

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary  
School**

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## News from your Headteacher

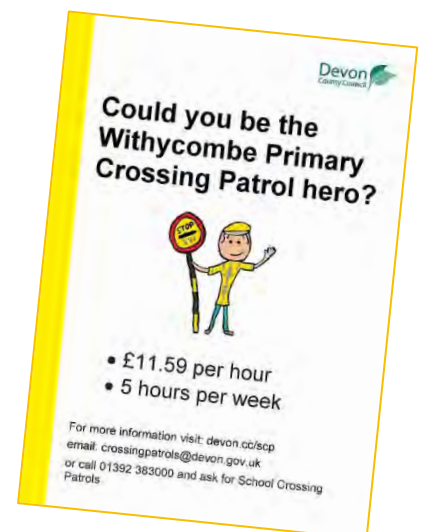
It has been a lovely week in school with children well and truly back into the routine of school life. It's almost like we have never been away! Our new EYFS children have managed their first full days in school very well, although there have been some very sleepy and tired children by the end of the week!



**Traffic congestion and parking** have been ongoing issues for us as a school community for many years, as they are for most schools. At Withycombe we've tried a number of strategies and campaigns in an attempt to alleviate some of these contentious problems.

**How we aim to help:** We often liaise with our neighbours and local PCSOs about the issue of parking on Withycombe Village Road, as well as the road safety team at Devon County Council. I know that many parents feel strongly that we need a crossing patrol outside of school, and indeed Devon County Council has funding for this post. Together with DCC we have been attempting to replace our previous crossing patrol for a while but we haven't been able to fill the vacancy. You can find the details on our school Vacancies page. Patrols are paid 38 weeks for term time, and also an element of annual leave, bank holidays and a half pay "retainer" for the school holidays. There's also a pay award pending.

Until we can recruit for the post there's another option of a **volunteer school crossing marshal scheme**. Further details about the scheme can be found via the link below. If you would be interested in becoming a crossing patrol officer, or a crossing marshal, please either let us know or contact the Devon County Council Road Safety team. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/volunteer-school-crossing-marshal/>



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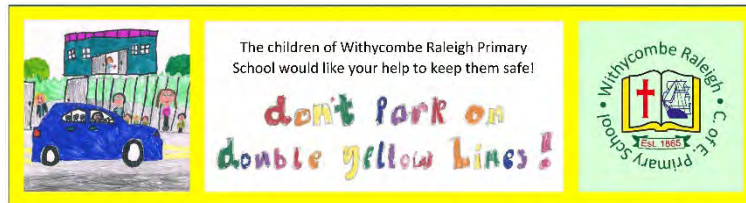


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Unfortunately I have received new complaints from local residents this week reporting issues along Withycombe Village Road, School Lane and Burnside. Residents have informed us that cars are parking across their driveways and blocking their vehicles in, or that cars are parking on the pavement meaning it is difficult for pedestrians, wheelchair users and pushchairs to pass safely. **Please can I request that if you must use your car to come to school that you park considerately and be mindful of the needs of our neighbours - some of whom are elderly or unwell.**



**How we aim to help:** Last year the children completed 'The Longest Walk', a campaign we set up to encourage active travel to school which kept the momentum up for the whole year. We'll be launching this year's scheme soon, and we are also in the process of updating our School Travel Plan which looks at the ways in which staff and children travel to school, and ways in which we can ensure that getting to school is safe, environmentally friendly - and enjoyable!



We love that scooters are popular with all the children and many use them to travel to school. While this is really great, sadly complaints have also been made about children riding dangerously on School Lane and using the road as a 'race track'. If your child travels to school on their bike or scooter, please remind them that School Lane is a shared road for both vehicles and pedestrians, and children need to be mindful of this to avoid accidents or injury to themselves and others. Children are asked to travel slowly in the vicinity of the school where there are lots of pedestrians, and we ask you to please note that **riding of bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters or equivalent is not permitted on the school site, including the playgrounds.**

**How we aim to help:** We provide several covered shelters to store your bikes and scooters. If you bring these into school, please ensure that they are marked in some identifiable way. Some people even hide an Air-tag or equivalent in the bike frame, to prevent loss.

**Can you help?** Have you considered car-sharing with friends, or taking turns to drop children off? Maybe you could organise a 'walking bus', picking up other families who live along the route? Do you have any other ideas that may help to resolve these issues?



## Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have reflected on our school vision and values.

Our school vision is: 'Growing Happy, Caring Hearts and Minds'. This week we have focused on the value of 'Generosity' and how we can all try to be generous both at home and school. We listened to stories that show characters being generous, including The Widow and the Penny and The Rainbow Fish.



