

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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### News from your Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and that you and your children are suitably refreshed and ready for the busy few weeks ahead. With so many events planned for outdoors, we really hope that June and July will be dry. I will use this as an opportunity to remind you to please send your child with **sun cream** on in the morning along with a sun hat, water bottle and with a **waterproof coat!**

### Upcoming events

There are lots of events booked in this half term. Please make sure you check the calendar on our website for dates of events taking place this term, in particular class trips: <https://www.wrpschool.org/homeconnect-2026>

You should have received a letter detailing arrangements for our **Sports Day** on 18th June. The information can also be found on our website. If you haven't attended a Withycombe Sports Day before, please read the information in detail; it can become a bit complicated especially if you have children in both KS1 and KS2.



**Withyfest** (our summer school fete) will be immediately after school on Friday 3rd July. This is a wonderful fundraising event with lots of stalls and games for you and your children to take part in. The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help set up on the day, run stalls and clear away at the end of the event. These fantastic events cannot take place without lots of volunteers willing to help out. Even if you can only spare 30 minutes, all support is gratefully received.

Our Year 6 have numerous events planned over the coming weeks to celebrate their time at Withycombe. The children will be performing at **Exmouth Pavilion** on Thursday 25th June at 6pm. They have their **Activities Week** between 13th and 17th July, where they will participate in lots of fun activities including an art day, Wild Tribe, water sports and a beach day. The culmination of their time here will be a **Leavers' Party** and the **Leavers' Service**. Not only is this a very exciting time for our Year 6, it can also be a very emotional one for all our children.

This time of year can be a little tricky as children begin to think about how things are going to change. There is talk of *moving on*, *new classrooms* and *new teachers*. Although this can be exciting, we acknowledge that for some children transition causes anxiety. Over the coming weeks our teachers will meet together to hand over important information to the next class teacher. We hope to share details of new classes during the week beginning 22nd June.

We will have a **'Moving On'** morning on Tuesday 30th June so children can meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom. If there are children who require additional transition we will arrange this too - this may involve additional visits to the classroom, or a *transition book*. Of course if you wish to discuss your child's transition to their new class at any time, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or a member of SLT to arrange an appointment.



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## Class Photos

Fraser Portraits will be in school on Monday 8th June to take the whole Class Photos. These will be available to purchase at a later date. Children should **wear school uniform**. If it's their usual PE day, please send children to school in school uniform, with their PE kit in a labelled bag.

## Fidget Toys

The number of fidget toys being brought in by children is becoming unmanageable, and rather than helping children's focus, we are noticing that it's having a detrimental effect.

To address the issue, we have agreed across school that the following will be accepted:



- ❖ **One** agreed fidget item only.
- ❖ This must be **quiet, small** and used discreetly at their table.
- ❖ Use is agreed **in advance** with the class teacher.
- ❖ The fidget is to support **focus**, attention and learning.
- ❖ The item must not **distract** the child, or others in class.
- ❖ If the fidget becomes distracting or **disruptive**, the teacher may ask for it to be put away.

We ask that parents and carers support us with this by ensuring that any fidget item is pre-approved by the class teacher, and restricted to one item. Other toys and items from home should not be brought into school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Jones

Well done to all of the Year 5/6 children to took part in our **Withy Aquathlon** before half term. A special congratulations to the **medal winners**: Y5 girls - 3rd: Florence, 2nd: Reece, 1st Eadie. Y5 boys - 3rd: Finley, 2nd: Theo, 1st: Connor. Y6 girls - 3rd: Mabel, 2nd: Erin, 1st: Harriet. Y6 boys - 3rd: Finley, 2nd: Jack, 1st: Casper.



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## Safeguarding

### Child Safety Week: Keeping Children Safe at Home and Beyond



Last week (from 1<sup>st</sup> June) various organisations across the UK marked Child Safety Week; a national campaign that raises awareness of the steps we can all take to help keep children safe. This campaign provides a timely reminder of the important role that families, schools and communities play in promoting children's safety and wellbeing. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding we encourage families to take opportunities to talk about safety at home, and in the wider community.

Many accidents involving children can be prevented through awareness, supervision and age-appropriate safety measures.

#### Safety at Home:

The home is where children should feel safest, but it's also where many childhood accidents occur. As children grow and become more independent, it is important to regularly review safety measures and have conversations about:

- Fire safety, and what to do in an emergency.
- Safe use and storage of medicines, cleaning products and household chemicals.
- Kitchen safety, particularly around hot drinks, cooking, and sharp utensils.
- Water safety at home, including baths, paddling pools and garden ponds.
- Online safety and responsible use of technology.
- Knowing who to ask for help if they're worried or unsure about something.

