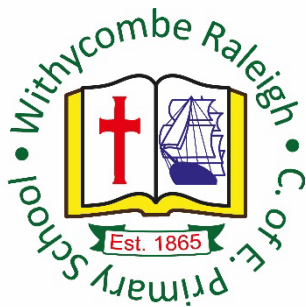


# Weekly School News Roundup

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## News from your Headteacher

Half Term has arrived, so no school for children tomorrow (Friday) as staff have a training day. I hope that you all have a lovely week away from school and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back on 3rd November. I really hope the weather improves!

Although children and staff are ready for half term break, everyone has settled into the new routines brilliantly and school feels a very happy and calm place. We have certainly crammed a lot into the past 6 weeks. We've had trips off site, theme days, mufti, a visiting choir, Parents' Evenings and a disco! Thank you to everyone that has made all the 'extra' events possible.

It's hard to believe it, but after the holiday we'll be starting the countdown to Christmas! Many of the Christmas events like nativities are already on our school calendar which can be found on our website.



### PTFA

I hope your children enjoyed the disco on Friday. The event ran really smoothly due to the fact we had lots of parent and staff volunteers. **We raised just over £1,100** which is a fantastic amount. The events run by our PTFA enable us as a school to provide 'extra' things that our school budget just cannot afford. In the past few months the PTFA have agreed to fund: the festive Panto performance for the whole school, our new OPAL storage shed, £200 per class to drive down the cost of school trips, and £1,500 to support the new swimming initiative! Their events like the disco and end of term mufti days enable this to continue.

One of the biggest fundraisers for us is the Christmas Fair - this year this wonderful event will take place on 5th December. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider doing so this time; even if it is only for an hour. We need as many people to help support this event as possible, so please keep the date in your diary!

On Monday we launched our **Christmas Shoebox** appeal. This year we're working with Christ Church Woodbury and Livi Ju their Children and Families Worker. The shoeboxes this year will be distributed by CR2EE to provide Christmas presents for people in Moldova, one of the poorest countries in Europe. We want to provide these families with joy and hope by giving them a Christmas present they would otherwise never receive. You should have received a letter explaining a little more about the appeal and there is more information on the Home Connect page of our website, including the leaflet explaining what to include in your shoebox.

*Please note, there is absolutely no expectation to take part. We understand that times are challenging and that putting together a box can be costly. You could get together with friends to split the cost, but also simply sharing awareness of the appeal is just as appreciated.*

**Please bring your Christmas Shoebox to school by Monday 10th November.**

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We have had several visitors in school recently. On Friday we were delighted to welcome representatives from the Hope4Kibera charity to our Collective Worship. Peter Abungu, the founder of the charity, spoke to the children about the work they do in Kibera. The children had lots of interesting questions for Peter too!

Hope4Kibera is a charity we've supported for a number of years and we hope to fundraise for them again next year. For those families who are new to our school, I thought it might be helpful to give you a brief overview of the charity.



Hope4Kibera is a UK-registered charity founded in 2019.

It operates in Nairobi, Kenya, specifically in the Kibera area, which is one of the largest urban slums in Africa and lacks basic infrastructure, clean water and sanitation.

The main aim is to provide free secondary education, including boarding, to motivated students from very poor families in Kibera who cannot afford school fees. The school is called Bright Hope Education Centre.

## Year 4 Multi Sports Festival

Last Friday some of our super **Year 4** children took part in a **Multi-Sport Festival** held at Exmouth community college. They participated in a variety of team games, working alongside children from the Exmouth primary schools. It was great fun! Well done Ava, George, Bodhi, Jayden, Bailey, Logan, Florence and Logan!



*Have a lovely Half Term!*  
Mrs. E Jones

## After Half Term Lunch Bookings

**Christmas Lunch has been added for 10<sup>th</sup> December!** You can select this via Parent Pay. This is a really fun lunch period with dressed tables, crackers to pull, and music to sing along to! Packed lunch children are also given a cracker, and they're able to join in the festive atmosphere in the hall on the day.

**We've also swapped the Week 2 chilled options for after half term** as there was no non-cheese option on the Thursday. The Thursday Cheese Sandwich option and the Friday Pasta with Chicken and Sweetcorn options have swapped days. Everyone who'd booked a lunch on those days has been re-booked, but when you're next in Parent Pay please check you're happy with your booked choices: **Affected days are: 20th and 21st November and 11th and 12th December.**

**Please also remember to book *Breakfast Club* places for after half term – come and join in the fun!**

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## Safeguarding Firework Safety

As we enter the firework season with Diwali, Bonfire Night and other celebrations fast approaching, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the importance of firework safety, especially when children are involved.

While fireworks can be an exciting part of autumn and winter celebrations, they also pose serious risks if not handled correctly. At Withycombe, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is always our top priority. With this in mind, we ask all families to be vigilant and responsible when using fireworks at home or attending displays.



### Safeguarding Children Around Fireworks

Children are naturally curious and excited by fireworks, but they should never be allowed to handle or light them. All fireworks and sparklers should be managed strictly by adults, with clear boundaries and supervision in place. We also advise families to attend publicly organised displays if possible, where safety precautions are more likely to be properly enforced.

