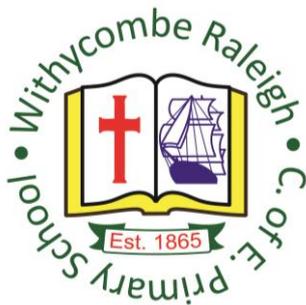


# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**



**Date: 14/05/2021**

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

---

## News from your Headteacher

I hope that you have all had a lovely week; only two more weeks until half term. There will be lots of things going on between now and July and communications regarding these events will be sent via texts and email. Please ensure we have up to date contact details for you as we don't want anyone to miss out on the lovely things planned. Our website and Facebook pages are also updated regularly and a good source of information about things going on in school.

As a school, the development of reading has been a key focus for us over the past year. We know that being able to read is vital to children's learning across all subjects. At Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School we view learning to read as one of the most important parts of your child's time at school. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the whole of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, reading can open doors to all kinds of new worlds for children. We hope that all children leave our school with a love of reading and as confident and fluent readers.

Once children start to read it is vital that children get the opportunity to practice their skills regularly both at home and at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants undertake reading practice with children each and every day in school and this can be done in a variety of ways; 1:1 reading, guided groups, reading comprehension tasks, phonics lessons to name just a few of the ways children develop their reading with us.

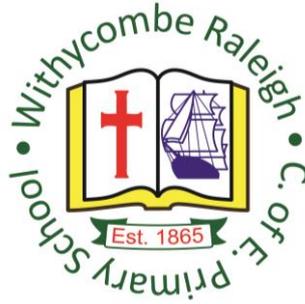
In addition to this, it is really beneficial for children to read every day at home. The more children practice, the easier reading becomes and the more they enjoy it. We would encourage all parents and carers to prioritise reading at home and where possible to follow the guidance in our home learning policy:

EYFS children to read at home for 5-10 mins per evening; Year 1 and 2, 10-15 mins per evening; Year 3 and 4, 15-20 mins per evening and Year 5 and 6, 20-30 mins per evening. But any time at all that your child spends reading (independently or with you) is massively beneficial to their development.

---

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School



**Date:** 14/05/2021

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

---

There are lots of tips about how to support your children with reading on the Booktrust website:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

### **Top tips for reading at home**

Find a quiet place with no distractions.

Turn off televisions, radios, computers and tablets.

Take time to look at each page. You don't need to make sure your child gets every word right. It is ok for both of you to make mistakes!

Let them talk to you about the pictures. This helps them look for meaning and to think about what they see happening on the page.

Don't forget to smile.

Ask questions when you are reading together.

For example:

- What do you see on this page?
- How do you think the characters feel?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- When you have finished, talk about how your child feels about the book:

Most importantly, have fun!

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](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org) or [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) or call us on 01395 263397. 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 [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org).

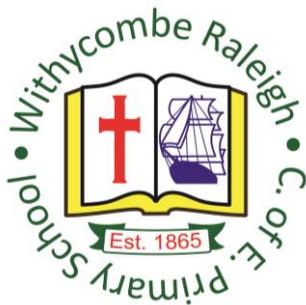
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. E Jones

---

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School



**Date:** 14/05/2021

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

---

### Upcoming Events

#### **Monday 17th May**

Bags2Schools

#### **Friday 28th May and Friday 4th June**

PTFA Free Virtual Discos at 7pm

#### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Half Term

#### **10<sup>th</sup> June**

Trinity Day

#### **28<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Kindness Week

#### **24<sup>th</sup> June**

Provisional date for Sports Day

#### **5<sup>th</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Activities Week

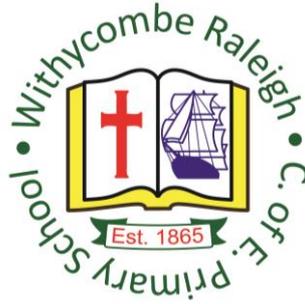
#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Last Day of Term

---

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**



**Date: 14/05/2021**

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)



## Collective Worship

This week we have been thinking about global issues by considering what a refugee is, to understand their plight and to develop an empathy for these people.

## Top Tips for Wellbeing - Being Mindful in Nature!

**Mindfulness** is where we give our mental attention to being in the present moment, avoiding dwelling on the past or thinking about the future. By doing this regularly we may be able to help reduce feelings of anxiety, worry or sadness in ourselves and our children.

This week is **Mental Health Awareness Week** with the theme of **Connecting with Nature**. This is a great opportunity to practice Mindfulness with the help of Nature!

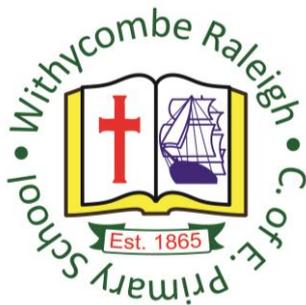
One way to do this is by using our senses - **sight, smell, hearing, touch**.

Try a nature walk this weekend. Talk with your child about:

- What they like in the scenery around them;
- How many things they can spot that are the colours of the rainbow;
- Which flowers smell the best;
- What different sounds can they hear;
- How many leaves can they find with different textures;
- And above all have fun in the present moment!

