

# Weekly School News Roundup

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## News from your Headteacher

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who have been participating in SATs this week. The children have taken the assessments in their stride and most have even quite enjoyed the experience. I have to admit that some of the questions on the papers have been challenging. Thank you to all the staff who came in early to provide children with breakfast before the tests. The children seemed to enjoy having breakfast together (and chatting) before the start of the school day and we feel that this 'social' breakfast helps to relax the children before the assessments. SATs results will be shared with parents on the annual reports, which will be sent home on 11th July.

Class Teachers are starting to compile the end of year reports at the moment and all children will receive their reports on the 11th July. These will contain details of your child's attainment and progress this year.

### Sports Day

One of the highlights of the school year is our annual sports day. This is a lovely event which is always really well supported by all our families. This year, Sports Day will be held on Thursday 20th June (weather permitting). If you haven't attended a Withycombe Sports Day before, please read the information attached in detail; it can become a bit complicated, especially if you have children in both KS1 and KS2. Reminders will be sent out nearer the time.

Have a great weekend, and I hope to see some of you at Phear Park on Sunday!

Mrs Jones, Headteacher

### Collective Worship:



We celebrated Pentecost this week with a whole school Collective Worship in the School Hall. The children participated in songs and listened to readings and prayers. Rev Judy joined us for the service too.

Pentecost is regarded as a very important festival in the Church Calendar and is often described as the 'birthday' of the church.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- **Withy ParkRun** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Phear Park
- **Half Term** 27<sup>th</sup> May - **Tues 4th June**
- Y6 Transition Tuesday 11th June
- **Sports Day** Thursday 20th June
- Y6 Production Tuesday 25th June: Pavilion
- Y2 Escot Trip Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **PTFA Withyfest** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Y6 Leaver's Service Tuesday 23rd July
- **Last day of term!** Tuesday 23rd July

### Contact us:

You can email your child's teacher using the class email account which you can find on the school website under your Year Group page (via Home Connect page). Remember that teachers don't have an opportunity to check their emails during the school day as they're busy teaching, so if you have an urgent message please contact the school office. Tel: 01395 263397, email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)

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# School Sports Day

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Timetable for the day

8:50 am	<b>Everyone:</b> Registration in class as usual	
9:00 am	<b>KS2</b> will walk to Withycombe Rugby Club	
9:15 am	<b>KS2</b> Sports Events begin	
12:10 pm	<b>Everyone:</b> Family Picnic on the School Field	
1 pm	<b>Everyone:</b> Registration in class as usual	
1:20 pm	<b>Foundation/KS1</b> Sports Challenges begin	

### KS2 Sports Day Guide

Events will begin at approximately 9.15am at Withycombe Rugby Club. Children take part in a series of physical activities as a class. This will be followed by track races: relays, and individual sprints. Children will walk back to school in time for the family picnic. Families are warmly welcomed to come along and watch from the side-lines. *Please note, there will be no parking allowed at the club. Please be considerate of residents when parking.*

### Family picnic on the school field - 12.10pm until 1pm

*You may bring picnic blankets and/or fold-up chairs if you wish. Please no alcoholic beverages.*

**1pm = time to clear the field so the afternoon events can be set up!**  
**Please move your picnic blankets/chairs to the outer boundaries of the field.**

### Foundation & KS1 Guide

The KS1 Sports Challenge begins at 1.20pm on the School Field. This will be a series of physical competitive and non-competitive activities. Children will wear school PE kit, with badges provided on the day to show their House Colour.

- **Please send your children to school with their own clearly labelled picnic lunch.**  
*(This is so they have lunch available in case we have to cancel at short notice due to poor weather)*
- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle.
- All children should come to school wearing their PE kit for the day.
- KS2 pupils will be asked to wear a coloured T-shirt to show their allocated House (further details to follow).
- All children should have sun cream applied before school, and wear a sun hat.
- **We are not providing school dinners on Sports Day.**  
We expect that children will want to join their family for a picnic lunch on the field. If your KS2 child is entitled to a free school meal, the kitchen can provide your child with a packed lunch.

**The PTFA will be selling refreshments – remember to bring some cash!**

*Please return this slip to the school office before Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
if your child requires a school packed lunch on Sports Day*

Child's name: ..... Class .....

*My KS2 child is entitled to FSM and we wish to request a packed lunch from the school kitchen on sports day.*

Parent/Carer name ..... Signed.....

