

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



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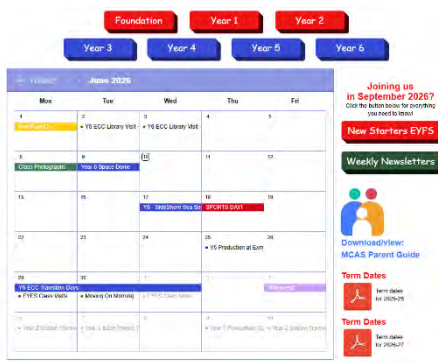
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## News from your Headteacher

There has been so much going on again this week! Our Year 4 children have completed their 'Multiplication Times Table Checks' and Year 1 have completed their 'Phonics Screening Checks' – both are statutory processes to establish how well children are building their core fundamental skills. Class Photos ran smoothly on Monday thanks in no small part to Miss Wilson's excellent organisation skills, and we look forward to seeing the proofs in the next couple of weeks. We are really glad that the weather has been generally good and hope that it will stay like this for our Sports Day on 18th June as well as our other outdoor trips.

At Withycombe Primary our learning extends far beyond the classroom walls. Off-site visits and enrichment experiences play an important role in helping children develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in meaningful and memorable ways. As you're aware we are fortunate to be located in such a wonderful place. We have our own fantastic grounds with the sports field surrounded by mature trees, and our Wild Tribe area, and we also like to make the most of the beach and estuary with it being so convenient for visits. Year 4 visited the Exe Estuary this week, and EYFS had a lovely day at 'Amazing Grazing'. We'll share photos next week.

Trips are now being booked (and consented for) via your MCAS accounts. Thank you to everyone who has activated their child's account. We have had some teething problems as not everything was set up properly at the back-end, and our Admin team have been busy learning how to perform all the new system and set up tasks, but we hope that once we're all used to it this will be a great way for you to manage everything within one app.



Children will be out and about on more visits over the next few weeks, including Year 2 visiting Seaton, Year 1 to Powderham Castle, Year 5 heading down to the Eden Project, and Year 6 are off to take part in the amazing Sideshore Project. We are very proud of the range of trips and visits we're able to offer our pupils throughout the year.

All these wonderful experiences enrich the curriculum - bring learning to life, and create lasting memories for the children. The school website has a calendar on the Home Connect page to keep us abreast of what's coming up!

We would also like to remind families that we can no longer subsidise school trips from the school budget. In order for a trip to go ahead we must receive **at least 90%** of the requested parental contributions. If this threshold is not met, the trip will unfortunately have to be cancelled. We'd like to reassure you that where transport is needed we shop around for the best quotes for every trip, and we do our best to keep overall trip costs to a minimum. We are also extremely grateful to our PTFA who generously donate a sum to every class, which they use to help reduce the cost of trips for each child. Their support plays a big part in making these opportunities more affordable for all.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to provide these valuable and memorable experiences for our children. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jones



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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## Wellbeing: When Your Child Is Angry: Why Reasoning Doesn't Work in the Heat of the Moment

Have you ever wondered why your child won't listen to you or respond to reason when they are angry? When children experience very strong emotions, they become **emotionally flooded**. In these moments, feelings are so intense they struggle to access the thinking part of their brain. They are unable to listen, problem-solve, or respond rationally.

Before we can discuss behaviour or find solutions, we need to help children calm first.

### To start with, check-in with yourself

When a child is upset, it is important to consider our own emotional state. Are we calm enough to help? Children are more likely to regulate their emotions when supported by a calm adult.

### Five Ways to Support Your Child

#### Attune to Their Feelings

Attuning means noticing and acknowledging what your child is experiencing. This helps them feel seen and understood. *"I can see you're feeling really angry, that must have been upsetting."*

#### Validate Their Emotions

Let your child know their feelings make sense. Validation does not mean approving inappropriate behaviour; it simply shows understanding. *"I can understand why you feel that way."*

#### Provide Containment and Safety

Strong emotions can feel frightening. We need to help them feel safe. *"I'm here with you." "You're safe. We'll work through this together."*

#### Teach Calm Strategies

Children are not born knowing how to calm themselves. Emotional regulation is a skill that develops over time with practice and support. **Teach healthy ways to manage difficult feelings.**

- \* Suggestions might include:
- \* Taking slow, deep breaths
- \* Squeezing a cushion
- \* Going for a walk
- \* Drawing or colouring
- \* Be Patient

Even after an outburst, children may still feel unsettled and not be ready to talk immediately. Giving them time and space communicates that you are available when they are ready. *"I'm here when you're ready to talk."*

### Remember to talk later, when calm

Once your child is calm you can talk about what happened, discuss any inappropriate behaviour, and explore better ways to express anger in the future. Remember: all feelings are acceptable. We can validate feelings while setting clear boundaries and helping children think about angry behaviour.



### A Final Thought

Children do not learn emotional regulation by being told to calm down. They learn it through repeated experiences of being supported, understood, and guided by trusted adults. When we respond to big emotions with empathy, patience, and clear boundaries, we help our children develop the skills they need to manage feelings and navigate challenges with confidence.

### To Find Out More

For further information on Understanding and Managing Anger, please check out our presentation on our school website Wellbeing page – scroll half way down the page to access it: <https://www.wrpschool.org/wellbeing-2026>

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## It's another GOLD for Withycombe Raleigh!

We're delighted to announce that we have achieved the **School Games GOLD Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, it rewards schools for their **commitment** to the **development** of competition **across their school and into the community**, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success again this year.

