

Weekly School News Roundup

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School



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News from your Headteacher

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week for the start of our Autumn term, and a new school year. Staff were busy over the summer getting classrooms and our wider school environment ready for the children's return, and we have lots of exciting learning planned. We hope that the children are looking forward to getting back into the school routine. We are delighted to welcome some new children, including our new Foundation children and their families to our school. We hope that their time at Withycombe Raleigh will be very happy.



This is the School Vision which is being revised



We will be keeping our GRACE Values

On that note, we'd like to encourage you to respond to the survey we shared with you via MCAS about our [new School Vision](#).

We use our school vision to reflect on everything we do. We will have new signs, lanyards, badges and displays made up to ensure that the new vision becomes embedded in our school life. It's important that families have their say, as the new vision will represent **your school**.

We would love as many families as possible to help with this decision, and you can cast your vote here: [Our School Vision for 2026](#)

The survey link takes you to **one simple question**, to please **choose one of the proposed statements**:

- *Together in God's Grace we journey, flourish and achieve.*
- *Together we aspire, flourish and achieve.*
- *Together we journey, flourish and achieve.*

We would like to remind you that in the morning, school **gates open at 8:40am** and teachers will meet children on the playground. Gates will close at 8:45am. Home time for all children is at 3:10pm. If you are collecting more than one child, please don't worry - staff will wait with children on the playground until you arrive. A reminder of the entrances each year group should use:

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| • Bumblebees and Ladybirds | Driveway Gates |
| • Dragonflies and Year 1 | Foundation Gate |
| • Years 2 and 3 | Kitchen Gate |
| • Years 4, 5 and 6 | School Lane Gate |

We are a large and busy school with lots of events and activities going on most of the time. Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date so that you receive the notifications from school. We now send the majority of our communications via MCAS, so to make sure you receive them please make sure your notifications are turned on. Our website and Facebook page are also regularly updated with information and the whole-school weekly newsletter is sent out each Friday to all our families, giving you all a 'round up' of the week as well as upcoming dates for your diaries.



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This week you should have received some correspondence from your class teachers explaining the routines for each week, including arrangements for PE kit, reading books and Wild Tribe. Along with this, you will receive a 'topic web' which will give you a brief outline of what the children will be learning this term. We hope you find this information useful. You can also find links to the documents on our website: <https://www.wrpschool.org/homeconnect-2026>

Contact us

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email the admin team via admin@wrpschool.org, or call us on 01395 263397. You can also email your class teachers directly and we have shared their email addresses below.

Please be aware that class teachers don't usually have the opportunity to check these emails during the school day, so if you have an urgent message please ring our admin office who will be able to help you.

EYFS	bumblebees@wrpschool.org	ladybirds@wrpschool.org	dragonfly@wrpschool.org
Year 1	rabbit@wrpschool.org	hedgehog@wrpschool.org	barnowl@wrpschool.org
Year 2	dolphins@wrpschool.org	seals@wrpschool.org	otters@wrpschool.org
Year 3	sycamore@wrpschool.org	beech@wrpschool.org	willow@wrpschool.org
Year 4	hazel@wrpschool.org	oak@wrpschool.org	maple@wrpschool.org
Year 5	lapwing@wrpschool.org	sandpiper@wrpschool.org	avocet@wrpschool.org
Year 6	kingfisher@wrpschool.org	kestrel@wrpschool.org	osprey@wrpschool.org

Earlier we asked you to help us to select our new school vision, and we have also asked you to complete an online travel plan survey with a link sent to your MCAS account. If you haven't yet done so, you can also help to guide our new Travel Plan by following this link: [Travel Plan](#)

We want our families to be included in these important decisions, so thank you for taking the time to do these quick tasks. Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. E Jones

Click the year group button for your dedicated information page.

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Wellbeing

Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing

At school, your child's emotional wellbeing is important to us. All staff work hard to make sure children feel safe, supported and able to talk about their feelings.

We have a dedicated Wellbeing Webpage on our school website, with useful information, videos and practical strategies to support your child at home. Please visit our Wellbeing Webpage:

<https://www.wrpschool.org/wellbeing-2026>

We encourage families to explore the resources and try suggested strategies at home. You will find resources to help with:

Anxiety: Videos and practical ideas to help children understand and manage feelings of anxiety.

Anger: Information and strategies to support your child when they are experiencing strong feelings.

Grief: Guidance and ideas to help understand and cope with bereavement or family change.

You may find our article on helping separation anxiety a useful read. The 'Start the Day in a Calm Way' article is full of useful strategies for parents to help with any return to school anxiety.



10 Choices for Positive Mental Health

We promote 10 simple choices we can all make to support our own mental health and wellbeing. The beginning of a new school year is a great time for the whole family to think about positive habits that can help us feel happier, healthier and more resilient. Why not look at the 10 choices together as a family and choose one or two to focus on?

Need some extra support?

If you have ongoing concerns about your child's mental health or emotional wellbeing, please talk to your child's teacher. Where further support may be helpful, Mrs Louise Jones our specialist TA supports children whose emotional wellbeing is affecting their experience of school or their learning.

Our Wellbeing Webpage also includes a list of local and national wellbeing and mental health services that families may find useful.

Remember...

You don't have to manage things on your own.

Talking to someone early can make a real difference. Please speak to us if you have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing — we are here to help.

Mrs L Jones, Wellbeing TA

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Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is *everyone's responsibility*.

At Withycombe Raleigh Primary School the safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of every child in our school community.

We also believe that safeguarding is *everyone's* responsibility. Every adult in our school has a role to play in creating a safe, caring and respectful environment where children feel secure, listened to and able to speak to someone if something is worrying them.

