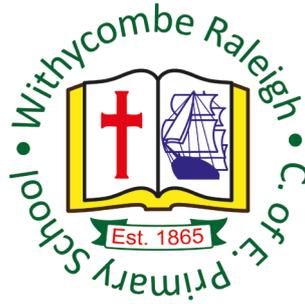


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## News from your Headteacher

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday and that your children are looking forward to the term ahead! The Summer Term is always a very busy one with lots of off-site visits, sporting events, transition days and annual reports. Please keep the office informed of any changes to contact details as we don't want anyone to miss out on any of the fun.

Although school was closed over Easter, it was a hive of activity with lots of school improvements taking place. The EYFS classrooms have had a 'face lift' with new units installed, walls freshly painted and new flooring laid. The 'Tree Tops' structure is at last open and children enjoyed using this for the first time on Tuesday. They loved it!



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Some works are continuing including the refurbishment of the toilets in the main corridor and the resurfacing work on the Ark. Many thanks to Mrs Hart our newly appointed Business Manager who had to coordinate all the contractors over the holiday and found herself in school most days!



Representatives from St John the Evangelist 'Open the Book' Group visited us on Tuesday to share Bible stories in school. This week they retold the Creation Story.

## **Contact us**

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org) or [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) or call us on 01395 263397. Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs. E Jones

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### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 Trip to the Eden Project

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Jubilee Celebration Day in School

Further details to follow

#### 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June

Circus Skills Workshops

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Sports Day

### Collective Worship

As we return to school this week we have been looking at how children can achieve their goals with effort and perseverance. Often things we are asked to do in school can be challenging but in Collective Worship we have used the story of the Hare and the Tortoise to teach us to keep going, even when things are difficult and we feel like giving up!



### Safeguarding – Information about ‘Operation Encompass’

Our school participates in a national scheme called ‘Operation Encompass’, which is a joint partnership between the police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.

Sadly, domestic abuse exists in all strata of society, it occurs in every ethnic group, every age group, and in every makeup of relationship. The damage done to a child living with domestic abuse is far reaching and can last throughout their life. The implications for children are well researched and serious and can impact upon health, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, academic success, physical development, creating disrupted relationships and disorganised attachments. Children are often living in a state of heightened anxiety and hyper-vigilance within their homes, rather than being a place of safety and security, can become a place of stress and trauma; leading to feelings of insecurity and danger.

The system of Operation Encompass has been established to help schools to provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. Therefore, as

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part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email from Devon and Cornwall Police the morning after (usually) a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We are then able to use this information for our safeguarding team to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed. Our safeguarding staff are then able to offer early intervention and support to children or potentially to help families access welfare. Our staff are trained to spot the signs of domestic abuse in children, parents and colleagues; so they know what to do if they have a concern and how to handle a disclosure.

Domestic Abuse is a children's rights issue and this acknowledgement should inform how we support them. More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>. If you have any questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead

### The new Wellbeing Sensory Space at school

Within our playground we have different play zones and one of these has been known as the quiet area near the library.

One of our Emotional Wellbeing TAs, Mrs L Jones, has been looking at developing this area for children, to enable them to learn ways to relax and calm at break and lunch.

The renamed 'Sensory Space' encourages children to use their senses for mindfulness and relaxation. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> each year group spent half an hour in the Sensory Space learning about their senses and how to use them to help their feelings. There are:

- Scented herbs to smell;
- Wind chimes and calming music on speaker to listen to;
- Mindfulness craft and colouring activities at lunchtime run by one of our MTAs;
- Sensory boards, made with the help of Mr Gorman our site manager, with a range of textures to feel, fidget objects, cogs and wheels to move or turn;
- Mirrors surrounded by positive affirmation words to read;
- Sequin cushions and bean bags.

In addition to this, our wellbeing team will be spending as many lunchtimes as possible within the area to offer a 'Wellbeing Drop-in' Service for any child who would like to talk about how they are feeling or anything that is bothering them.

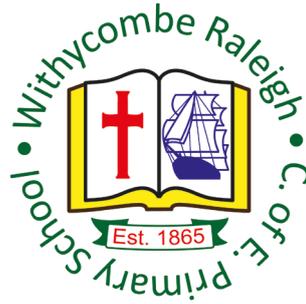
We aim for children to access a range of play experiences at school and we are sure the new area will be a great addition to this!

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## Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavour to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



This week's sporting stars:

Elliot (Rabbits) is very excited as she is moving into the next level at acro.

