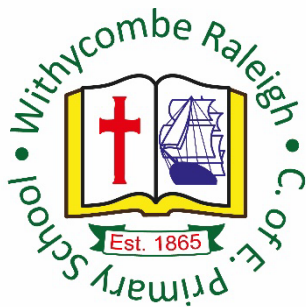


# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025



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## News from your Headteacher



There are just two weeks left of this term and it is definitely feeling very Christmassy in school!

On Wednesday we held our Christingle Services. This is one of my favourite events in our school calendar and always starts our Christmas celebrations off in a very special way. It is a beautiful service with lovely carols, solos and readings all done by candlelight.

We shared a photo on Day 4 of the Advent calendar on the website, along with a clip of the solo section of one of the songs to listen to.

### Nativity Plays

Seeing Mary and Joseph sitting so nicely during Christingle got us excited about the Nativity Plays next week! We will **open the doors at 2pm** with the show starting at 2:15pm. Please queue at the kitchen gate at the side of the hall. Space is limited so if you need to bring a pushchair, please leave it outside of the hall. We do not sell tickets for this event but we will have a collection at the end of each performance with all donations being sent to the Exmouth Foodbank. Check the Christmas Countdown on the next page for dates/times and other reminders!

### School website

There have been several updates to our school website which you may have missed. Please check out our online Advent calendar created by the amazing Ms Smart. There will be a new door to open each day featuring a festive surprise leading up to the end of term: <https://www.wrpschool.org/school-advent-calendar-2025>  
This page also has the school calendar to help you keep track of all the upcoming events.

### Parking

We kindly request again that all parents and carers should park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Please ensure you are using designated parking areas and not the school driveway or gateway, as stopping in these locations creates an obstruction and poses a safety risk for pupils, staff and families. Your cooperation helps us keep the school site safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Jones



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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What's on		When
Choir to Holy Trinity Church		Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2 Nativity		Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1 Nativity		Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Nativity		Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Choir to Ashfield Care Home		Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Spanish Club Party		Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lunch		Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day		
School Christmas Services		Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Mufti Day		Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December

Then, enjoy your Christmas Break, and we'll see you back in school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026!**

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## Safeguarding

At our school, we are committed to creating a safe, caring environment where every child can learn and grow confidently. An important part of this is helping children understand personal boundaries, respect for themselves and others and the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviour.

Sometimes, children may show behaviours that are not suitable for their age. When these behaviours relate to body boundaries or personal space, they may be classed as harmful sexualised behaviours. These behaviours are usually a sign that a child needs support, guidance and clear learning.

### Our Approach

If and when concerns arise, our staff are trained to follow a calm and child-centred process, with reference to our 3 school rules (Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe)

#### 1. Keeping Everyone Safe

Staff intervene gently and promptly to make sure all children 'feel safe'

#### 2. Teaching and Guided Support

We talk with the children involved in an age-appropriate way, helping them understand personal boundaries, consent and respectful behaviour. We use simple, clear language to support their learning.

#### 3. Working Closely with Families

Parents and carers are involved early, so we can share information, offer guidance and ensure children receive consistent messages at home and school.

#### 4. Extra Help When Needed

We may offer additional wellbeing support or, where appropriate, seek advice from specialist services (including the NSPCC or MASH) to help children develop healthy and safe behaviours.

What We Teach: PANTS, Consent and Our RSE Curriculum

Our teaching is grounded in our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum but is also part of our broader teaching and interactions with our children e.g. a classroom 'Circle Time' activity or in an assembly.



The **NSPCC PANTS** Rule helps children to learn that:

- P**rivates are private
- A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- N**o means no
- T**alk about secrets that upset you
- S**peak up, someone can help

Understanding Consent – At primary level, consent is taught in simple terms such as “asking first,” “respecting someone’s no,” and understanding personal space.

Recognising Safe and Unsafe Behaviours – Children learn to identify trusted adults, understand boundaries and know when and how to speak up.

Our messages are repeated consistently and with care.

