

# Weekly Newsletter

## 05/12/25



### *This Week in school*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festivities of Christmas are beginning at Wynstream. Thanks to Pinnacle for the Christmas tree that they have donated to school. Thanks also to Mike (caretaker and parent) for the generous donation of a living Christmas tree. This will be in the library and hall for the next few weeks and then will be planted out in a location chosen by the School Council.

This week the staff had training both in Wynstream and for some others off site on Monday, hence the non-pupil day.

On Tuesday due to a leak in the hall heating system we sadly had to cancel clubs, rehearsals and assembly.

On Wednesday our Year 6 children visited Exeter School for a production of Grease. Mrs Warren, one of our student teachers, commented, "I wanted to say how brilliant Wynstream were today during our trip to Exeter School. They behaved so respectfully throughout the entire morning. It is an absolute honour to be part of the Wynstream team and I feel extremely lucky to be working with Year 6 (and 5). Well done!"



Also on Wednesday, we had our first baby and toddler group in the Nurture room that is being run by Nic Carpenter. Thanks to the 8 parents and little ones who came along. All are welcome and it is completely free.

The group includes play, chat, singing, snacks and a cuppa with a biscuit or two for adults. Every Wednesday from 9-11am.

We would like to thank Costcutter for donating items to our Parent/toddler group.

Nic Carpenter who is running the sessions commented:

"It was an amazing turnout for our first session of the Parent/toddler group.

Both the children and adults who attended the session had a great time. We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks where we will have lots of fun Christmas things to do on the lead up to Christmas."

On Thursday our choir visited Devon County Hall to perform for the whole council. The children were wonderful, as ever. Thank you to Chantelle Gibbs and Debbie Coles for volunteering on the trip.

Councillor Alan Connett, "What great ambassadors your children were yesterday when they came to County Hall to sing favourite Christmas carols and songs.

They were a joy to hear - and thank you so much for sharing the joy by arranging for the children to come along.

I hope they enjoyed the trip out, and that it wasn't too daunting.

If you have the chance, do please pass on my thanks and appreciation. They are a credit to you and the school."



This week's events

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### *Eat with your family!*

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Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 6 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 8th December. Lunch will begin around 12:50 pm (some classes may be slightly later).

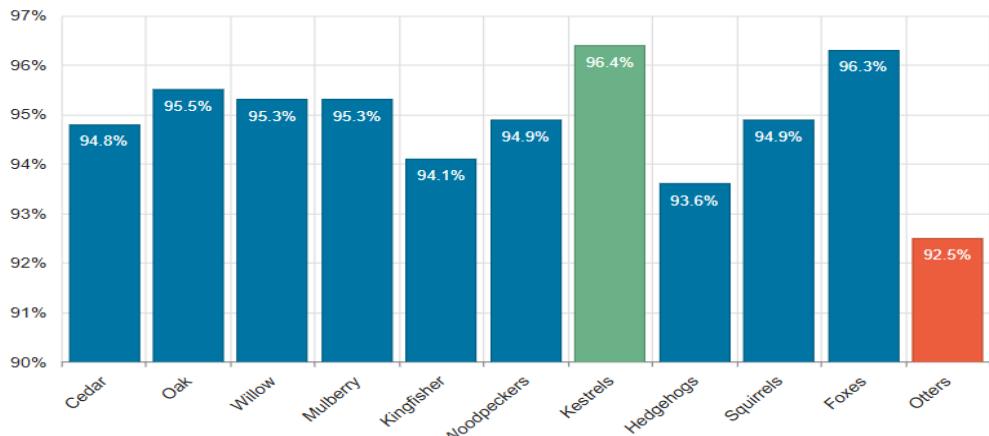
- Cost: £3.50 per meal (payable via the school office or ParentPay)
- Places: Limited to 10 guests, first come, first served
- Sign-up: [Eat with your Year 6 child- Dec 25 Monday 8th Dec- Friday 12th Dec – Fill in form](#)

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### *Attendance*

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On Thursday, we shared November's attendance in an assembly.



Once again, the Kestrels have won the attendance prize for November. However, Foxes were incredibly close behind in silver position. Then Willow, Oak and Mulberry all at over 95%. Well done to all- getting closer to our aim of 97%.

We wonder who will get the award for December?

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### *Additional Information*

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#### **Farewell to Miss Passfield**

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to **Miss Passfield**, who is leaving us after 12 wonderful years at Wynstream. She began her journey here as a teaching assistant and has since become an exceptional teacher and leader, making a huge impact in music, English, and in our choir both within our school and beyond.

To celebrate her time with us and to say farewell, we warmly invite you to join us for a **farewell tea on Thursday, 18th December, after school**. It will be a lovely opportunity to share memories and wish her well.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr Rouse will be teaching in Willow class from January. He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are confident he will be a fantastic addition to the team. As ever, the Year 5/6 team of Mrs Tickle, Mr Coven and Miss Turvey will work closely with Mr Rouse to ensure that all the children have the best possible transition.

Jelana, our cook also shares, “We had a visit from the local authority yesterday, during which our kitchen was inspected to ensure we meet all hygiene standards and requirements. I’m happy to share that we were awarded a Food hygiene rating of 5.”



Steve Race MP wrote to us recently,

"Thank you to all the children who entered my Christmas Card competition this year.

I received many entries, and I had a tough time picking a winner. It is always such fun to look through the entries and see such talent in our young people.

I am pleased to announce that **Nicole K** (Willow class) from Wynstream Primary school has been picked as one of Steve's runners up and a small picture of her entry will be displayed inside the card. I thought that Nicole drew a beautiful and realistic Robin. Once again thank you to all those who entered and keep an eye out for any cards coming your way in the next few weeks."



## Online Safety

Further to an incident outside of school at the weekend involving some children from Wynstream, we would like to remind parents some advice about staying safe online:

### Follow Age Restrictions

Most social media and messaging apps have age limits:

- **WhatsApp** – Minimum age **13** in the UK (previously **16**)
- **Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram** – Minimum age **13**

These rules exist to protect children from harmful content and strangers.

### Practical Tips for Parents

#### ● Check App Permissions

Disable location sharing and features that allow strangers to connect.

#### ● Set Up Parental Controls

Use tools like Google Family Link or built-in device settings to manage screen time and app downloads.

#### ● Regular Check-Ins

Ask open questions:

*"Who do you chat with online?"*

*"Has anyone sent you something that made you uncomfortable?"*

#### ● Model Good Habits

Show children how you use technology responsibly.

## Teach Children These Rules

- **Think Before You Click**

If something feels wrong, stop and tell an adult.

- **Never Share Passwords**

Except with parents.

- **Be Kind Online**

Treat others as you would in person.

## Signs to Watch For

- Sudden secrecy about devices
- Emotional changes after using apps
- Unexplained new contacts or usernames

## Talk PANTS with Your Child

The NSPCC's **PANTS rule** helps children understand that their body belongs to them and they should speak up if something feels wrong:

- **P** – Privates are private
- **A** – Always remember your body belongs to you
- **N** – No means no
- **T** – Talk about secrets that upset you
- **S** – Speak up, someone can help

Learn more at [NSPCC PANTS Guide](#).

**If you're worried about your child's safety online, contact:**

 Devon MASH on **0345 155 1071** | Out of hours: **0300 456 0100**

If a child is at immediate risk, call **999**.

Please speak to any staff member if you need help or advice about any of these issues.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week on Monday.

Best regards,

**Elise Redman**

Headteacher