

Weekly Newsletter

30/01/26



This Week in school

Dear Parents and carers,

On Monday our Reception class had their eyes tested as part of the Orthoptic School Vision Screening for 4-5-year-olds by the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS. They checked the visual acuity (eyesight) of either eye, with the main aim to pick up reduced vision caused by a need for glasses.

They add: We do recommend that your child visits their own optician every two years to continue monitoring their visual development, especially if there is a family history of glasses. They are entitled to free eye tests with an optometrist until they reach the age of 18, or 19 if still in full time education.

On Monday we explored two of our values in relation to Pepper, our school therapy dog. We considered both responsibility and integrity that are required in care of any animal. We then linked this to learning that children do in their science lessons about living things.

On Tuesday this week, year 5 had the opportunity to explore a practical science lesson with Miss Bunford from Isca Academy. Chemistry was the subject, solving a crime was the aim.



The outcome was to separate the coloured inks in a black pen to see who had left the note - the crime was stealing chocolate from Mrs Tickle. The children were fascinated to watch how the different coloured inks separated, helping them work out which pen was used. This is part of the transition process for children moving on to secondary school.

On Wednesday afternoon, Reception had some visitors from Exeter University's Hong Kong Volunteer Society.

They are teaching children about their home culture and how to make origami.



Later on, Mr Hubbard (one of our regular supply teachers) and Mrs Sanger led another joyful singing assembly.

This is one of the songs we performed: "Lean on me" <https://youtu.be/fOZ-MySzAac>

On Thursday Mrs Tickle led an assembly revisiting "Ready, Respectful, Safe" our school rules.

Please can we remind parents and carers, in line with Devon County advice,

'Poor behaviour in the lead up to the trip may result in a child not being able to attend. In line with our behaviour policy [School Policies | Wynstream Primary School](#).'

The decision will never be taken lightly to stop a child being able to attend a trip but we must consider the safety of all children, staff and members of the public whilst we are on trips.

If your child's behaviour is unacceptable on a trip, it will be the parent/carers responsibility to collect the child and return them back to school.'

Sadly, the Girls County final was postponed on Thursday due to the weather.

However, on Friday we had a group of children from Year 5 and 6 represent the school at the dodgeball event. Thanks to Lynn Mills for driving again!



Eat with your family!

Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 2 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 2nd February. Lunch will begin around 11:45 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 2 child- Feb 26 Monday 2nd- Friday 6th Feb – Fill in form](#)

Attendance

Some classes have begun the year with outstanding attendance. Kestrels with 99% for the term so far, followed closely by Hedgehogs, Otters and Mulberry. Who will get the attendance award for January?

Unless unwell we need every child at school every single day at 8:25 ready to learn.

Additional Information

On Monday next week Mrs Wisdish is taking some under 8s to play football at the Exeter City training ground. Thanks again to Lynn Mills for volunteering to drive yet again!

Volunteer drivers needed

If you are able to drive and would like to volunteer occasionally to help the school keep our trips and sports events free, please speak to me or Miss Partridge.

As promised, we will be introducing governors via our newsletter:

Steve Halkyard (Vice Chair)

"I have been a Governor for two years, having moved to the area from Cambridge when I retired from teaching. I have always been interested in sport and its development for all, as well as providing support and opportunity for children in need. I am really excited to be part of the Wynstreams journey towards greatness. The welcome from the pupils and staff is always warm and enthusiastic."

Will Page- Parent governor

“My name is Will Page and I’m a school parent governor. I’ve lived in Wonford for 20 years and I’m dad to a seven year old at Wynstream. We love living in a part of the city where we have the beaches and moor on our doorstep.

My career has been spent in the charitable and education sectors. I also volunteer regularly in the community with organisations like Exeter Food Action, Exeter Library and the Exeter Cycling Campaign.

I’m a school governor because I’m passionate about the power of education to change lives for the better.”

Hannah Rowbottom - Parent governor

“Firstly I would like to introduce myself, my name is Hannah Rowbottom and as a newly appointed parent/carer governor I am anticipating learning much about the role through our established governors, school experiences and training already planned for the year ahead.

My desire is to offer help and support to parents and carers, providing a neutral bridge between the family and professionals.

With me I bring the experience of having two young children myself, one with SEND, the children's father is also disabled.

I joined the PTFA soon after my eldest came to Wynstream but I am also a member of the Family Advisory Board and Events Volunteer with the Wonford Community Centre. Our community is important to me, I believe it has something to offer us all.

Moreover, I want everyone to have easy access to support and information, whatever that means for them. I’ll always be a keen advocate for families struggling with whatever issue, however common or unique.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all and continuing my learning journey.”

Amanda Halkyard

“I have been a Governor for less than a year but have very quickly become involved in all that is Wynstream School. Before I retired, some years ago, I was Head of English at a secondary school near Cambridge. Prior to that I worked in two other schools during my career.

Being a Governor has quickly brought me back into education and reignited interests I had when working. I am particularly interested in the process of learning to read and, as an avid reader myself, understanding the initial stages intrigues me. I realise after years at secondary level that primary level is the key to it all.”