Our staff, governors and volunteers receive regular safeguarding training, and are expected to remain alert to signs that a child may need help or protection. Staff know how to respond to concerns and who to speak to, whether those concerns relate to something happening in school, at home, online, or in the wider community.

We work closely with families and other agencies to ensure that children receive the right support at the right time.

Introducing our Safeguarding Team

Our Safeguarding Team is here to listen, support and act on concerns.

Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Smith

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Jones



Mrs Wheeler

Safeguarding Governors



Alison Longhorn



Anna Slade

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong before sharing a concern. It is always better to talk to us if something is worrying you.

What do we mean by safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about much more than responding when something goes wrong. It includes the actions we take to promote children's wellbeing, prevent harm and help children to grow up safe and supported.

This includes:

- ✓ protecting children from abuse, neglect and maltreatment;
- ✓ preventing harm to children's health, development or wellbeing;
- ✓ providing a safe, caring and supportive environment;
- ✓ listening to children and taking their views and worries seriously;
- ✓ helping children to recognise risk and develop the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves safe;
- ✓ working with families and other professionals to provide appropriate support; and
- ✓ taking action when a child may be at risk of harm.

If you are worried about a child - Please talk to us.

You can contact a member of our Safeguarding Team if you are worried about your own child or another child. This might be because of something you have noticed, something a child has told you, or simply because you have a feeling that something isn't right. You do not need to investigate the concern yourself or be certain that abuse or neglect is taking place. Sharing a concern allows us to consider what support or action may be appropriate.

Concerns may relate to a child's experiences at home, in school, online or in the wider community.

Support is available

Devon's Children's Services – Front Door / MASH

Early Help

Early Help is about providing the right support at the right time. It can help families to manage challenges, strengthen relationships, improve wellbeing and prevent difficulties from escalating.

Our school website also contains information, advice and useful links covering a range of safeguarding topics, including online safety, mental health and wellbeing, domestic abuse, bullying, and keeping children safe in the community.

Online safety, including entertainment streaming services

The Internet is an integral part of our lives and enables children to research school projects, stay in touch with their friends, and access entertainment from around the world. By working together, we can remain aware of potential dangers and take measures to ensure our young people get to enjoy the benefits of being online as securely as possible.

Discussions about online safety are a permanent part of our safeguarding work in special school. We have dedicated sessions to focus on this, including assemblies with special guests from the local police and NSPCC, who explain what to do if children encounter anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. We also have fun panto-style performances to demonstrate some of the more subtle dangers we can encounter online, such as other people hiding behind fake identities. If you have any concerns at all please do speak with us.

We've added some useful guides to this page to share what you should know before allowing your children to have access to popular games or apps. If your children share your phone or tablet you may like to think about what permissions you give them, to ensure they're not accidentally exposed to age-inappropriate content.

Our children are often more tech-savvy than we are, but if you keep your passwords secret they shouldn't be able to download or change the settings for anything you wouldn't wish them to have access to. Our children watch TV streaming services like Netflix? You might like to check out the website: Common Sense Media, which is a great option for providing reviews and advice on films, TV, apps and games. If you want to ensure your children aren't accessing age-inappropriate content you can set passwords on your Netflix account.

Click on the images below to expand or view them.

General Guidance and Useful Information

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There are also some videos on our main safeguarding page explaining some dangers children face including County Lines.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead / Deputy Head

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The Withycombe Way

Besides our school Vision and Values, we also have 'The Withycombe Way'. This is a set of school rules which the children helped to decide on, and then they designed the emblems to represent the three rules.

Children may be awarded a certificate for always being 100% ready!



This is just one of the ways that we celebrate children's success in school, whatever form that takes. Children may be awarded Achiever of the Week and get to wear the class badge, or they may receive a certificate for their reading progress.

Children who go the extra mile receive a bookmark and pencil, and they're invited to select a book to keep from Mr Smith's bookshelf!



We also enjoy celebrating achievements gained from clubs and activities outside of school, whether that's sporting achievements, learning to play an instrument, gymnastics, or dance! If you have an achievement you'd like us to share with our school community, please send us a photo or two along with a brief explanation and we'll aim to include it in our next weekly newsletter: email admin@wrpschool.org

Sports and Other Achievements



We've been following Ella's exciting BMX career! She recently competed in rounds 9 and 10 of the BMX National Series in Derby, coming **1st** on both days! Ella then went to Manchester and competed in the **British Championships** and secured 2nd - in some rather changeable conditions. Ella has the Southwest Championships next, before heading to Belgium for rounds 11 and 12 of the European Cup at the end of the month!

Tilda from Kingfisher class and Jessie from Willow class completed the library's Summer Book Quest challenge over the summer holidays. Well done girls!



Does your child start school in 2027?



We'd like to invite you to come and have a look around our popular school with us.

Morning tours, 9:15am

Wed 16th September
Tues 22nd September
Wed 30th September
Thurs 1st October
Thurs 8th October
Wed 14th October
Thurs 15th October
Wed 21st October
Tues 10th November

Wed 18th November
Thurs 19th November
Wed 2nd December

Afternoon tours, 1:15pm

Mon 28th September
Mon 12th October
Mon 9th November
Mon 23rd November
Mon 7th December

Tours last about an hour and children are welcome to come along.

To book your tour: Tel: 01395 263397

or email: bookings@wrpschool.org



For more information about our school please visit www.wrpschool.org, or find us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialWRPSchool>



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15th September,
7:15pm at the School

Set the Agenda for the Year

Decide Where Funds Should Go!

Plan Exciting Events!

Vote for Committee Posts

Get Involved &
Make a Difference!





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OPEN EVENING 2026

Thursday, 24th September 2026 4pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher's Presentation: 4.30pm, 5.15pm, 6.00pm, 6.45pm

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