

Early Years Foundation Stage

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

6th January 2026

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break, and it has been so lovely to see all the children so excited to come back to school! This half term, we will be focusing on Winter, and we will be embracing the lovely, frosty weather!

EXPLORER DOME

Thank you to all those that have contributed to our exciting Explorer Dome experience – please do log on to ParentPay if you haven't already!

TAPESTRY

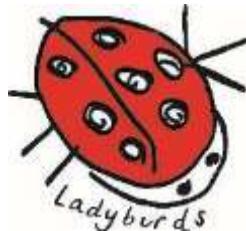
It has been great to see so many of you posting pictures, videos and comments on **Tapestry**. It helps us to build up the assessment picture for your child and the children love sharing the things they have done on the big whiteboard screen. It really helps to build their self-esteem. If you have not managed to log on regularly, please do try to. There are some great pictures showing you all about our week at school and you get a real insight into what goes on!

HOME LEARNING

Well done to all of you who have been **practising phonics and tricky words at home**. It has been really noticeable that the children have been working hard on this. Thank you! Keep an eye out for new challenges in your phonics home learning books each week. Well done to all those that have been practising their maths at home using **NUMBOTS**... we celebrate all those achievers in our celebrations assembly when they reach a new level. Please do send in any Wow moments from outside of school, such as sports awards or any individual achievements such as getting dressed all by themselves!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please remember that **library books are changed every Tuesday and reading/e-books are issued on Fridays**. The **eBooks** are the book they have been reading at school with us and it is so **beneficial for your child to read this to you and show off all of their learning!** If you have lost your log-in, please chat to your class teacher. It is really important that you read regularly together at home and then record this in your child's reading record book. If you have any questions regarding reading, please ask us and we will always be happy to help you.



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NAMING CLOTHES

Thank you so much for naming and labelling school uniform – it helps us out hugely when finding missing uniform so that it can be promptly returned to its owner! Just a gentle reminder that children should come to school with a full bottle of water and a book bag please. **Backpacks are not needed in Reception!** Warm coats are a must during this cold weather – named hats and mittens can be sent in too, for cosy little hands during playtimes!

PE DAYS

PE days are Monday and Friday for Ladybirds and Bumblebees and Thursday and Friday for Dragonflies. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Children will stay in their PE kit for the whole day at school so there is no need for any extra uniform to be brought in.

SCHOOL START TIME

The Early Years Foundation Stage start time is 8.40am. If you are late for school for any reason please report to the main school office where the staff will record this information in the register.

JUNK MODELLING

We would love any of your recycling for our Junk Modelling corners!

PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in supporting our learning at school and would like to volunteer, please chat to your class teacher, as we'd love to have you!

We look forward to working with your child and this exciting term ahead of us! Please remember we are always available to chat if you ever have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to make an appointment to discuss any queries further.

Kind regards,
The Early Years Foundation Stage Team

