

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

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News from your Headteacher

It has been another hectic (and hot!) week at Withycombe! This term is always a busy one, but in school we love giving the children as many opportunities to enhance their learning as possible. As children journey through school, they have opportunities to build their confidence, for example by speaking in class, assemblies or church services; something many adults might find daunting! As time goes on, these small steps help children to become more and more confident in participating and 'public speaking'. The progress made by our children was very evident on Thursday night when **nearly 300 people watched our Year 6 children perform 'Spring Chicken'** at Exmouth Pavilion. It was truly inspiring and magical. We are so proud of each and every one of the children who showed the confidence to take part: acting, singing or helping to create backdrops and props. The singing was spectacular! Lots and lots of hard work went into the production by our talented Year 6 staff and children alike. Thank you to you all for such a wonderful show - we are looking forward to next year already!

Moving On Morning

Our 'Moving on Morning' will be on Tuesday 30th June 9-11:30am (where children spend some time in their new classroom with their new teacher / TAs). You should have received details about which class your child will be joining this September, and who their new teacher / teachers will be (if not, please inform the School Office).

We do have a few staffing vacancies to fill but we hope to appoint teachers next week to fill these positions. As soon as we have appointed, we will let the relevant classes know who their new teachers will be.

Teachers have already met to 'hand over' key knowledge and discuss their classes with the new teachers, so teachers are already prepared prior to 'Moving on Morning' – including any medical or learning needs in each class. These transition conversations will continue over the coming weeks. We hope that children will enjoy their morning in their new classroom.

Parents will also have the opportunity to meet new teachers and visit the new classrooms in September, but in the meantime if you have any important information that you feel needs to be shared with new teachers, please email the current class email account so that this information can be shared.

Extreme Heat

With temperatures set to remain high next week, we would like to remind parents and carers to help children come to school prepared for the heat. Please ensure that your child:

- arrives at school with sun cream already applied
- brings a named water bottle
- wears a sun hat
- is dressed in light, loose-fitting uniform

We experienced a particularly hot spell this week and these warmer summer temperatures are something we may need to become more used to in the years ahead. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children remains our priority. School staff will continue to make sensible adaptations throughout the day, and to the curriculum where necessary. This may include making use of shaded areas, limiting time in direct sun, adapting physical activity and ensuring children have regular opportunities to drink water and stay cool.

Take care in the heat, which is expected to last over the weekend! Mrs Jones



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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Wellbeing: World Wellbeing Week

Running midweek to midweek from 24th to 30th June

It does this on purpose to encourage us to think about a 'midweek reset'!

Ref: <https://worldwellbeingweek.com/>

This year, World Wellbeing Week is about encouraging **practical action**. From small, personal everyday habits to organisation-wide initiatives that help people feel healthier, more supported, and more engaged in our work or routines.

Although the week is generally focussed on the workplace environment, we can also use this week to reflect on our wellbeing whatever we are doing in life.

Choose your starting point

The most important step is choosing a starting point that fits your time, resources, and your organisational culture if you are reflecting on it at work.

IF YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES...

Start small

- Select one focus such as connection, movement, or mental wellbeing
- Encourage one simple action during the week

IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS...

Plan a simple week

Create light structure without overwhelming yourself.

- Outline one key focus for each day of the week
- Include a mix of wellbeing awareness and practical actions
- Support others



Physical wellbeing



Gratitude



Hydration



Movement



Sleep



Connection



Focus



Nutrition



Mental wellbeing

IF YOU WANT LASTING IMPACT...

Build beyond the week

Use World Wellbeing Week as a reset point rather than a one-off moment.

- Ask others about what helps their wellbeing
- Identify one change worth keeping
- Carry successful actions into everyday working practices or routines

Mrs L Jones, Wellbeing TA

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Class registers are taken at 8:45am and again at 1pm

Now that our Withycombe Primary families have begun using MCAS and you can see your children's attendance records, there have been some queries about the marks used - and their meanings. Attendance codes are determined by the Government and are not set by the school. There is specific guidance on how we apply them.

To help you understand what the attendance marks mean, here is a quick run-down of the usual ones you'll see.

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Class Teachers will usually use the following attendance marks:

/ = in on time for morning registers.

\ = in for afternoon registers.

L = late arrival, but before the register is closed at 8:50am.

N = not present for registration and reason for absence not yet established.

Starting at 8:30am each day the Admin team review calls to the absence line, and check for other notifications or information like evidence of medical appointments. Once registration has closed, the Admin team open each class register to check for any N marks and amend them with one of the following options.

Admin updates will include:

U = arrived after registers are closed at 8:50am.

I = absent due to sickness.

M = absent for a medical appointment.

G = absent for an unapproved term time holiday.

E = excluded or suspended.

O = absent in other or unknown circumstances.

C = there are three C codes for approved absences in exceptional circumstances.

K = these codes are for children who attend another education provision at some point during the week, eg SEND children who attend Esteem for targeted sessions.

