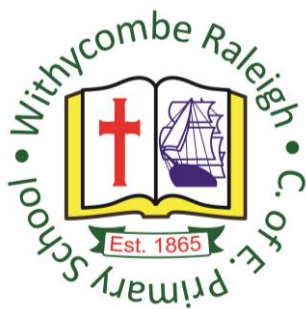


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News from your Headteacher

This week has been a rather wet and windy one, autumn is definitely here! As the weather turns colder and wetter, please remember to send children with a waterproof coat for playtimes. We try to get the children outside if it is just a drizzle but encourage children to wear a coat at these times. As the weather changes, the autumn coughs and colds have started to affect us all and we have had several members of staff absent. We always do our utmost to arrange cover for classes with Teachers or Teaching Assistants who know our school and who can keep the class routines consistent. Sadly, this is not always possible and with all schools in a similar situation and all looking for cover, supply staff are often very hard to come by. It is even more challenging to book the same teacher for long periods of time. Please be assured that if your child's teacher is absent for a day or for longer periods, we do our very best to ensure the learning and routines continue as closely as it would with the usual teacher.

PTFA – calling new members!

Our PTFA has their Annual General Meeting on 28th September 7pm in our Community Room. All parents are invited to attend and we would love to see you there. The new committee have done an absolutely amazing job, raising money for our school over the past year with discos and Summer Fair being real highlights. I have been a part of the Withycombe PTFA for the past 10 years and it has always been a real asset of our school. The funds that the PTFA raise enable us to give the children those 'extra' things that our school budget can't always stretch to. Most recently the PTFA has funded the Panto for all children as a Christmas treat, purchased construction toys for KS1, subsidised trips and visits, and provided funds towards our Well Being Program. So please, please, if you think you might be able to be a part of our fantastic PTFA, come along to the meeting or express an interest to the current Chair, Ali Longhorn (alonghorn@wrpschool.org)

Harvest

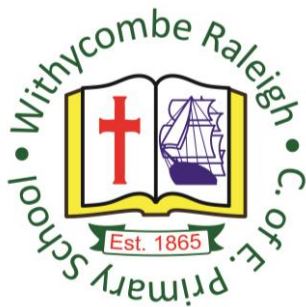
All children will visit the church for Harvest Festival Services on Thursday 28th September. The services are only for staff and children, due to the limited space in the church. If you are kind enough to be planning to donate to the Harvest collection this autumn, please could you focus your contribution on the following items:

- Tins of soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned baked beans and spaghetti
- Tinned meat meals such as stews, meatballs or curry
- Tinned cold meats such as ham or corned beef
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard
- Treats such as chocolates, crisps and sweets.

Please send your voluntary donations to your child's classroom on Thursday 28th September 2023.

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As a school we are able to refer families in need of support to Exmouth Foodbank. All referrals are treated in the strictest of confidence. If you are struggling to 'make ends meet' at the moment and feel that some support from the Foodbank would be helpful, please contact Mrs Jones or Mr Smith or alternatively email enquiries@wrpschool.org and we can arrange for the foodbank to provide you with some food.

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 or 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

Upcoming Events

Friday 13th October

PTFA Disco

Tuesday 17th October 3:30-6:00

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October 3:30-6:00

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Half Term

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 Moses and the Burning Bush. In the story, Moses was set a challenge by God. In school we have discussed challenges that we may all face in the coming weeks. We discussed what we can do to prepare and who we can call on to get help.



Top Tips for Wellbeing

Friendships

It is common for children to have up and down times with friendships. If you find you are regularly concerned, please speak to your child's teacher, however, there is a lot a parent/carer can do to help their child with developing social skills and forming healthy friendships.

The children's mental health charity 'Place2Be', has **5 top tips** to help parents support children with friendship:



1. Work together on friendship skills

Talk to your child about what makes a good friend. Practice friendship skills such as listening, sharing, compromising, and negotiating. Use examples in everyday life and from TV and books. Encourage friendships beyond school, e.g. clubs or play dates.

2. Help build confidence

Give lots of opportunities to connect and communicate with you, particularly for shy children. Practising with you will give them more confidence to connect with others. Have one-to-one play-dates to give your child a chance to practise social skills and deepen friendships without being in a crowd. If you base play-dates around activities your child enjoys, this can help them overcome the initial struggle to engage.