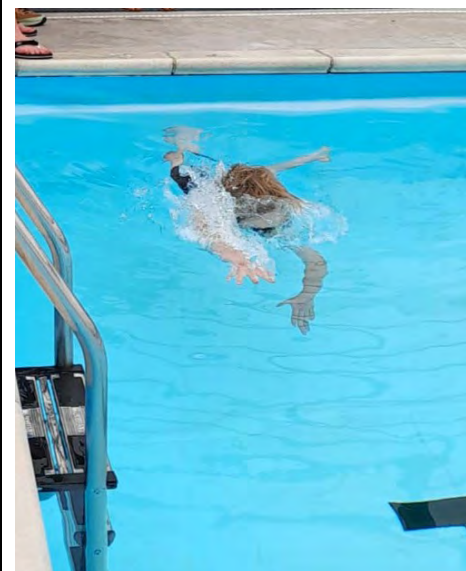
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Year 6 enjoyed their SATs breakfasts!



Wow! We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all our fantastic Year 5 and 6 children who entered the [Withycombe and Swim Devon Aquathlon](#) on Wednesday 15th May.

This event is now in its 3rd year, and every year the children just keep getting better and surprise us more and more with their attitude, determination and sportsmanship. What we love about this event is that it attracts a huge variety of children and even though there are medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, the personal challenge to complete the course and persevere shines through! Well done Year 5 & 6, we are very proud of you all!



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**Year 4** are learning about '**Living Things and their Habitats**' in Science so they took the opportunity to investigate the estuary and discover the creatures living in our local area.



**In Year 1** this week we have been developing our **knowledge of fractions!**

To help us understand this, we buttered and cut slices of bread into quarters. We had to make sure we cut the bread into 4 equal parts. We enjoyed eating the quarters afterwards!



**Display Board of the Week!** The fabulous children have drawn portraits of... *everyone!* That's all the children, teachers, TAs, admin staff, all other support staff – and we all have a place on the 'family trees' in the corridor!

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## Sports and Achievements

If you have any news about sports or other achievements from outside of school that you'd like to share, please email a photo and brief explanation to [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org).



Last Saturday several children from Withycombe Raleigh Primary School performed at the RA Dance Academy's **Dazzling Debuts** dance show at the Barnfield Theatre. All of their hard work paid off and it was a fantastic show! Mrs Jones also went along to watch the 'Withy contingent' and thought the performers were absolutely **dazzling!** *Well done to all the dancers - we love your costumes too!*

It was Eden's first dance show and she was amazing!



Eliza, Freya, Mabel and Harriet from Maple class also really enjoyed performing.



It was Anya's first dance show too and she did brilliantly!



Freya danced a solo, a duet, and was also in several group performances!

Isabelle also took part in 'Dazzling Debuts' on Saturday.... *and then...*



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...Isabelle had a busy weekend! After performing at the dance show on Saturday, on Sunday she was then awarded **TREDS Award** at **Exmouth U12 Girls Rugby Awards**.



Players from Year 4 celebrated the end of the rugby season last Sunday at the **Withycombe RFC Under 9's Awards**.

Each player received a medal, and a few players received an additional trophy for special achievements or attributes throughout the season.



Jack from Hazel Class was awarded the **TREDS Award Rugby Values trophy** at **Exmouth RFU under 9s**. These values help everyone involved to enjoy the game.



*We love to see that children from Withycombe Raleigh Primary School practice sharing good values outside of school too. Seeing so many students receiving awards like the TREDS award for Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship shows what amazing children we have at our school, and it makes us all very proud!*

Blossom, Luca, Archie & David from Hedgehog Class all achieved their purple stripe belt at Lil YAMA martial arts on Monday!



Lexi completed a gruelling 3 hour exam to complete her black stripe kick boxing belt in April.

She not only completed her belts fitness elements: kicks and punches, she maintained the high effort to encourage the other women of all ages - 10-60s year old - she was an amazing team player!

Lexi, at the age of 10, is now **Junior Assistant** and a **Deputy Black Belt** with a distinction grade!

Goodness – how amazing!



Whether you're already the sporty type - or not - remember to join Mrs Jones and some of the other school staff **this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, ready to run at 9am** to make up a Withy contingent for the **Junior ParkRun!**  
*It's a fun event for all abilities.... nobody is left behind!*

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