## The Firework Code

To help keep everyone safe, please follow the official Firework Code:

1. Only buy fireworks that are **CE marked** – these meet UK safety standards.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box **and use them one at a time**.
3. Read and follow all instructions carefully.
4. Light fireworks at arm's length with a taper, **and stand well back**.
5. Never return to a firework once it has been lit, **even if it fails to go off**.
6. Never throw fireworks **or put them in your pocket**.
7. Keep pets indoors **and ensure children are a safe distance away**.
8. **Sparklers are not toys** – never give them to children under 5, and always supervise their use.
9. Have a bucket of water, sand **or a hose nearby for emergencies and used sparklers (which remain incredibly hot after use)**.
10. Respect your neighbours, **especially those with small children, pets, or those sensitive to noise**.

**Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and have a happy half term!**



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Poppy (Dolphin class) and Eliza (Hazel class) took part in their first Trampoline show case on Sunday.



Freddie in Willow class did amazingly well at the Swim Club gala and won a first and two thirds at the event!



Poppy from Dolphin Class gained her 20m swimming badge.



Mattie in Sycamore class, took part in her first swimming gala, coming away with bronze in front crawl and breast stroke and gold in backstroke.



Mattea in Beech class competed in the 'Learn To Swim' gala. She swam in freestyle and backstroke and was awarded silver and bronze medals!



Ava in Otter Class received a medal at her trampolining showcase. She'll soon be bouncing for Withycombe school at the British trampolining competition!



Jacob got his 10 metre swimming badge and certificate this week! He was so proud of himself!



Martha took part in the Exmouth swimming club gala and came 1st in backstroke, 2nd in freestyle and 2nd in breaststroke!



Arthur and Ophelia were awarded their green belts in MMA tonight!

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## BAG2SCHOOL

### FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

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Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember - the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



Please use your own bags, there is no limit.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

### We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies, children's & babies' clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. Please see our website for the full list of what we can and cannot accept.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!*

*Extra bags are welcome - there is no limit*

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

Tuesday 11th November 2025 by 9am



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# Multi Day!

## Friday 14th November

DONATE ONLINE



Scan the QR code or head to [bbc.co.uk/pudsey](https://bbc.co.uk/pudsey) to donate online

Children are invited to come to school in Multi!

**pudsey headbands**

**t-shirts, or merchandise**

**welcome, but not essential**

Voluntary donations can be made using the QR code, or via your ParentPay account.

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## Christmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper Day

*Wednesday 10th December*

*Menu*

Roast Turkey Breast, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Fresh Vegetables, Stuffing & Gravy with a choice of Favourite Festive Desserts.

Vegetarian Option - Quorn Fillet.

Plus: crackers to pull and music to sing along to!

*Wear your Xmas jumper or festive party clothes!*

Book your lunch on Parent Pay.

If you've already booked the Wednesday Roast Dinner option your booking will transfer.

**THE OUTDOORS GROUP**

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS AT EXMOUTH FOREST SCHOOL

**MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

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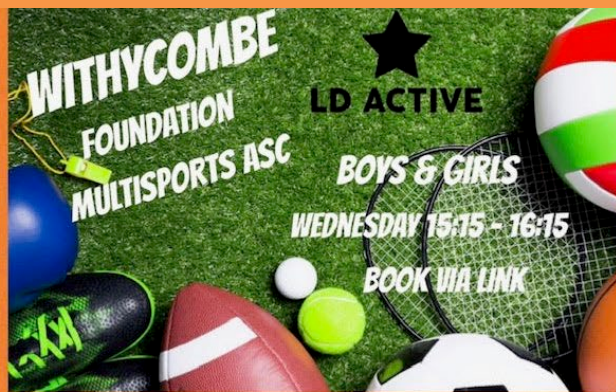
- POTION MAKING,
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- PUMPKIN FACES,
- WAND MAKING,
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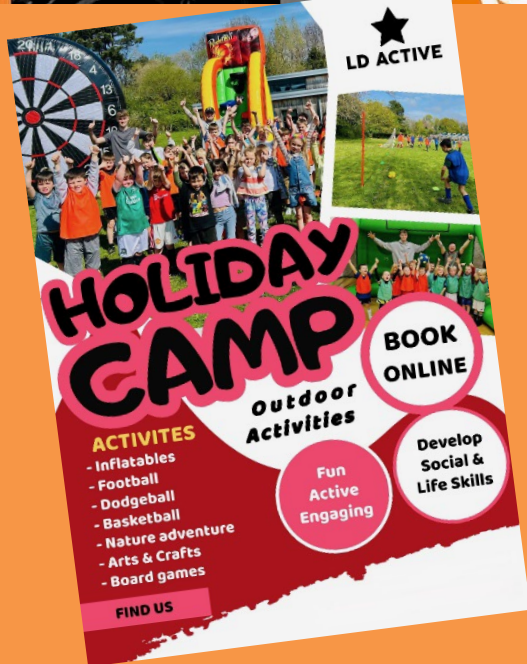


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