How Parents and Carers Can Help - You can support this learning at home by:

- Talking openly with your child using the PANTS rule  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>
- Using the correct names for body parts
- Encouraging your child to say “no” if they feel uncomfortable
- Letting them know they can always talk to you or another trusted adult

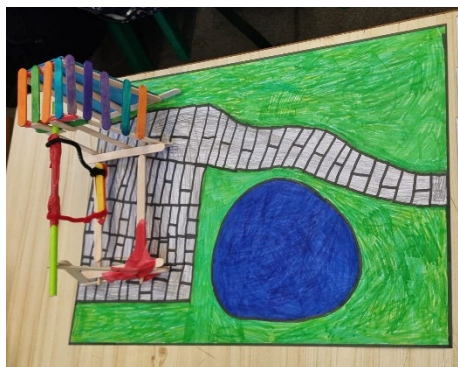
By approaching concerns with sensitivity, education and teamwork, we ensure children get the support they need to learn safe, respectful behaviour. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead



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## Year 6 DT project 'Structures'



This week the Year 6 children have had great fun completing their DT project 'Structures - Playgrounds'. On Monday they walked to Phear Park and observed the various structures - purpose, materials, safety and accessibility were all discussed. They came back to school and designed their own playgrounds based on the ideas they had seen.

On Tuesday, in a glue gun merry go round, they made models of their designs. Wednesday was the final stage where they made modifications to their structures, and designed and built the landscaping for the setting of their models. The models were then put on display for parents to come and view. We're very proud of their creations!

## EYFS Music Day



We had a wonderful day filled with music with our music specialist visitor Steve Grocott!

We listened carefully to a metronome to help us keep the beat, we used rhythm sticks, sang lots and lots of songs and it was joyful! You can see how engaged the children are! Thank you so much for your contributions which enable us to enrich our learning with special visitors.

*Steve also mentioned that the atmosphere and vibe of the school is very special, and that the children were so polite, friendly and welcoming.*

Well done EYFS! We are so pleased you enjoyed your special Music Day!



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While half of Lapwing Class were taking their turn on a school trip to Exeter, Mrs Burrows decided on a Spanish themed art lesson for those still in school. The children learned about Pablo Picasso's life and his art, and then painted their own self-portraits. Super work!



Hugo from Otter Class has just joined Budleigh football club under 7's and on his second week he won the player of the night arm band! Super proud!



George in Rabbits Class was awarded player of the week at his rugby club. He is very proud of himself!



Good luck to the trampoline team who compete on Sunday!



Sisters Poppy in Year 2 [left] and Eliza in Year 3 [right] both achieved their water skills level 3 badges this week at swimming!



James from dolphins' class received his 10m swimming badge this week.



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**Massive thank you to everyone who made a Jazzy Jar, or several - they are all sparkly and bright just like the season we are entering!**

## Special Mentions:

Foundation: Ladybird Class Mrs Church and the TA's  
KS1: Rabbits Class Mrs Lock and the TA's  
KS2: Maple Class Mr Scudder and the TA's  
The year 6 teaching team who made a Jazzy Jar as well!

## **The WINNERS! Prizes will arrive soon!**

Bumble Bee: Phoebe  
Dragonfly: Alistair  
Ladybird: Erin

Sycamore: Rowan  
Beech: Olive  
Willow: Christmas Tree topper

Osprey: Astrid  
Kestrel: Henry  
Kingfisher: Arthur

Barn Owl: Jude  
Hedgehog: Nelly  
Rabbit: Ava

Hazel: Poppy  
Oak: Ruby-Mae  
Maple: Ophelia

Otter: Finley  
Dolphin: Harley  
Seal: Orla

Avocet: Esme  
Sandpiper: Delilah  
Lapwing: Elsie





## Christmas 2025 Collection

This Christmas we would appreciate donations of staple foods that will enable us to support those in need during the festive period and beyond. Items with a long shelf life are really helpful.

In particular we would welcome:

- Tins of soup
- Tins of tomatoes
- Tins of baked beans and spaghetti
- Meat meals (e.g. tinned stews, curry, meatballs)
- Tinned cold meats (e.g. corned beef, ham)
- Tins of tuna
- Packets of spaghetti and rice
- Tinned fruits
- Tins of custard and rice pudding.

Thank you for your help – we couldn't do this without you!





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SCAN TO BOOK!



## THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-14 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRICKET, CHRISTMAS GAMES & MUCH MORE!!!



### PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £21 (PER CHILD)

EXTENDED DAY - £26 (PER CHILD)

### TIMES:

STANDARD - 8:45AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

### 2025/26 Dates:

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/12/22/the-beacon-primary-school-christmas-holiday-camps-2025>

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