

Weekly Newsletter

09/01/26



This Week in school

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, we would like to wish all our parents, carers and families a very Happy New Year and best wishes for 2026. This week has been very busy!

Monday began with an assembly thinking about New Year's resolutions and celebrating some of the successes in Wynstream last term. Children and staff shared some of their resolutions and how these could be achieved.

With resolutions in mind, we wanted to share some NHS information about how to be healthier as a family. Please see this website for more information: [Healthier Families - Home - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families)

On Thursday, Mr Westley led music assembly children sang beautifully learning a new song and revisited a song taught by Miss Passfield [Si Si Si A Congolese round](#)

A group of children helped perform the song as we left the hall and it sounded beautiful

Next week we will be restarting clubs. Please see the Dojo message from Mr Fricker for details about the current clubs and activities.

There are also 16 clubs available for free including maths, choir, sewing, library and sports clubs. Some are for specific year groups or key stages. Thanks to our wonderful Year 6 pupils we will be looking to get more lunchtime clubs started soon. More information soon ...

If you are interested in running a club, please speak to me or Miss Partridge.

We also have a daily Breakfast club and after school club, there is a charge for both.



Eat with your family!

Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 5 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 12th January. Lunch will begin around 12:40 pm (some classes may be slightly later).

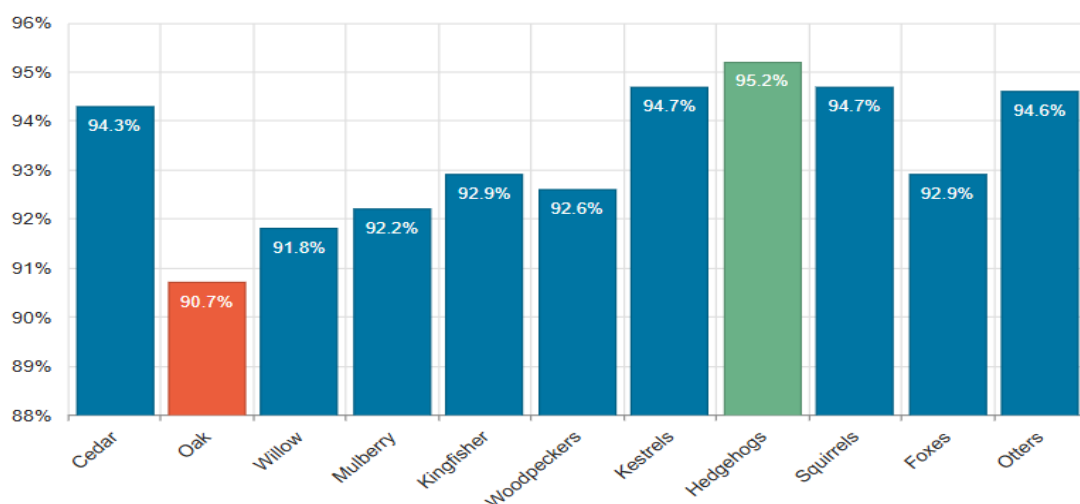
- Cost: £3.50 per meal (payable via the school office or ParentPay)
- Places: Limited to 10 guests, first come, first served
- Sign-up: [Eat with your Year 5 child- Jan 26 Monday 12th Jan- Friday 16th Jan – Fill in form](#)

Attendance

Our first attendance assembly of 2026 took place on Wednesday.

- **December Attendance:** 93.3% (slightly up, but still below national average)
- **Top Classes:**
 - 🦔 Hedgehogs – **95.2%**
 - 🦉 Kestrels & 🐿 Squirrels – **94.7%**
 - 🦦 Otters (Reception) – **94.6%**

This week children with outstanding attendance had their extra play. Due to weather not all classes have had this yet, but we hope that they will soon.



Additional Information

This week, we have been joined by some new colleagues.

Miss Bell has joined as a teaching assistant currently in Key Stage 1, Miss Bell adds:

“Hello, my name is Miss Bell, and I have recently joined Wynstream as a Teaching assistant, and I have two children who attend this school. I have loved the challenge of learning my new role and in helping the children achieve their goals. I am excited for what is coming next!”

Mr Fricker has joined as a sports coach teaching all children across the school- he is currently learning the children’s names as he will work with every child in the school. Mr Fricker adds: "I have been teaching for two-and-a-half years across a range of primary schools in Exeter, delivering a variety of sports to many different year groups. I am also a former Wynstream student, having attended around ten years ago, so I’m familiar with the school’s layout and know a few of the teachers who are still here today.

I’m really looking forward to joining such an amazing school, learning new names, and getting to know all the wonderful students. I can’t wait to start this exciting journey with you all!”

Miss Stevens has also joined as a cover supervisor currently in Key Stage 1



Do something for nature this winter: sign up for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 23rd-25th January 2026 – your child can be part of the world’s largest citizen science survey!

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

Reminders

2026-27 Wynstream Reception Class Starters

Was your child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

You still have time to apply online for a Reception Class school place at [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school](#)

The deadline for in-year admissions is 15th January 2026.

If you would like a tour of our fantastic EYFS learning environment, please email sarah.vickery@wynstreamprimary.org.uk and she will be delighted to show you around.

Online safety

We have had reports of some children going on phone apps and getting bullied online over the holidays.

Please look at [App Reviews, Kids Apps | Common Sense Media](#) to get clear guidance on which are safe to use for different ages.

Unsupervised time on apps is evidenced to be bad for children's mental health and wellbeing. There is also a very real risk of abuse, including bullying.



Mr Fraser says, "From a safeguarding point of view criminals and those with ill-intent use apps to target children. For my own child, they will not get a smartphone before they are a teen. I would advise you to do the same."

Earrings and jewellery

Please can any pierced ears only have small sleepers or studs in them. Anything more can risk injury during playtime, PE lessons or clubs.

Other jewellery (unless religious) should not be worn in school, this includes rings, bracelets and necklaces. Please keep special things like this for out of school wear- they could get lost, damaged or cause injury during PE or play.

Uniform

We are proud of our school and want all our children to share in the sense of belonging that a uniform brings. Please see here for more details [Wynstream Primary School Exeter](#) Please make sure that all uniforms are named.

PE kit and trainers- These only need to be worn on PE days.

If you are experiencing any challenges in getting uniform, please speak to any member of staff and we will try to support. Our PTFA has a free uniform swap shop as we all want to recycle, reuse and reduce waste. Please come into reception and collect any uniform you need.

Lastly, some great news for all-The Panto is Back! **Thanks to the generosity of the PTFA this will be completely free for all children.** Next week, the whole school will enjoy an in-school performance of Snow White – full of laughter, music, and plenty of "He's behind you!" moments!

Date: Wednesday, 14th January 2026

Have a peaceful weekend and see you on Monday. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Best wishes,

Elise Redman