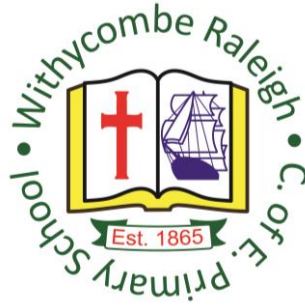
3. Model healthy, positive relationships

Happy relationships between parents and significant adults lead to better mental health for all involved. Children thrive emotionally when they see, and are involved in, warm and caring relationships where they are respected and valued. By modelling positive relationships of your own, you can help your child to see

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what positive, healthy and meaningful relationships should look like, and to recognise when friendships aren't positive.

4. Normalise friendships

Reassure them that it's natural for friends to fall out sometimes. Children's friendships often change and can look different depending on your child's age and stage of development. While having friends at school is important, it is normal for your child to have difficulties with their friendships at times. Let your child know that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing or getting along with others all the time.

5. Talk the talk

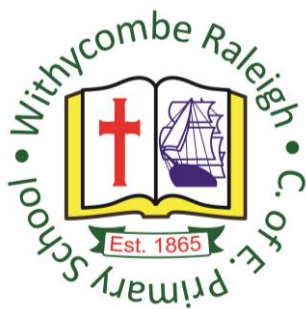
Sometimes children can find it difficult to know what they can say when talking with their peers. You can help by practicing what they can say to make a new friend or to join in with play. This could be to ask a question to another or to invite another child to play with them. Help children to think of questions they can use to make connections with friends, such as:

- Would you like to play (football) or something else during break?
 - That looks good! Can I join?
 - Do you want to play catch?
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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 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:

Winnie from Dolphins achieved her Stage 4 swimming badge.

Nevaeh (Dolphins) completed Junior Park Run during a thunderstorm and achieved her half marathon wrist band.

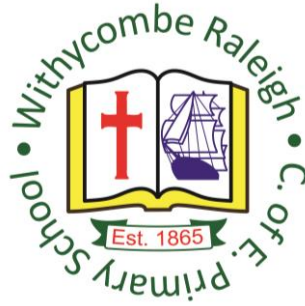
Ella (Year 3) has been busy the last 2 weekends. She was in Manchester at the National Indoor Cycle Centre where she managed 3rd both days and achieved 3rd overall in the National BMX Series. Last weekend she competed in the Southwest Championship where, even after a fall in her 3rd race, she went on to get 2nd in the final.



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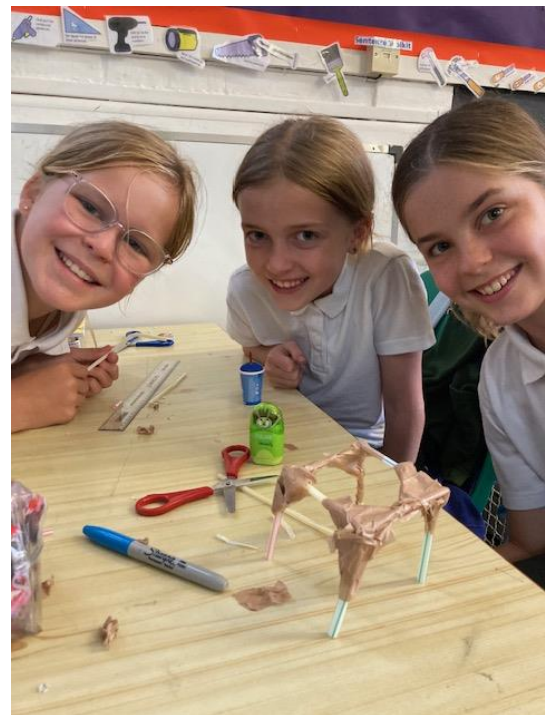
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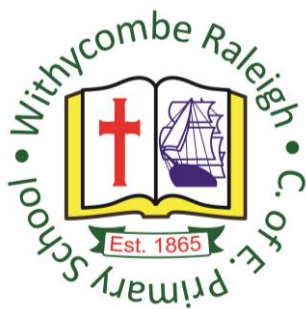


Year 6 are learning about flood resistant housing linked to our Rivers unit. These are stilt frames for a house. Next week they are looking at houses that can float!

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Year 2 looked for birds in our school grounds as part of our Science lesson.

Beth (Year 5) received Player of the Session at football this week.

