

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

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News from your Headteacher

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who have been participating in SATs this week. The children have taken the assessments in their stride and most have even quite enjoyed the experience. I have to admit that some of the questions on the papers have been challenging. Thank you to all the staff who came in early to provide children with breakfast before the tests.



The children seemed to enjoy having breakfast together (and chatting) before the start of the school day and we feel that this social breakfast helps to relax the children before the assessments. SATs results will be shared with parents on the annual reports which will be sent home on 17th July. Teachers are starting to compile reports at the moment and all children will receive an end of year school report on the 17th July. Our school report will contain details of your child's attainment and progress this year.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. We shared some easy tips in last week's newsletter that we can all use to boost our mental health. Many of us find exercise as a great way to help us manage our wellbeing so it seems appropriate to celebrate some of the exercise related activities that Withycombe enjoys and promotes in our newsletter.

Swimming

It has been wonderful to see the amazing progress made by all the children who have taken part in the swimming sessions over the past 3 weeks. After the initial issues, the sessions have run like clockwork thanks to the military operation arranged by the staff, which ensures that the children are all changed for their lesson on the dot! Thank you to all the school staff for their hard work making this complicated system work.

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Growing

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Thank you once again to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Hart who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes making sure everything was ready prior to the pool's installation in the year 3 playground. They have also had to sort out a few technical issues during the first 2 weeks which required lots of phone calls!



A massive part of the swimming success has been thanks to the amazing swim teacher Lily, and the wonderful life-guard Bertie. They have both worked so hard teaching and encouraging the children from 9am until 3pm each day, keeping them all safe, as well as making sure the pool is working well and at the right temperature. On some days they have had to think on their feet – even creating 'land based' lessons for some groups. We want to give them both a 'shout out' publicly as they have been fantastic, and we have really appreciated their positivity and energy.

Parkrun - join us for the Withycombe Park Run take-over!



It would be lovely to see lots of our Withycombe Community at the **Phear Park Junior Parkrun** this Sunday 17th May - 8:40 am meet for briefing. Don't forget your barcode! If you are not signed up yet it's really easy to do via the website.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Sports Day

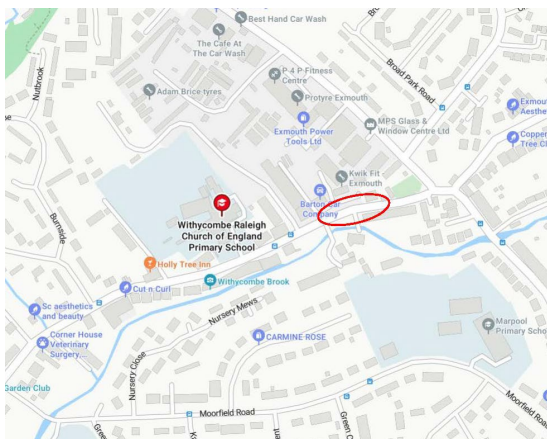
One of the highlights of the school year is our annual sports day. This is a lovely event which is always really well supported by all our families. This year Sports Day will be held on Thursday 18th June (weather permitting). Further details will be shared after half term.

Aquathlon

On 20th May we hold our annual Aquathlon for children in Y5 and Y6. An Aquathlon is a fun race that combines swimming and running. It's a bit like a mini triathlon, but without the cycling part! We look forward to seeing the photos next week.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Jones

Road closure reminder:



A reminder that South West Water are going to be working along Withycombe Village Road and will close the area between house No. 204 to near the Building Merchants **for 11 days on 20/05/2026**. They will also **suspend the parking** bays opposite the Garage and the Building Merchants for **12 days on 18/05/2026**.

A road diversion will be put in place - signs will be placed in the relevant locations to direct the traffic.

To reach school, you'll need to approach from the ECC/Phear Park end of Withycombe Village Road. We know this will be a challenging time, but luckily at least part of this disruption will be over half term!

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Safeguarding – Mental Health Awareness Week:

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of children's emotional wellbeing, and remind families that **safeguarding and mental health go hand in hand**.

At Withycombe Primary school we are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, listened to and supported. Good mental health helps children to learn, develop positive friendships, build resilience, and manage everyday challenges. Small actions at home, such as maintaining routines, encouraging open conversations, spending quality time together (away from screens!) and ensuring children get enough sleep and exercise can all make a positive difference.

We know that from time-to-time (including during SATs week, or times of transition) children may experience worries, anxiety, friendship difficulties, low mood, or changes in behaviour. As a school, we can offer support in a number of ways. Children are encouraged to speak to a trusted adult; our staff regularly check in with pupils to support their wellbeing.

We also have our school's 'Pick and Mix for Mental Health' which offers strategies for mental health support and activities to help children manage their emotions and wellbeing.