Evan (Rabbits) achieved his yellow stripe belt this week in martial arts.

Winnie (Bumblebees) won player of the week at football.

Esmé won 5 swimming races at the weekend and broke the club record for freestyle for her age category.



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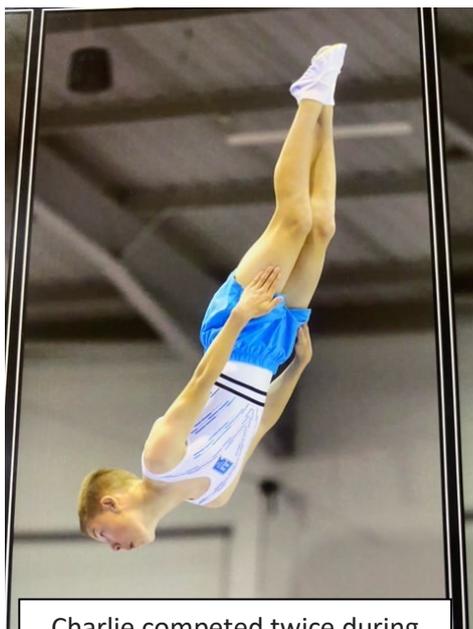
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Charlie competed twice during the holiday. He qualified to compete for Britain! He also came 3rd for Trampolining so he is ranked 3rd in England for his age and he came 2nd for DMT so he is ranked 2nd in England for his age! Amazing.

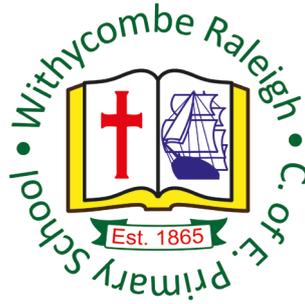
Imogen (Hazel) and Matthew (Seals) took part in the Inflatable 5k in Exeter, completing the course within 50minutes!

Joe (Otters) played in a tag rugby tournament this weekend and received 'player of the match' for his team!



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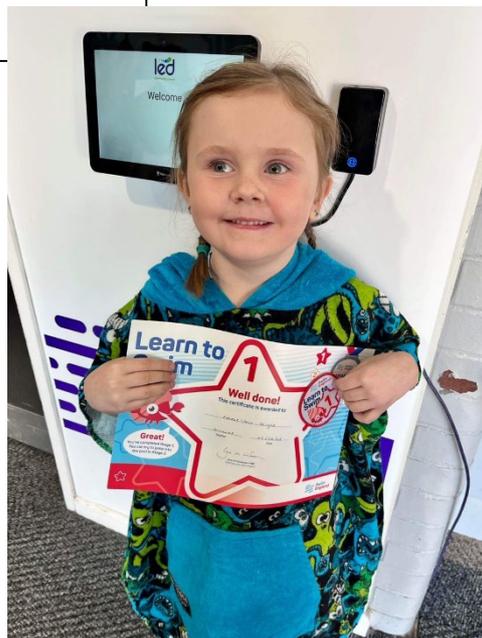
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Emmie-Jane in Rabbit class, has completed stage 1 in swimming in just 3 sessions, she also got her 5-meter reward badge.

Matthew was star of the week for his football team Lymptone FC U7 Team.

Bodhi and Kiefer both earned their purple belts at Martial Arts.



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## Devon Virtual Games Gymnastics Competition

Thank you once again to everyone who entered the Devon Virtual Games Gymnastics Competition. As a school over 180 children took part, either by learning the routines in PE lessons and/or by allowing their video to be submitted into the Active Devon competition. The event proved to be exceptionally popular with tough competition at the top, so we would like to say a huge well done to Harry Moore (1st), Jessica Wride (2nd), Daisy Cotton (1st), Lily Grant (2nd), Kyle Hawkshaw (2nd) and Evie Mayne (3rd) who competed against schools across Devon and were all placed within the top 3 for their routines.

In the last week of term, these children were also invited to compete in the Devon LIVE Virtual Finals. They accepted and after months off from practice, put in an exceptional effort and Harry Moore (2nd), Jessica Wride (1st), Daisy Cotton (2nd) and Evie Mayne (3rd) were again placed within the top 3. Well done! What a super effort!



Before the holiday, Daisy (Daughter of Mrs Pritchard) designed some Palm Sunday flags and these Year 3 children coloured them so beautifully and carefully using fabric pens! Thanks to Lola, Amelie, Poppy and Zara from Oak Class.