Some advance warning: we have a PTFA disco planned for Thursday 12th February. All will be welcome though if behaviour is not, 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' in school, children may not be able to attend.

⚠ Urgent Safety Reminder – Parking on Yellow Zig-Zags

Please do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school.

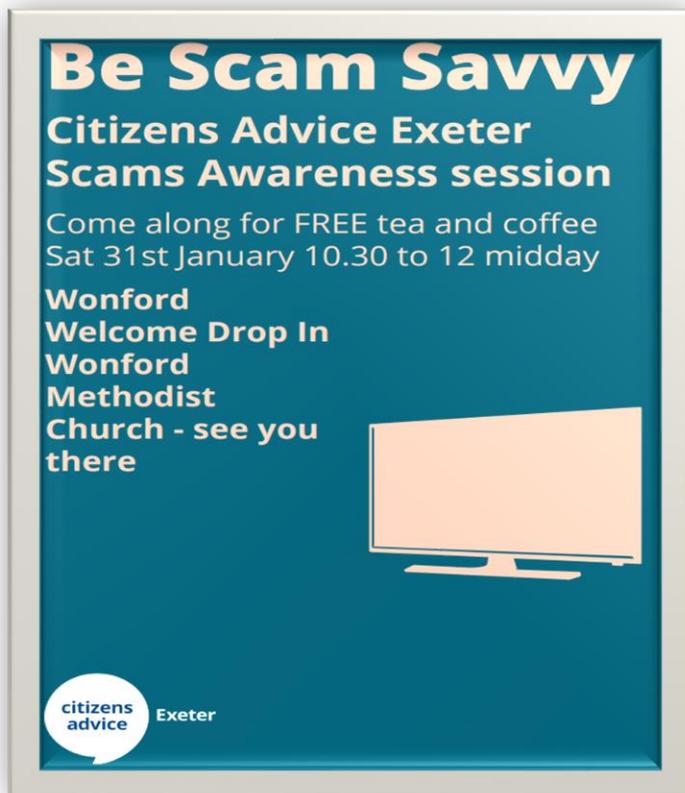
These markings are there to keep the area clear so children can see and be seen safely when arriving and leaving school. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday at 8:25

Best wishes,

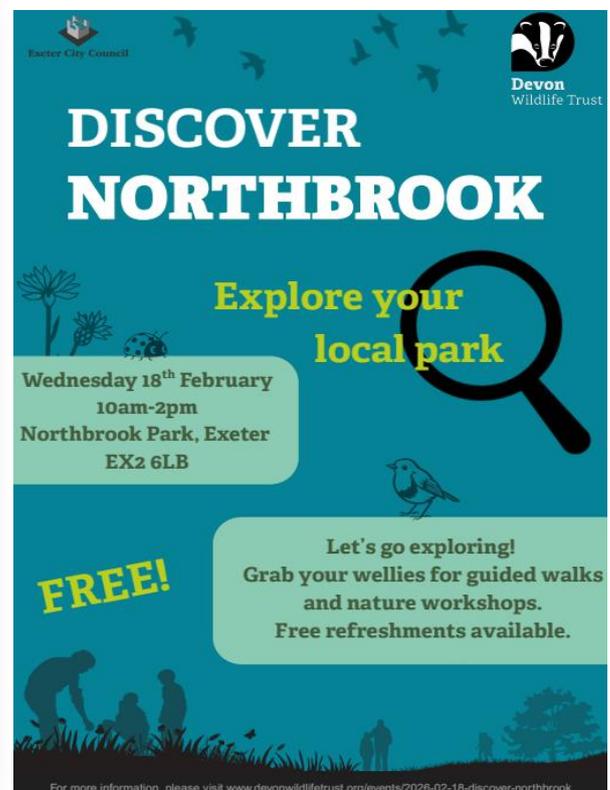
Elise Redman



Be Scam Savvy
Citizens Advice Exeter
Scams Awareness session
Come along for FREE tea and coffee
Sat 31st January 10.30 to 12 midday
Wonford
Welcome Drop In
Wonford
Methodist
Church - see you
there



citizens advice Exeter



Exeter City Council **Devon Wildlife Trust**

DISCOVER
NORTHBROOK

Explore your local park

Wednesday 18th February
10am-2pm
Northbrook Park, Exeter
EX2 6LB

FREE!

Let's go exploring!
Grab your wellies for guided walks
and nature workshops.
Free refreshments available.

For more information, please visit www.devonwildlifetrust.org/events/2026-02-18-discover-northbrook

HALF TERM MULTISPORTS @Wonford

**DEVON
YOUTH
COUNCIL**

Join Us for an Exciting Afternoon of FREE Sports!

Secondary school children in Years 7 and 8 are invited to join the Exeter City Community Trust and Wonford Youth Partnership for an afternoon of multisports followed by refreshments in Wonford Community and Learning Centre

- 📅 Wednesday, 18th February
- 🕒 2 PM - 4 PM
- 📍 Wonford Sports Centre
- 🍌 Refreshments available
- 📱 Scan the QR Code to register



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