

# Weekly Newsletter

## 08/05/26



---

### *This Week in school*

---

Dear Parents and carers,

On Tuesday, after the Bank holiday, we had our Celebration Assembly- thanks to all the parents and carers who were able to attend.

A short yet busy week at Wynstream:

Selected Year 4's attended a 'Play on the pitch' event at Exeter City Football club, Mr Fricker adds:

A big shout-out to our Year 4 football team, who had the fantastic opportunity to play on Exeter City's pitch at St James Park. The team showed great determination throughout the tournament, finishing mid-table in their group. They played some brilliant football and scored several impressive goals in front of the Big Bank, making it a day to remember for everyone involved.



On Tuesday morning there was Nature Mapping with the Green Team across the school. Ms Vickery adds:

#### **Green Team Nature Park Project**

Our Green Team recently worked with Ella from the RHS as part of the National Education Nature Park programme. Together, the children carried out the first stage of a Nature Park survey by mapping the wildlife and habitats around our school grounds.

The team explored different areas of the school site, identifying habitats and looking closely at the nature already living around us. They then uploaded this information to the national Nature Park database, helping contribute to a country-wide project supporting biodiversity and nature recovery.

As part of the visit, the children also completed surveys for Devon County Council, sharing their ideas about how local green spaces could be improved for children, wildlife, and the wider community.

It was fantastic to see the Green Team showing such enthusiasm, teamwork, and care for the environment while taking part in real scientific research and helping shape ideas for greener spaces in the future. 🌱

Find out more about the National Education Nature Park here:

[Education Nature Park](#)

Our work in KS1 with Baby Panda theatre continued Tuesday afternoon.

### **Creative Science and Puppetry Workshops at Wynstream**

This week, pupils enjoyed an exciting and imaginative workshop that combined science, sound, light and storytelling. It was lovely to see how much they remembered from previous learning – including one child who proudly recalled “*a book about a boy called Frankie and his trumpet.*”

Activities were adapted for different age groups, while still allowing pupils across schools to share the same core experiences. Children explored a variety of optical toys, such as kaleidoscope eyes to see how insects view the world, coloured gels, and torches for projecting light. Older pupils also used perspex shapes to investigate how light bends and refracts.

Sound was another key focus. Pupils experimented with a colour-changing LED light that reacts to noise, discovering how volume and distance affect the light. They also explored sound vibrations using a drum and speakers inside a large plastic box, watching how glitter confetti and rice moved in response.

The children were excellent at describing what they saw, heard and felt, and showed strong scientific thinking. They discussed how objects without ears can still respond to sound, and how sound can sometimes be seen as well as heard. Everyone took part, and pupils spoke confidently and creatively about their ideas.

Later in the session, the focus shifted to puppetry. Pupils were introduced to *Teatro de Lambe Lambe*, a unique form of miniature puppet theatre, and explored examples of these tiny performances. They learned about puppeteer Gabriela Céspedes, whose work was displayed in a small exhibition case brought into school. Her story – living in

the mountains with a blind cat and creating puppet shows in a tiny hut – sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.

Each child had the chance to look inside a Lambe Lambe box, giving them a first glimpse of the miniature puppet worlds they will soon create themselves. From next week, sessions will focus more on designing and making, as pupils begin to build their own puppet boxes and interiors.

On Wednesday there was more green action with a waste audit, the results are as follows:

### **Green Team Waste Audit Update**

By Alex Mack Education Team Leader Resource Futures

On Thursday Woodpecker Class and Mr Barr carried out a whole school follow up waste audit. The audit results were excellent and a huge improvement on previous audits. The school, Green Team and Ms Vickery should be very proud of what has been achieved. It shows that reminding people about positive actions and making logistical changes can have a real impact.

The school is now sending only 1.84 tons of waste per year to the Energy from Waste plant, compared to over 11 tons previously — a massive reduction. Recycling rates have also increased from 9% to 68%, with the potential to reach 85%. Most waste categories in general waste have reduced significantly, especially paper and cooked food waste.

Contamination in recycling was low, with only a few incorrect items found. Compared to the first audit, there was far less unnecessary waste overall, although a few reusable and recyclable items were still found in general waste.

To continue improving, the school should focus on reducing blue roll waste, making sure recyclable items always reach the correct bins, and getting a food waste caddy for the staff room, as well as for KS1/R fruit snacks. Continuing to remind pupils and staff about good recycling habits will help the school move even closer to its potential recycling rate.

---

## *Eat with your family!*

---

Next Week, Eat with your family!

We're inviting Year 5 parents/carers to join us for lunch Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May. 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- May 26 Monday 11th May- Friday 15th May – Fill in form](#)

---

## *Next week*

---

Important Notice – Morning Sports Club are cancelled next week

Unfortunately, we have to cancel Morning Sports Club from Monday to Thursday next week due to Year 6 SATs taking place. Morning Sports Club will resume Friday morning.

We would like to warmly invite all Year 6 pupils to attend a SATs Breakfast, which will be available from 8:15am each day.

This is to help the children feel calm, prepared and ready for each test.

Thank you for your understanding, and we wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck!

---

## *Additional Information*

---

This week as the weather improves, we thought we would share some of the **free** activities in the local area.

For children (and some for adults too):

### **Free Football**

[Premier League Kicks - Exeter City Community Trust](#)

**Mondays:** Isca Academy (new venue, replacing Wonford Fridays)

**Wednesdays:** St James School

**Fridays:** West Exe School (moved from Monday)

### **Session Times (all venues):**

4pm–5pm: School Years 3–6 (Ages 8–11)

4pm–5pm: Girls Only (Ages 8–18)

5pm–6pm: School Years 7+ (Ages 11–18)

### **Free tennis**

Tennis is free on all Exeter City Council tennis courts.

**Free tennis courts are available at**

- Six courts at Heavitree Pleasure Ground (20 min walk away)
- Two courts at King George V Playing Field

***Heavitree junior parkrun***

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found here: [events | parkrun UK](#)

**When is it?**

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am. **Where is it?**

The event takes place at Heavitree Pleasure Ground, Whipton Lane, Exeter, EX1 2TN.

See [home | Heavitree junior parkrun | Heavitree junior parkrun](#) for more details.

**Basketball courts**

In Wonford, Heavitree and in King George V Playing Field

Free to use and you just need a basketball!

Lastly some activities for parents and carers:

**Free Yoga** 10am – 11am every Sunday morning from 3rd May to 13th September 2026.

[Park Yoga Exeter - Heavitree - Park Yoga](#)

**Run club**

We are currently offering a variety of runs every Monday evening from Heavitree park and Wednesday evenings from Wonford sports centre. See this site for more info:

[Clubspark / Heavitree and Wonford running group / Heavitree and Wonford RunningGroup](#)

If you are aware of any other free activities in the area, please let us know and we will share with our community.

Have a lovely weekend and see you at 8:25 on the gate!

Best wishes,

Elise Redman