This may include finding quiet spaces, calming activities, having emotional check-ins, finding talking opportunities and in some cases, offering targeted wellbeing sessions for groups or individuals via Mrs Louise Jones, our dedicated Wellbeing TA.

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing or mental health, please contact us so we can work with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The official theme this Mental Health Awareness week is 'Action'.

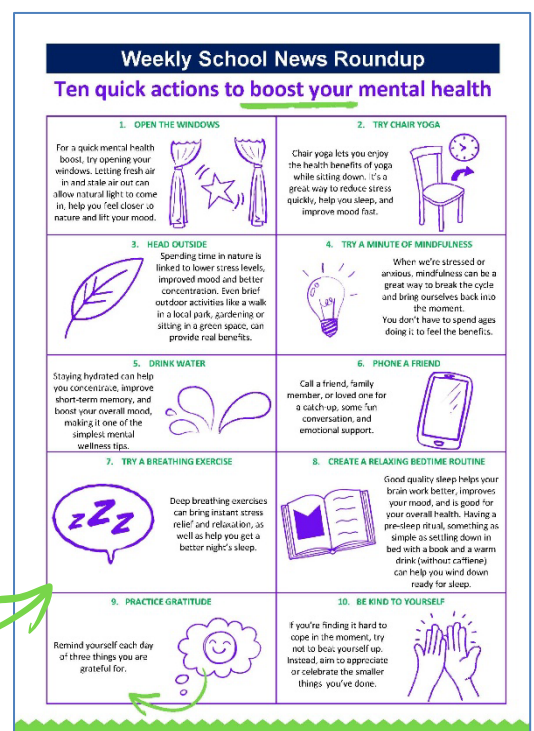
Last week we explained that action is not separate from awareness, it's a natural extension of it.

When we find out more about mental health, how to recognise early signs of problems, know what support looks like and what to do to maintain good mental health, we are already *taking action*.

Often the simplest ideas to help our mental health are the best and, if they are easily accessible and manageable, we are more likely to keep doing them! Our Pick & Mix and the Ten Quick Actions guide can support our mental health.

Here's a reminder!

Mr Smith,
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Sports and Other Achievements



On Sunday at the Exmouth Rugby Football Club's annual junior awards, Maisie was awarded the TREDs Award for displaying the club's core values by her coaches!



Alex from Kestrel class was awarded the Player of the Match Trophy this week for "a brilliant attacking display - a constant threat with his dribbling and pace" and the effort he put in was amazing.



Freddie in Willow Class did amazingly well at the weekend at his first away swimming gala. He achieved one Gold and two Silvers! Well done Freddie!



Charlie from Barn Owl Class is very excited to have gained his 5 meter badge and certificate after only starting swimming lessons in September!



Mabel in Rabbit Class has achieved her 5 and 10m swimming award. This weekend she is going for her 15m badge! Good luck Mabel!



Eloise in Bumblebees Class was excited to complete Stage 1 in her swimming classes.

If your child would like to share their achievements - whether that's a sporting success, gaining library reading challenge certificates, theatre or music performances, or anything else – please email a photo and a short description to: admin@wrpschool.org

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Nicholas in Oak class won a Gold Medal for Exmouth Vikings Judo Club, winning all his fights against very good judokas at Pathway Minimon Judo competition in Bristol.

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For the families of our Year 6 students due to transition to secondary school, this 'Navigating Change' workshop can help to provide you with the strategies to provide support to your young people.

Sign up here:
bit.ly/PMSWChangeMay26


NAVIGATING CHANGE

TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY

Skills Workshop with Parental Minds


An interactive online workshop exploring the journey of our young people transitioning from primary school to secondary school. Together we'll discuss practical strategies and highlight effective ways to offer meaningful support while our loved ones navigate this new chapter in their lives.

Parental Minds Community Interest Company, developed through families' experiences with input from professionals & researchers.

 **Online, Zoom**

Monday 18th May 2026
7.15pm - 8.45pm

Sign up here:
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Austin is back from a wonderful trip to South Africa at Ilamula House, part of the Winnie Mabaso Foundation. The week was spent with 18 girls, aged 7-19 and was incredible. It's such a happy place and Austin got stuck into getting to know the girls, playing, helping with housework, cooking, and helping organise activities.

He also visited the community setup they have nearby where they grow vegetables, and local mother and baby (and grangma) groups are run, along with a weekly feeding station and sewing school. It's such an amazing place and does so much good in the local community.

Thank you so much for all your support with the sweet stalls, raffle and crowdfunder.

With your help Austin raised a whopping £1414.50!

We were able to sponsor the weekly feeding station where over 900 people within the community received a hot meal, we treated the girls to ice creams, and were able to take some activity books and loom bands out to them - which they loved!



New Parent Modules coming very soon!

As we make progress with rolling out the MCAS app to be our **one-stop shop**, you'll soon be able to book your school dinners and trips using your **MCAS** account. Look out for more information later this week!