Why we may text you:

If the register has an N mark and we have not received a message explaining the absence by the time we finish completing the registers, we will text you asking for more information. This is so that we can allocate the correct absence mark, and also ensures that all children are safely accounted for as part of our safeguarding responsibilities – if a child is absent with no contact made, we need to ensure that parents/carers are aware they're not in school!

It's very helpful if you **report your children's absences** as soon as possible - you can now do this **via your MCAS app!** We have the option to 'accept' the notification and we'll complete one of the approved registration marks, otherwise we may need to 'reject' it, in which case we will use one of the unapproved codes as above.

We hope this helps you to understand your children's attendance records.

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Sports and Other Achievements

If you have an achievement you'd like us to share with our school community, please send a photo or two along with a brief explanation, and we'll aim to include it in our next newsletter: email admin@wrpschool.org

Last weekend, a number of Withycombe pupils took part in the **Devon Surf Life Saving Nipper Championships** at Saunton Sands, competing against other clubs from across Devon.

Throughout the day, Harriet, Henry, Ivan, Martha, Tallulah, Hattie and Freddie took part in a variety of beach and water events, including swim races, board races, beach sprints, beach flags and the 1km run.

The team did incredibly well, showing lots of determination, resilience and teamwork.

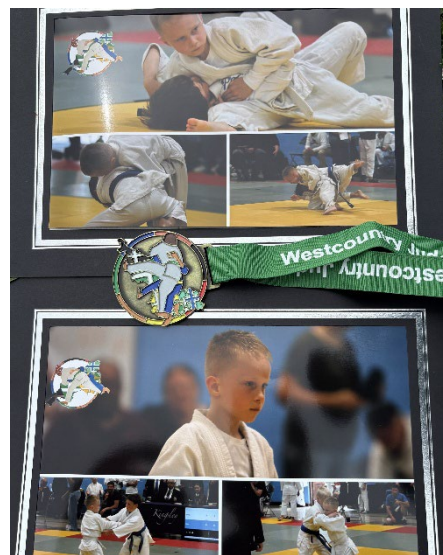
They brought home a number of medals across the different events, including a fantastic **silver medal for the girls' sprint relay team**. Everyone had a great day, supported one another and represented Exmouth Surf Life Saving Club brilliantly.



Blossom smashed her 5k parkrun over the weekend. She finished 14th out of 286 ladies in a time of 22 minutes 53!!



Nicholas won the Gold medal at Westcountry Green Belt and below Judo Competition at Level 2 tournament this weekend representing Exmouth Vikings Judo Club!



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WITHYFEST
2026

Volunteers needed!!
Sign up via QR code

Friday 3rd July
3:15pm - 5:30pm

SCHOOL FIELD
WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Free Entry!!

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- LD Active Inflatables •
- Face painting •
- Glitter tattoos •
- Pocket money shop •
- Second hand uniform •
- Sweet & snack shop •
- Bottle tombola •
- Splat the rat •
- Hook a duck •
- Ice cream •
- and much more!

Tokens will be available via MCAS, closer to the date

Remember to buy tickets to our raffle, prizes released soon

A LICENSED BAR & HOT FOOD WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE!!*

*Card payments and tokens will be accepted at the bar & hot food hatch



WITHYFEST

Festival price guide

FOOD

- Sausages/ Vegetarian sausages - 3 tokens
- Chips - 2 tokens
- Ice creams and lollies - 1 token
- Snacks (2 items) - 1 token
- Candyfloss / popcorn - 1 token
- Pick n mix sweet bags - 1 token

BAR

- Cider / lager / beer - 3 tokens
- Prosecco (glass) - 3 tokens
- Gin & tonic - 3 tokens
- Soft drinks / water - 1 token

Card payment and tokens accepted



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FRIDAY 3RD JULY

RAFFLE PRIZES

- £100 Cash
- £50 Cash
- Day Pass to World of Country Life (2A & 3C)
- Toys from Tesco
- x2 £10 Vouchers Angela's Nails
- £10 Voucher, Kings Garden Centre
- Withycombe Fish&Chip Supper for 2
 - Otters Pocket Discount 15%
 - Poppy's Pet Food x1 2kg bag
 - Bottle of Merlot, Franklins
 - Grazable Voucher £10
 - Bottle Green Hamper

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Festival price guide

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

- Festival face paint / Tattoos - FREE
- Pocket money shop - 1 - 3 tokens
- Bottle tombola - 1 token
- Teddy tombola - 1 token
- Hoopla - 1 token
- Hook-a-duck - 1 token
- Splat the rat - 1 token
- Book Sale (3 books) - 1 token
- LD Active - 1 - 3 tokens

Church Cream Tea

**Saturday 18th July. 2.00pm-4.00pm
at St John The Evangelist, Withycombe
Village Road Church Hall and Grounds**

(Weather permitting)



Come and enjoy a mouthwatering Cream Tea
and a variety of stalls
including cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, a raffle
and lots more!

