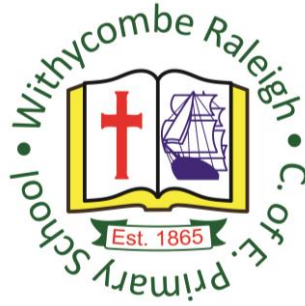


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**Withycombe Raleigh  
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## News from your Headteacher

A warm welcome to all our new Reception children and their families. We hope that your children have enjoyed their first few days at school and that their time at Withycombe will be happy and full of wonderful experiences and memories. The children have settled into the routines of school very well but I am sure they are all exhausted and ready for the weekend...as are all the staff.



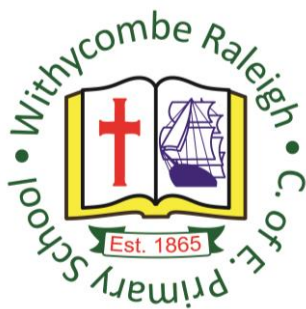
As always, the week has been a busy one across the school. Year 4 have enjoyed their Celt/Roman theme days, learning all about the life of the Celts and the changes that occurred when the Romans invaded. We love a 'theme day' at Withycombe and this is something staff like to organise to inspire the children's learning, especially at the start of a term or new topic.



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On Thursday, Year 5 participated in the Sideshore Sea Safety Project, a beach-based project promoting safer sea swimming. We are proud that our very own Mrs Rhodes (Year 6 teacher) has been instrumental in organising this opportunity for the Exmouth schools along with Jane Hushen (Swim Devon). Over the next few weeks, twelve schools and over 500 children will take part in the project - funded by Sideshore - to help them gain vital knowledge of the ocean, help prevent accidental drowning, build water confidence, improve mental health, and encourage children to adopt a healthy lifestyle and love of the outdoors.

Thanks to Sideshore, Edge Watersports, Exmouth RNLI and Exmouth Watersports for all their help in getting this project up and running.



## 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. The class email addresses are listed below for your information.

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

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Tempest Photographer in school to take individual and sibling photographs

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3:10-3:30pm

'Meet the teacher'- An opportunity to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6:00

Parents' Evening

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6:00

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#### 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October

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Term dates can be found at: <https://www.wrpschool.org/faqs>

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## Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been learning about Moses. We listened to the story of how Moses was hidden in the bulrushes by his mother and how he was found and raised by an Egyptian Princess. We used the story to help us reflect on our school values and in particular the value courage



## **Safeguarding – Information and Contacts**

At Withycombe Raleigh School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. Our school recognises its moral and statutory responsibility for safeguarding and takes this very seriously. In fact, we believe that 'safeguarding is MY responsibility' – meaning that it is everyone's individual responsibility to ensure that our children are kept safe.

All of our staff, governors and volunteers receive annual (and ongoing) safeguarding training. Each member of staff knows what to do and who to speak to if they are concerned about a child in our care, whether they are at school, at home or in the wider community. We follow procedures to ensure children are listened to and receive effective support and protection.

## **Our School Safeguarding Team**

Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Smith

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Miss Lee



Mrs Jones



Mrs Wheeler

Safeguarding Governors



Sue Humphries



Jane Speake

## **Seeking advice and dealing with concerns**

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Safeguarding Team (above) if you have any worries regarding a child (even if you are unsure about the significance of a concern). If you are worried about your own child's or someone else's safety or wellbeing (including out-of-school contexts) you may also contact the 'MASH' Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0345 155 1071

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### What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

For additional safeguarding information, please refer to the safeguarding page on our school website which contains a wealth of information and useful links.

<https://www.wrpschool.org/safeguarding>

I would also like to encourage parents / carers to look out for the safeguarding themes and updates which are communicated in our school newsletter.

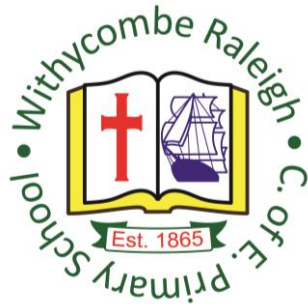
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## Sports & Achievements

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 stars:

Congratulations to Tilly (Year 5) who completed her 11th parkrun and received her half marathon wristband.

Jessie (Year 4) and Jacob (Year 1) completed the Summer Library Challenge, reading 6 books over the summer holidays. They thoroughly enjoyed their weekly trip to the library, and looking through all the books to choose from.

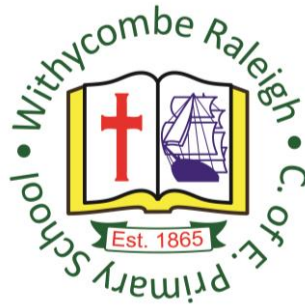
For her birthday party this year, Piper (Year 4) asked for donations to Devon air ambulance instead of presents. She managed to raise an amazing £724. At school we were so impressed by Piper that we awarded her a special 'school values badge'



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Over the holidays, Matthew (Hazel) completed Stage 5 swimming and received a variety of football awards during football holiday camp run by Exeter City.