If you haven't activated your account yet, please ask us for an activation email with a link to the 'My Child at School' Parent Login page. You will need to open the email and click on: ['Please click here to create your login password'](#).

You can do this on any mobile phone, tablet or PC.

Once you click the link you can follow the guide to set up your account – it's quite easy.

We have so far sent links to contacts listed as **Priority 1** to connect via My Child At School, as these are the people who have the authorisation to view all the data about their children. If you have other contacts who need access, please let us know. Otherwise, Priority 2 and other contacts remain on our Bromcom records – just without MCAS access.

Account all set up?

You'll see some modules and information there already, and we're adding more modules this week. You can already report your [child's absences](#) using your MCAS account.

By Tuesday 2nd June you will need MCAS to be able to book and select school lunches, pay for trips and book clubs etc.

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VOTE FOR US AT TESCO!



28TH APRIL – END OF JULY 2026

HELP US BRING AMAZING PLAYTIMES TO LIFE!

Our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** journey ensures **every child has an hour of high-quality play every day.**

Your **vote** can help us:



Create exciting, inclusive play spaces



Boost wellbeing, confidence & friendships



Provide even more creative resources



HOW TO VOTE

1

Shop in Tesco

Make any purchase to receive a blue token

2

Find the voting unit

Look for the Stronger Starts stand

3

Pop your token in our slot!

Vote for: Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School – OPAL Play

WHERE YOU CAN VOTE

- Exmouth Superstore
- Budleigh Salterton Express
- Exmouth Churchill Road Express
- Rolle Street Express

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! ❤️

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CELEBRATE DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!



PTFA MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

DRESS IN ANYTHING YOU CAN FIND
IN YOUR WARDROBE
WITH AN ENVIRONMENT THEME!



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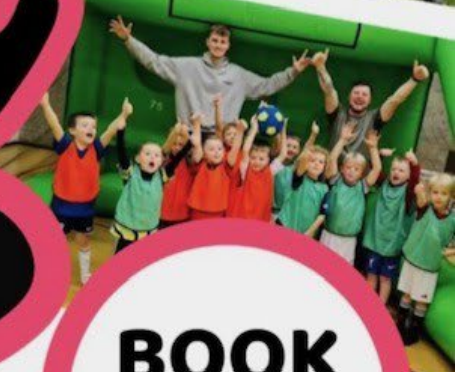
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HOLIDAY CAMP

**BOOK
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*Outdoor
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ACTIVITIES

- Inflatables
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
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**Fun
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PRIMARY SPORTS – GLOW IN THE DARK SILENT DISCO

Withycombe Raleigh Primary School

Mr Troman from Primary Sports will be running a Glow in the Dark Silent Disco session for children in Year 1 to Year 6. The session will take place on **Wednesday 20th of May 2026**

SESSION – 5.45pm to 6.45pm

“Our amazing Glow in the Dark silent disco will give the children a brand-new unforgettable experience. The children will have headphones with the choice of switching between 2 different playlists with accompaniment of fluorescent lighting.”

We can only cater for 30 children so please book as soon as possible using the instructions below. The cost of the session will be **£7.50**. Children must be collected from the school at **6.45pm**

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL SILENT DISCO EVENT

To make a booking for the club please follow the instructions below:

- **1 – Enter our website – www.primary-sports.co.uk**
- **2 – Click on the “Booking now tab”**
- **3 – Click on the “Withycombe Raleigh Primary School –Silent Disco” tab**
- **4 – Complete the online booking form**

Mr Troman holds a clean enhanced DBS through Primary Sports. All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable bright PE Clothing and trainers. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

Silent Discos could result in a child being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability.

COOL TO BE ACTIVE...
FUN TO BE FIT

www.primary-sports.co.uk

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VAT No: 183908477
Company No: 7143002



Exmouth Community College

June 2026

Open Mornings

Mon 15th, Tues 16th & Wed 17th
9.30am – 11.30am



*Belonging
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Responsibility*

In addition to our Open Evening in September, we warmly invite prospective students, parents & carers to visit the College during the school day this June.

Open to any Year 4 or 5 children, this is a great opportunity to see the College in action and meet key staff. Each morning will include an introduction from senior staff and a tour with current ECC students.

Spaces are limited so please book early.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPPORT AT OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH

Open Door has started a new, simpler way for families to access support during school holidays at their Community Cafe, Church Street, Exmouth.

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

All children under 18 can enjoy a free meal during the school holidays on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Simply choose from our school holiday menu and pick either breakfast (served until 11:30am) or lunch (served from 11:30am to 1:30pm).



A WELCOMING SPACE FOR ADULTS



We are more than just a cafe - we are a community. Parents are more than welcome to relax in a warm stigma-free environment. Access to further support is available should you need it.

For more info: Email info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk or call 01395 224218