Lastly, we share the news that one of our longest serving and much-loved staff members, the wonderful Mrs Sansom, decided over the summer break that she is going to **retire, after 30 years** of looking after the children of Withycombe! Our school will not be the same without her, but we know her beloved grandchildren and family will keep her busy. During her Teaching Assistant career Mrs Sansom has worked across the whole school, but most recently she has supported our youngest children. Her sense of fun, her humour, caring nature and energy has helped countless children and staff over the years, and she is adored by everyone.

Although she's not returning to school this term, Mrs Sansom will be having an official celebration of her time here very soon, so that staff and children can all say farewell properly!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. E Jones

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## Safeguarding Information and Contacts

At Withycombe Raleigh Primary School we are committed to safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of our children. Our school recognises its moral and statutory responsibility for safeguarding and takes this very seriously. In fact, we believe that 'safeguarding is MY responsibility' – meaning that it is everyone's individual responsibility to ensure that our children are kept safe.

All of our staff, governors and volunteers receive annual (and ongoing) safeguarding training. Each member of staff knows what to do and who to speak to if they are concerned about a child in our care, whether they are at school, at home, or in the wider community. We follow procedures to ensure children are listened to and receive effective support and protection.

## Our Safeguarding Team Seeking advice and dealing with concerns

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Safeguarding Team if you have any worries regarding a child, even if you are unsure about the significance of a concern. Posters are displayed around the school site, and visitors to our school are given a leaflet reminding them of their responsibility regarding safeguarding. If you are worried about your own child's or someone else's safety or wellbeing (including out-of-school contexts) you may also contact the 'MASH' Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0345 155 1071 or email [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Safeguarding Leads			Safeguarding Governors	
Mr Mike Smith	Miss Kathryn Lee	Mrs Emma Jones	Mrs Sam Wheeler	Alison Longhorn	Anna Slade
					

## What is safeguarding?

*Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.*

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

For additional safeguarding information, please refer to the safeguarding page on our school website which contains a wealth of information and useful links: <https://www.wrpschool.org/safeguarding>. I would also like to encourage parents and carers to look out for the safeguarding themes and updates which are communicated in our school newsletter throughout the year.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead

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## Our Harvest Service will be on 24th September

If you're kind enough to be planning to donate for our Harvest Festival this year, children can bring voluntary donations to class.

We would be grateful to receive the following priority **TINNED** items please:

Soup	Tuna	Tomatoes	Fruit
Baked beans / Spaghetti	Meat meals such as stews, meatballs or curry	Cold meats such as ham, chicken or corned beef	Rice pudding / Custard



**Thank you for your generosity.**  
All donations will benefit the Exmouth Foodbank.



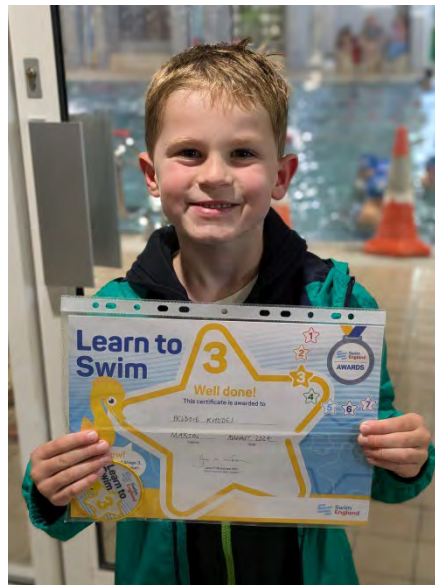
## Sports & Achievements!

If your child has received an award or accomplished an achievement outside of school that you'd like to share, please email a photo and brief description to [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org), and we'll aim to include it in our weekly newsletter.

Tilda from Hazel Class has completed her Stage 4 in swimming, moving up to Stage 5. Well done Tilda!!



Freddie achieved his Stage 3 in swimming this weekend. Brilliant, Freddie!



Reggie won the 'top trainer' trophy at football on the weekend – that's great!



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We'd like to welcome you to a tour of our popular school.



## Is your child starting school in 2025?

You can now book your school tour:

### September 2024:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30pm  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

### October 2024:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:15am  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm

School tours last about an hour. Children are very welcome.