#### Looking Beyond the Home - Contextual Safeguarding:

Safeguarding also includes the environments where children spend time outside the home. Contextual safeguarding recognises that children can experience risks in places such as parks, neighbourhoods, online spaces and within peer groups. Parents and carers can support their children by:

- Encouraging open conversations about friendships and peer pressure.
- Talking regularly about online experiences.
- Helping children identify trusted adults they can turn to for support.
- Discussing how to respond if they feel unsafe, uncomfortable or worried in any situation.

#### Road Safety:

Road safety remains an important life skill for all children. Whether walking, cycling, scootering or travelling by car, children benefit from regular reminders about staying safe near roads. Key messages include:

- Stop, look, listen and think before crossing
- Use designated crossing points whenever possible
- Stay alert and avoid distractions near roads
- Wear helmets when cycling or scootering
- Supervision of children
- Always use appropriate car seats and seat belts.

#### Water Safety:

There have been some tragic water-related accidents across the country in recent weeks. We're very fortunate to live near the sea and other water such as rivers and reservoirs, so it is important to remind your children about enjoying our environment safely:

- Enter water slowly and carefully
- Stay within lifeguard areas (check for beach flags)
- Stay within your depth, and reach
- Children should always be supervised
- Learn what to do if there's an emergency, like suffering cold water shock, or getting out of depth.

#### Further Information for Parents

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has produced a range of helpful fact sheets and resources for families covering home safety, road safety, water safety, online safety and accident prevention. They contain practical advice to help parents and carers create safer environments for children and support important safety conversations at home: [www.capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/](http://www.capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/)

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead

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## Sports and Achievements



Well done to Dylan, Oliver, Jacob, Orla, Michael, Reggie and Archie. Their team Exmouth Under 7s won the Dawlish football tournament – their second win in two weeks!



What a fantastic half term for Imogen from Sycamore Class, who achieved 2 impressive running milestones! She earned her purple milestone T-shirt for completing 25 *adult* ParkRuns, and received her 100 junior ParkRuns milestone wrist band! Wow!



Fraser and Teddy's team won the **Roermond Cup** in their football tournament. They didn't lose any games and won 3-1 in the final. They had a wonderful time! Well done team 😊

### Friday 3rd July at 5:30pm

Do you have a Wallace & Gromit fan at home?  
Or is Shaun the Sheep your favourite?

They - along with many other much-loved Aardman characters - will be appearing on screen as part of a fantastic family concert in Budleigh Salterton as part of **Budleigh Music Festival**.

This fun and engaging event is designed for all ages. It features a lively introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, music inspired by Aardman favourites, and a full screening of the much-loved film **The Wrong Trousers** - with a live orchestra!



It's the perfect early evening treat for families. To find out more, please visit the festival website to watch a clip - and to book your tickets!

### Saturday 27th June

There are also some great workshops happening on Saturday 27 June, the **'Music for All'** day.

**'Sounds of the Streets'** are leading some workshops and inviting everyone to bring their own instrument and join in playing - they will help. Homemade instruments are also welcome!

This group is phenomenal, and great fun for young instrumentalists.



The very talented **Duo Tutti** are also running family workshops for all ages.

<https://www.budleighmusicfestival.co.uk/>

# JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAYS



WITH PHIL LEIGHTON



EXMOUTH TENNIS & FITNESS CENTRE



FREE EVENT | BOOKING REQUIRED



**SATURDAY 13 JUNE**

10 - 11AM | 12 - 1PM | 2 - 3PM

**SUNDAY 14 JUNE**

10 - 11AM | 12 - 1PM



## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Fun, coach led tennis sessions
- Suitable for beginners and those who've already tried tennis
- All equipment provided
- A friendly, supportive environment
- Parents must stay during the session, as important information about our membership and programme will be shared

Your child is invited to take part in our Junior Tennis Open Days.

We're pleased to invite you and your child to continue the experience at our Junior Tennis Open Days, delivered by Phil and our experienced instructors at Exmouth Tennis & Fitness Centre.

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**SCAN HERE!**  
Or click the link below to register



## SPECIAL OFFER! ONLY AVAILABLE ON OUR OPEN DAYS!

Families in attendance can access a special junior membership offer, plus a no joining fee offer for adults interested in an adult membership\*. Full details will be shared at the centre on the day.

\*T&Cs Apply.



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