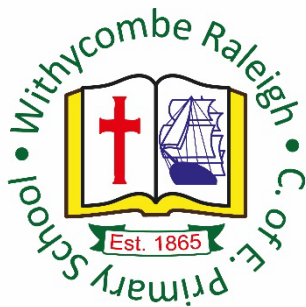


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 28st March 2025



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News from your Headteacher



Huge congratulations to Laura Farrimond and Aaron on the birth of their beautiful baby Millie this week!

It is just a short week next week and therefore only 4 days before the **Easter holidays**. I am sure you and your children are looking forward to a break from early mornings, I know I am! There are lots of **clubs and activities** going on in and around Exmouth if you are looking for things to do. There are several clubs running here at Withycombe over the holiday including the ever popular **LD Active** Football Camp, and also the Football Fun Factory. Bookings can be made via their websites. Other events in East Devon for the holidays can be found at this link. <https://devonwithkids.co.uk/whats-on-in-devon-this-april/>

Absences

At this time of year many of you may be considering booking a family holiday. Perhaps over Easter, in the summer, or maybe a term-time break?! I would like to point out that holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised unless circumstances are deemed as 'exceptional'. The Government published a 'white paper' where they set out their priorities for schools over the next few years. One area they are keen to target is attendance. Schools are being asked to monitor closely all pupil attendance and to act swiftly when a child's attendance falls below 90%.

As a school our attendance levels have always been very good, but we have noticed a drop in our attendance and an increasing number of children being classed as 'persistently absent' (where attendance is below 90%). Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website Policies page - this explains our procedures for dealing with persistent absence. One of our procedures is to notify all parents and carers if their child's attendance drops below 90%; this includes absences due to illness, and/or any unauthorised absences. If you receive a letter from school over the next couple of weeks stating that your child's attendance has dropped below 90%, please understand that this is part of our absence monitoring procedures and within our duty of care to ensure that children attend school whenever possible. Our aim is to offer families support so that children's attendance can be improved and ensure that they have access to teaching and learning and the wider opportunities that their schooling brings on a regular basis.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that all their children of compulsory school age are receiving an efficient full-time education by regular attendance at a school or otherwise. Devon County Council monitor school attendance and support schools in their efforts to raise school attendance. All schools have a legal obligation to inform Devon County Council of any child not attending regularly. Should you have any concerns about your child's attendance or need support please make an appointment to see me or Mr Smith.

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. E Jones*



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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The Brilliant Bee Musical!

Congratulations to the Year 3 Team for their wonderful Bee Musical production last week. After lots of rehearsing their performance was truly fantastic, and the best part was seeing the children smiling for the whole show! They loved the experience, as clearly did the audiences as they first performed to the other year groups, and then to their family members who came along to watch.

Thank you for coming along and supporting Year 3, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did!



Lots of Withycombe children are involved in dance and theatre clubs outside of school too. Florence from Dragonfly Class recently danced as a Smurf at the Exmouth Pavilion for the 'I Hope You Dance' Starting Pointe show!

Well done Florence – you really look the part too!

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Wellbeing: Positive Connections

School staff work hard at building and maintaining positive connections with pupils to help them get the best from their learning, personal development and overall school experience. Our school vision, values, rules and mental health choices all help support the positive connections we have with pupils.



School Vision - Growing Happy, Caring, Hearts and Minds

School Values - Generosity, Respect, Agape, Courage, Empathy

School Rules - Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

The '10 Choices for Mental Health' promoted within school also support children to make positive choices to help themselves feel better. Please see our school Wellbeing Webpage for information about the 10 choices we can all make to help our own mental health.

Psychologist Dan Hughes developed an approach to help parents and carers to improve their positive connections and interactions with their children. It is called PACE.



PACE stands for Playfulness; Acceptance; Curiosity; Empathy.

Here are some ideas of how to use PACE in your everyday interactions with your children:

Playfulness: Show enjoyment in being together with your child. Use a playful and light-hearted tone during interactions. Keeping the tone light can also help with more serious conversations and reduce feelings of shame.