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School



**Date:** 14/05/2021

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

---

### Safeguarding

As a school, we are committed to being actively anti-racist. Our community is diverse in many ways, and we believe that this diversity brings strength and opportunity. The notion that our children or members of our community would be judged on anything but their character, hard work or achievement is abhorrent to all of us at Withycombe.

We recognise that racism is something that we must not accept, and recent events across the world should serve as a reminder of how important this is. It has been great to hear so many of our children talk passionately about the 'black lives matter' campaign including 'taking the knee' – some great role-modelling from those premiership footballers!

Our school staff all want the very best for our children and we recognise that education is the most important tool in overcoming any type of discrimination.

It is by helping children to understand the world that we enable them to be the critical and creative thinkers that we want them to become; this has been central to our curriculum design. We continuously review our plans in order to better address these issues. We do this through our assemblies, topics and themes – underpinned by our school's GRACE values, our RSHE curriculum and British Values.

It is vital that we help our children to understand at their own level; I would like to share some of the different ways we do this in school:

- Celebrating diversity – we talk openly about the different ethnic groups in our classes and celebrate the different identities or countries of origin within our school community – including our staff and families.
- Talking about the fact racism does exist – we celebrate all the good things about diversity, but also recognised that we need to be honest about the challenges. We make sure that our pupils know what they should do if they have witnessed or experienced racism.
- Challenging pupils when they say something based on prejudice or stereotypes, and correcting misconceptions. We use everyday incidents and scenarios as opportunities to educate. We use non-judgemental questions, such as "what makes you think that?", rather than telling pupils off or closing down a conversation

Our intent as a school is for our pupils to know how they can recognise and eventually actively challenging racism.

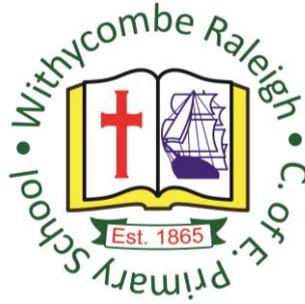
If you ever find it difficult to talk with your children about the issue at home, please get in touch and we can offer support and advice.

**Mike Smith-Designated Safeguarding Lead**

---

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**



Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

**Date: 14/05/2021**

## 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](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavor to include as many of your photos as possible each week.

Enid (Dragonflies) won the 'player of the week' trophy at rugby for good listening, skills and working well with her partner.

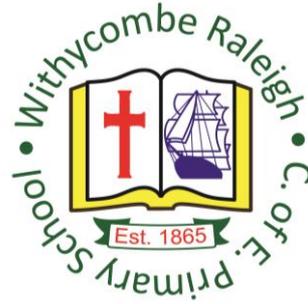
Barney (Seals) passed his Stage 3 for swimming.

Dean (Oak) played in his first rugby game and scored his first try. He was awarded 'Player of the Week'



# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**



Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

**Date: 14/05/2021**

## Year Group News



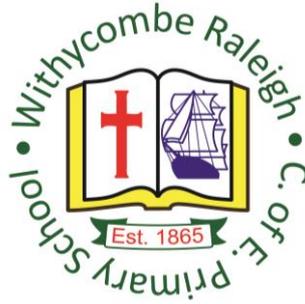
Year 4 have used clay to create 'evil eyes'  
They look amazing and are very effective.



# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

**Date: 14/05/2021**



Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)



Year One have spent time in our Nature School. They made 'seed bombs' of wildflowers to bring some colour to our school grounds for the summer.

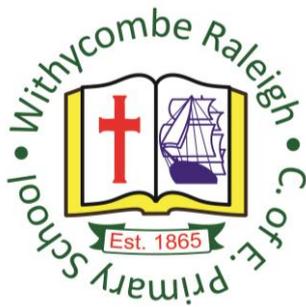


Palaeontologist role play area- digging for dinosaurs

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**

**Date: 14/05/2021**



Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)



This week the Foundation children have been learning about longer and shorter. At Nature School they had to find a stick that was 'just right for me'. They measured them carefully to make sure they fitted exactly from the base of their hand to the top of their middle finger. Later in the Foundation garden, the children had to find a stick that was longer and a stick that was shorter than the stick that was just right.

# Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh  
C of E Primary School**



**Date: 14/05/2021**

Mrs Emma Jones, Headteacher  
Withycombe Village Road  
Exmouth, Devon, EX8 3BA

Please ring us on: (01395) 263397  
email: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)  
website: [wrpschool.org](http://wrpschool.org)

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE?

Amanda's  
Mini Mates



Hello, I am Amanda Macdonald-Brown, an Outstanding Ofsted Registered Childminder.

My friendly, homely setting is based in Brixington.

I have a space available for a 1 – 3 year old in September 21. Term time only.

I am fully funded for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for childcare and are interested in my setting, please contact me to have a chat and meet up.

I can be reached via Facebook, or contact me by telephone on 07974 311590 or by email: [amandasminimates@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amandasminimates@hotmail.co.uk)