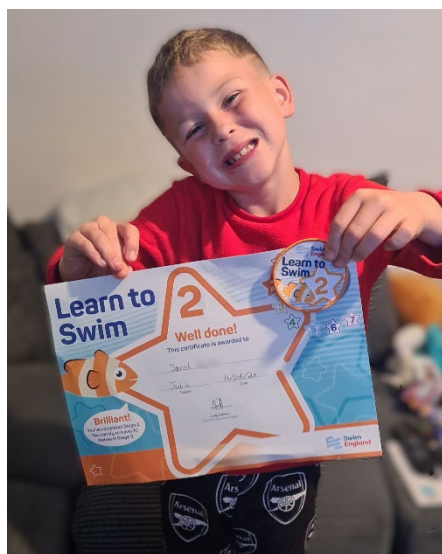
Last weekend Freya and her dance team took part in the UDO Encore Dance Championships. Freya placed 4th in her contemporary duet. Freya also placed 1st and 2nd in the team dances securing them a place in the UDO World Championships in November!



Last weekend Ella was in Gosport competing in the BMX National Series. Ella was on fire all weekend and won every race. This was her 1st National win and she made it back to back Saturday and Sunday.



Flo represented Devon U11s in the regional County Cup tournament in Gloucester this weekend, winning three matches!! Go Flo!



Jacob has been promoted to juniors class in YAMA and passed his grading exam for his new full orange belt! He also achieved his Stage 2 swimming badge and has moved up to stage 3! All in the same week! Super proud of him 😊



Reggie in Rabbit Class played in a football tournament at the weekend. He also won a trophy for representing the Brixington Blues U6 team this season. Well done Reggie!

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Alex and Joe from Kestrel Class were runners up at the Ottery St Mary football Tournament last weekend with their West Hill Wasps team. Great Achievement, well done Boys!



## Squirrels

Squirrel Scouts Isaac in Barn Owl Class and Grace in Dragonfly Class had a fantastic Saturday volunteering at 3rd Exmouth Scouts' 105th Birthday Fete! Grace helped run the very busy teddy tombola, while Isaac kept everyone's tummies full on the cake and drinks stall.



Thanks to everyone's generous donations, including those from Withycombe children, the fete raised over £2,000! Well done, Isaac and Grace.

**EXMOUTH ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP**  
3-14 YEARS OLD

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:  
WEEK 1 - 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> JULY  
WEEK 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
WEEK 3 - 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
WEEK 4 - 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST  
WEEK 5 - 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
REGENTS GATE  
EXMOUTH  
EX8 1TA

Ofsted Registered

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/07/27/st-joesphs-catholic-primary-school-ultimate-summer-holiday-camps-2026>

More Information: [marcus@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:marcus@primary-sports.co.uk) / 07976979202

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide

**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
age 8-14

2026  
Half-term: May 26-28th  
July 27-29th  
August 3-7th, 10-14th, 17-18th, 24-26th  
October 27-29th

£40/£45  
Tax Free Child Care  
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Where are we?  
From the quayside  
Stoke Gabriel

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Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1989 with a proven, accredited safety track record.  
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# Please turn on your MCAS notifications

We're now using **MCAS** to send you **messages**, and alert you to **trips** and **clubs** available for your children. To make sure you don't miss these, we'd be grateful if you would turn on your notifications for MCAS.



Check your **device's settings** for notifications: find the MCAS app in your apps list and ensure notifications are allowed. On some devices the app may not push notifications unless you enabled this during initial setup. In which case:

If you accidentally skipped enabling notifications when first **installing the app**, you may need to delete the MCAS app from your device and reinstall it, making sure to enable notifications when prompted during the setup process.

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If you haven't activated your MCAS account yet, please ask us for an activation email with a link to the 'My Child at School' Parent Login page. You will need to open the email and click on: 'Please click here to create your login password'. Please ask if you need any help.

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South Devon Fun with Dads Project



## Calling all dads & children Summer Camp 2026

An amazing overnight camp really near the beach  
at Terawhiti Farm, South Milton. Nr. Kingsbridge. Devon. TQ7 3JT

**Sat. 18th - Sun. 19th July**

- beach games • soft archery
- dad jokes • BBQ & marshmallows •
- glow-worm walk • campfire stories



**£5 - £20** (sliding scale)

Camping equipment can be borrowed  
[www.bookwhen.com/southdevondads](http://www.bookwhen.com/southdevondads)  
any questions? email: [info@thedadsnetwork.org](mailto:info@thedadsnetwork.org)

**Booking essential**



18th, 19th & 20th September 2026



## DadFest Devon™

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

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' in 2015 & 2025  
The only UK festival just for dads & their children.

- campfire stories • water-rockets • bat walk
- Forest School • board games • rifle range
- wrestling show • arts & craft • sport skills
- kids disco • music workshops • archery
- slip n slide • beach trip • food & drink • & more...  
+ 2026 World Dad Dancing Championship

**Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome**

DadFest 2026 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  
Get food tickets too: £40 (dad); £30 (children)

To book search 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'

or email: [info@thedadsnetwork.org](mailto:info@thedadsnetwork.org)



## Ready for your BIG STEP?

This summer, you could join hundreds of other children who are preparing for secondary school through fun activities, challenges and games.

You'll have the chance to:

- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Have lots of fun before September

### Parents & Carers

A limited number of funded places are available.

Scan the QR code to register your interest:



*The BIG Step has helped thousands of children make a successful transition to secondary school.*

Your child has been invited to attend The BIG Step this summer

# FREE FUNDED PLACE AVAILABLE

GET READY FOR YEAR 7

TAKE PART IN EXCITING ACTIVITIES

BUILD CONFIDENCE

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

A fun week designed to help children feel confident and ready for secondary school.

Scan the QR code overleaf