Acceptance: Connect with your child's feelings and verbally acknowledge them. Try not to just reassure them away. Acceptance is not about condoning behaviour but means you are understanding their feelings in the context of their world. Connecting first and helping a child calm is important before any conversation about behaviour.

Curiosity: Be curious about your child - their thoughts, feelings, wishes, actions. Show interest in what is going on for them. Avoid 'Why' questions; use 'What' or 'How' instead. 'Why are you doing that?' sounds very different to 'What is going on for you at the moment?' or 'How are you doing right now?' Share your curiosity - 'I wonder if you might be feeling...'

Empathy: Using empathy means you are showing your child that they are important to you and that you will be there for them through difficult feelings or hard times.

An adapted version of PACE for parents is **PLACE** - which includes the word **Loving!**

Mrs L Jones,
Wellbeing TA



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Sports & Achievements

Another fantastic WIN!

On Wednesday our super Year 6 girls secured our place in the Girls football Devon finals for the 4th year running! Some excellent football and team work, with the girls representing us brilliantly once again!

Well done Rae, Tilly, Brooke, Tabby, Daisy, Gracie, Pearl, Emily and Poppy!



It was a fantastic result for Withycombe Primary in the Virtual Gymnastics Competition. Back in February, lots of our children were recorded in order to be judged by a panel for their gymnastic abilities - we did a fantastic job against very stiff competition!

Enid in Year 4 and Marnie from Year 5 then progressed into the **live finals** hosted on Thursday morning.

Another fabulous result for Withycombe children, with **Enid taking a joint 1st place** and **Marnie taking 3rd place!**
Fantastic!!!



Imogen from Seal Class was awarded her 15 metres swimming certificate!



Reggie in Bumblebee Class has passed his Stage 1 at swimming!



James from Hedgehog Class passed his Water Skills 1 at LED swimming!

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SCAN TO BOOK!



THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-14 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, SILENT DISCO, ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, INFLATABLES & MORE!



PRICES:
STANDARD DAY - £20 (PER CHILD)
EXTENDED DAY - £25 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:
STANDARD- 8:45AM - 3:30PM
EXTENDED- 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

THE BEACON PRIMARY SCHOOL
1 BEACON PL
EXETER
EX1 1SJ

Booking Link:
<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/07/the-beacon-primary-school-easter-holiday-camps-2025>

More Information: marcus@primary-sports.co.uk/07976979202




OPEN  DOOR
Exmouth

SUPPORTERS' EVENT

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2025
4.00-5.00PM

Join us at Open Door for tea and cake as a thank you for your work and the support you have given us over the last year. This is an opportunity to find out we've been up to and network with others in our amazing community.
All welcome!

RSVP info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk or call 01395 224218



EASTER 2025

at Exmouth Community College

Sports & Games | Challenges | Creative Arts | Free Healthy Lunch | Fun Activities



Venue
Gipsy Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF

Times
10am-2pm

Funded Places
Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children

Dates
14 - 16 April

Cost
£30 per day including lunch

Learn More



Activate Camps are running our multi activity camp near you this holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

All camp places must be booked in advance

    activatecamps.co.uk/haf





LD ACTIVE

FOOTBALL PARTIES

IF YOUR CHILD IS A FOOTBALL FANATIC THIS PARTY IS PERFECT !!!

INDOOR & OUTSIDE
VENUE INCLUDED
INFLATABLES
16 - 20 CHILDREN
GIFT & PRIZES

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK YOUR SPECIAL DAY






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EASTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

If you're looking for amazing, active childcare this Easter half term, we're offering three full days of sports and activities for your children to enjoy!

-  Football
-  Basketball
-  Rugby
-  Frisbee
-  Tennis

-  Box blast
-  Handball
-  Cricket
-  Inflatables
-  Arts & Crafts

-  Qualified coach
-  Paediatric first aider
-  Insured
-  DBS Checked
-  15+ years of coaching



Come and join me at
Withycombe Raleigh Primary School
Monday 7th April, Tuesday 8th April,
and Wednesday 9th April
From 8:30am until 3:30pm

JUST £20.00 per day!!

This is a popular club so please
book here before places run out!
<https://shorturl.at/rRx4i>