Our achievements have been across multiple sports including swimming, tennis, football and rugby - with our boys and girls teams celebrating successes. We're extremely proud of **all** our pupils for their dedication to **school sport**. As part of our application we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of **participation, competition, workforce** and **clubs**, and we're pleased that the hard work of everyone at Withycombe Primary School has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying again next year!



### Withycombe Raleigh Primary School

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2025/26.



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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)



Noah won an award for Exeter and District Youth Football League for the Coaches Player / Devon FA. He went to the corn exchange in Exeter to pick up his medal and certificate.



Ophelia in Maple Class made a very brave decision and had a big haircut, donating 10cm of her hair to The Little Princess Trust to help create wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair. We are incredibly proud of your kindness and generosity Ophelia, and we love your new hair cut too!



On Sunday Harper and Ivy travelled to Chippenham for a Freestyle Dance Competition. Harper in Avocet Class placed 2nd out of 23 in both her fast and slow solos, gaining her last grade point in slow now a double starter. Ivy in Willow Class placed 3rd out of 16 in her fast solo, and 4th in Rock and Roll along with Estee from Otter Class.



Mila has achieved her certificate for successfully completing YAMA's martial arts/self defence course. Her certificate says "you have shown great attitude towards your training and have achieved the required skill level to obtain your first certificate" Well done Mila!

# 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!

Tokens will be  
available via  
MCAS, closer to  
the date

Remember to buy  
tickets to our raffle,  
prizes released soon



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

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

# GETTING READY FOR

## WITHYFEST

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

The PTFA would really appreciate donations for some Withyfest stalls.

### TEDDY & TOY DONATIONS

We welcome donations of unwanted teddies and toys for the tombola



### BOTTLE DONATIONS

Donations of wine, soft drinks and other bottles for the bottle tombola would be fab!

### DONATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR

*Mufti day!*

Its a mufti day on Friday 3rd July in exchange for an item to go on the hoopla stall.

Examples included: A packet of biscuits, a bottle of drink, a tube of crisps, a bottle of bubble bath, anything that will fit under the hoopla!!

Please bring your donation with you, the morning of Withyfest.

Please ensure all donations are placed in the box located inside the main reception, anytime before Withyfest.

### Volunteers needed!!

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## Primary Teacher Training

Start your journey today

## Exeter Consortium 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 are open for training starting in September 2026.**

**Find out more here:**

[exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach](https://exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach)

**Y6 PARENTS/CARERS**  
*You are invited to an online workshop:*  
**SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION**

DATE - WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
TIME - 18:00-19:00  
ONLINE VIA TEAMS *(joining code below)*

Discuss the common secondary transition concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.

Microsoft Teams  
Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09  
Passcode: Be77Zx35

Join us online

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\* **NOW** \* Taking bookings for the **summer holidays!**



  
**LD ACTIVE**



# HOLIDAY CAMP

**BOOK  
ONLINE**

*Outdoor  
Activities*

## **ACTIVITIES**

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- Nature adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Board games

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9-12  
JULY  
2026  
EXMOUTH  
FESTIVAL



MANOR GARDENS | THE STRAND | IMPERIAL HOTEL & MORE...

**LADY NADE RIOGHNACH CONNELLY & HONEYFEET**  
**SOUND OF THE SIRENS KATE GRIFFIN & MATCHUME ZANGO**  
**NOT THE COWBOYS INDIRA ROMAN AND AJI PA TI IRIE FIRE**  
**MOSCOW DRUG CLUB MIXTAPE SOCIAL CLUB REUBEN'S DAUGHTERS**  
**AIRHEAD ROWAN STUART EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN KITTY STEWART TRIO**  
**JUST LIV & BOB SAM DOWDEN CAKEYGIRL KARL ZUMAR LUNA BARGE**

POETS TOBY CAMPION | K PATRICK | DZIFA BENSON | BELLA COX

THEATRE & DANCE FLEUR DARKIN PRESENCE PROJECTS | FOUR OF SWORDS | TIDELINES  
JASON SINGH | THE FABULARIUM | MADAME THESPIA | WORD KITCHEN

MUSIC DANCE THEATRE CIRCUS LITERATURE ART & CRAFT FOOD & DRINK SILENT DISCO



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**BRIXINGTON BLUES**  
FOOTBALL CLUB

**NEW PLAYERS  
WANTED!**



**LEARN • PLAY • GROW**

The perfect start to their football journey!

**U6's**

EARLY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
Ages 5 & 6 (Reception Year)

SEASON 2026/27



### DEVELOP SKILLS

Fun, age-appropriate coaching that builds confidence.



### MAKE FRIENDS

Be part of a team, build friendships for life.



### HAVE FUN

Positive, encouraging environment where kids love to play!

## OPEN TRIAL SESSIONS



SATURDAY

11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

9AM - 10AM



SATURDAY

18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

9AM - 10AM

Interested players must attend  
BOTH sessions.

**GREAT PLAYERS START HERE!**

CONFIDENCE • TEAMWORK • FUN

**REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST TODAY!**



PARENTS: TEXT TO REGISTER  
YOUR INTEREST ON WHATSAPP:

**07810717918**

Spots are limited – don't miss out!



## Did you know children are offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU:** Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR:** Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV:** Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY:** Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP):** Year 9 - Year 11



FLU



MMR



HPV



MENINGITIS  
A,C,W,Y



DIPHTHERIA,  
TETANUS,  
POLIO (DTP)

## Did you miss us?

We also run community clinics across Cornwall and Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school



Contact us for further information,  
to check your child's vaccination status,  
or book a catch up clinic:

**01392 342678**

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