

Weekly Newsletter

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This Week in school

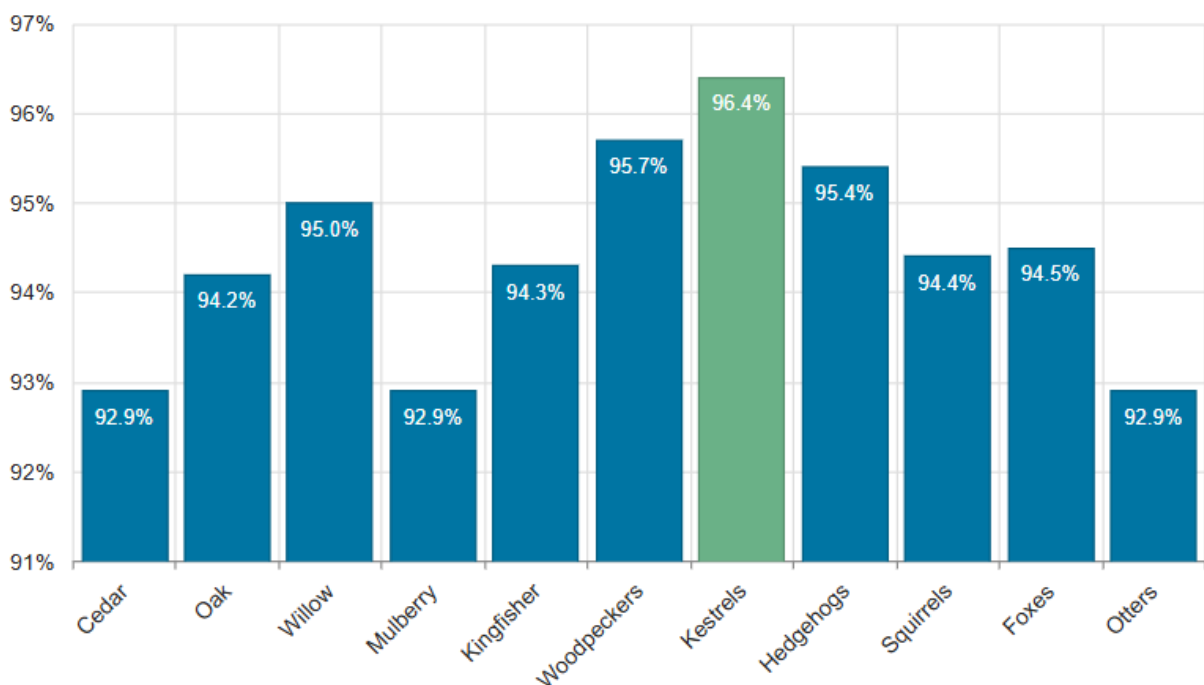
Dear Parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome back all the children after their half term- we hope that all our families were able to enjoy some time together over the break.

Firstly, thanks to all the parents and carers who helped at the disco. Not only did the children have a brilliant time but they fundraised £574.58 for the PTFA. Thank you all and there will be another disco soon.

On Monday, we had our first attendance assembly of the half term. The Kestrels were delighted to get the award as a class with 96.4%. This week, when we have some good weather, we will also give an extra playtime to the 101 children who had outstanding attendance over the last half term. Well done to all.

We are aiming for 97% or higher for every class and child!



On Wednesday, we held an assembly with the help of some of the Year 6 Mental Health ambassadors ahead of next week's antibullying week. The theme this year is the Power

for Good. Thanks to Alba, Jacob, Junior, Maja and Polly for leading this assembly so well.



This week's events

Eat with your family!

Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 4 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 10th November. Lunch will begin around 12:10 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 4 child- Nov 25 Monday 10th Nov- Friday 14th Nov – Fill in form](#)

Additional Information

Thanks to all the families who have already donated to the collection for the Wonford Community Centre Food Pantry. The food will be collected by the local larder volunteers this half term.

For more information, please look here: <https://wonfordclc.org.uk/>

Celebrating Mrs Willis

Last half term I got the following message in an email from the leader of DCC:

"It has come to my attention that a member of your staff, Carol Willis, is soon to retire from teaching at Wynstream School, following 38 years of dedicated service to education in Devon.

This is a remarkable achievement, worthy of celebration.

This being so, I have invited Carol to join me for lunch at County Hall."

Congratulations to Mrs Willis who continues to support Wynstream as a co-opted governor.

As part of anti-bullying week, we are inviting all children (and staff) to wear odd socks all week. This is meant to be a single day, but our Mental Health Ambassadors unanimously voted for it to be for the whole week. This is in recognition of the children's right to a voice (Article 12 UNRRS) Obviously, wearing odd socks is optional!

Thanks to AJ, a school councillor in Year 5 using his voice and creating a petition about jacket potatoes, the menu has been adjusted so that children can choose a jacket potato on Tuesday or Friday. This is not just for Wynstream, but for the 10,000 children across the trust. Well done to AJ and thanks to all those who signed the petition!

Please can we remind all children to bring a coat into school every day. We want children to enjoy their right to play (Article 31) and have their right to health cared for (Article 21) and get outside even when it is a little chilly or drizzly.

Next Week

Next week is a busy week in Wynstream; we have our governor's meeting on Tuesday in school and thanks to the recent volunteers we have some new parent and co-opted governors who are likely to be joining the governing body soon. Once they are on board, we will introduce them!

Also, on Tuesday we will hold a 2-minute silence as part of Remembrance day. Poppies are available before and after school from the office.

On Wednesday we will have a school review; this is where colleagues from within Education South West visit and visit classes, speak to leaders and children to help

Wynstream improve. Our visitors next Wednesday are Mrs Hannon (a former head from Wynstream, who some families may know), Ms Martin and Mr Brown.

On Friday, we will be recognising 'Children in Need Day,' some children may choose to wear yellow or spots, paint a bear nose on or wear 'Pudsey' ears and if children wish to bring in a voluntary donation, this will be collected and given to the charity.. Uniforms can be worn if preferred.

Lastly, we have parents and carers evening on Monday 17th November and Wednesday 19th November. In addition to the meetings with teachers, there will be the following:

- Free food tasting
- Sign up for PTFA/volunteering in school
- Information about Mental Health Support for children and signposting for adults
- Information about school and community sports
- Secondhand uniforms available free of charge
- Advice about online safety with our safeguarding lead
- Sign-up for the Exeter library online and a chance to visit our school library
- An Opportunity to meet our governors
- A chance to get advice from school staff on how to improve attendance
- Free books for children
- Wonford Health Matters will be visiting and sharing some initiatives
- Meet a representative from Read Easy who can support with adult reading
- A chance to share your views with Nick Banwell about 'What is good about living in this community?' and 'What are the pressures?'

In addition to this, representatives and children from **Isca** may be attending.

A sign-up form will be sent to all parents and carers early next week.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday, I will be wearing odd socks, not sure about Pepper yet...!

Best wishes,

Elise Redman