## To book your place:

Tel: 01395 263397 or email: [bookings@wrpschool.org](mailto:bookings@wrpschool.org)



For more information about our school please visit [www.wrpschool.org](http://www.wrpschool.org)

Find us on Facebook!  
<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialWRPSchool>

## Come join our weekend of celebration at St John the Evangelist Church Withycombe Raleigh 160th Anniversary (1864-2024)

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th September



### What's on and when...

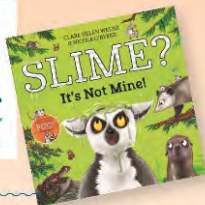
Friday 27th September	FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS WELCOME	Saturday 28th September
Church open from 10.00am		Church open from 10.00am
Exhibition and Displays		Exhibition and Displays
Children's Church Trail		Children's Church Trail
<b>3.30pm</b> Withycombe Raleigh Primary School Choir and Art Competition Presentation		<b>10.00am</b> Bell Ringing Demonstration
<b>4.00pm</b> 160th Celebration Cake and Juice		<b>2.00pm</b> Organ Recital
<b>5.15pm</b> Martial Arts Display in Hall		<b>2.30pm</b> Church Choir Anthems
<b>7.30pm</b> Exmouth Shanty Men		<b>3.00pm</b> Saxophone Recital
		<b>3.30pm</b> Crikey Moses! (Fun musical)
		<b>6.30pm for 7.00pm</b> Hymns and Pinnms Refreshments in Hall 10-4.30pm

### Sunday 29th September

**9.30am** Village Procession to Church **10.00am** Sung Eucharist for Michaelmas  
**4.00pm** Choral Festal Evensong. Church open 11.00am - 4.00pm

## BUDLEIGH SALERTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING BOOKS BY THE SEA



## Events for Families

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Aardman Model Making**  
**Rob Biddulph**  
**Yuval Zommer**  
**Clare Helen Welsh**

**Manga Workshops**  
**Music-Making Workshops**  
**Free activities!**



X @budleighlitfest @budlitfest Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival



### YUVAL ZOMMER

*The Wild*

Date: Sat 21st Sept  
 where: Playhouse  
 time: 2pm  
 ticket: £8  
 age: 4-8 years\*



Once upon a time, somewhere not far away, was the Wild. The Wild was huge and giving, and everything from insects, to birds, to humans made their home in it. At first, people lived lightly and took what they needed, but when they started to take more, the Wild suffered. For the Wild to be healthy, someone must be brave enough to raise their voice... Meet the artist and writer with his latest beautiful picture book and an inspiring tale. Includes an interactive reading and drawing activities, perfect for budding young artists and nature lovers. \*Adults are expected to buy a ticket.



### WREN MUSIC

*Music Workshop*

3-9 years  
 where: Church on the Green  
 time: 10am-11am  
 ticket: £5

Our regular musical bonanza with our local brilliant music organisation. Come along for some improvised fun where you'll play along to stories. No skills or experience necessary. Adults are expected to buy a ticket and join in!

## How to book

You can buy tickets:

- Online at [budlitfest.org.uk](http://budlitfest.org.uk)  
 Tickets can be downloaded as eTickets or, for £2.50, posted to you. Tickets can be posted up to 96 hours before an event.
- In person at the Budleigh Information Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm
- By phone: 0333 666 3366 (open Mon-Fri, 9am-7pm excluding bank holidays, Sat 9am-5pm)
- During the Festival, tickets are also available at the Festival Hub Marquee on the Green subject to availability. Cash or cards accepted.

- Children under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years of age) unless specified. We cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children, and adults are expected to purchase a ticket for events unless specified.

For full terms and conditions and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, go to [budlitfest.org.uk](http://budlitfest.org.uk)



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## Exmouth Music Centre

Fun and affordable music tuition

Learn Together Group  
For complete beginners

Play Together: Next Steps Group  
A band for those that have progressed from the Learn Together Group and those having instrumental lessons

Brixington Primary School  
Friday evening from 4.30pm

Scan the QR code to sign up  
or email [kandsgmusic@outlook.com](mailto:kandsgmusic@outlook.com)  
for further details



WORK WITH UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES

PLAYERS WANTED (NEW YEAR 4)


# FOOTBALL

## UNDERS 9S

PLAYERS WANTED  
(24/25 SEASON)

JOIN US: CONTACT JOHN  
[JOHN.EXMOUTHOWN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHN.EXMOUTHOWN@GMAIL.COM)

## British Sign Language Community Course




Wednesdays - 5.30pm-7.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept to 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024  
£88

Venue: Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary, Exmouth

This fun and popular BSL community course is 5 weeks long (10 hours), taught by a Deaf tutor & hearing assistant. You'll cover the alphabet, greetings, numbers, family, food & drink and much more. It's a great introduction to BSL and Deaf Awareness.


A great way to get a feel for this beautiful language, aid communication & learn a life skill!

Book Now  
[sharon@bslenabling.co.uk](mailto:sharon@bslenabling.co.uk)  
Small classes mean limited availability and payment secures your place



[www.jabhockey.co.uk](http://www.jabhockey.co.uk)

# JUNIOR HOCKEY



WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER  
FOR 8 WEEKS  
4PM - 5PM

THE CRANFORD CLUB, EXMOUTH  
Boys & Girls in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Initial taster session for £6  
or £45 for all 8 sessions

BOOKINGS -  
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07971 073270