

**16th September 2022**

The Department for Education has confirmed that all schools and colleges will close on Monday 19th September for a bank holiday to mark Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. Wynstream Primary School will be closed on 19th September, with children returning on Tuesday 20th September. Thankyou.



Dear Parents and carers,

The children have continued to settle into their new classes and routines. Staff across the school have commented on how calm and focused the children have been. Well done to all.

On Tuesday this week, the PTFA AGM was held and committee members were elected. Thanks to all those who were able to attend. All staff and parents are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Please speak to a member of staff or email PTFA for more details.

[wynstreamptfa@ecfschools.org.uk](mailto:wynstreamptfa@ecfschools.org.uk)

Due to the success of the School Summer Fayre held in July 2022, the PTFA have generously agreed to give each year group £100 towards the cost of an education visit. Thanks to the PTFA for this and to all those who were able to come along and support the summer fayre last term.

The PTFA are planning several events over the next term including a 'Light up the night disco' after half term. There will also be class Cake Sales restarting. Children are having the chance to design their own Christmas cards. More information to come soon!

The PTFA are also setting up a hardship fund for any families who are struggling. For information about this or anything else PTFA please speak to a member of staff or email for more details [wynstreamptfa@ecfschools.org.uk](mailto:wynstreamptfa@ecfschools.org.uk)

Thank you to all the children who are looking so smart in their school uniform <https://www.wynstreamprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>

If you are missing any items don't forget our PTFA have set up a free uniform swap shop as we all want to recycle, reuse and reduce waste. The link for the Facebook school uniform swap group and the QR

code are here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/461220075806415/?ref=share>



Thanks to all the children who chose to stand in our school council elections in all year groups from Year 2 to Year 6. Every child who stood has earned class Dojo points. Once the council is established, it will be led by **Mr Baldwin**. As a school we encourage children to participate in democracy- a key British Value. We will share the information about who the councillors are next week.

On Friday, we held a memorial event where the whole school gathered, and our Year 6 School Council members lit a candle and placed some flowers on the Queen's Canopy Tree, we then held a minute's silence. The children were so respectful and impressive in their behaviour; we were extremely proud of them all. Next week, on Monday there will be a nationwide Bank Holiday so Wynstream

will be shut as it will be the Queen's Funeral.



Have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday morning.

Best wishes,



Elise Redman

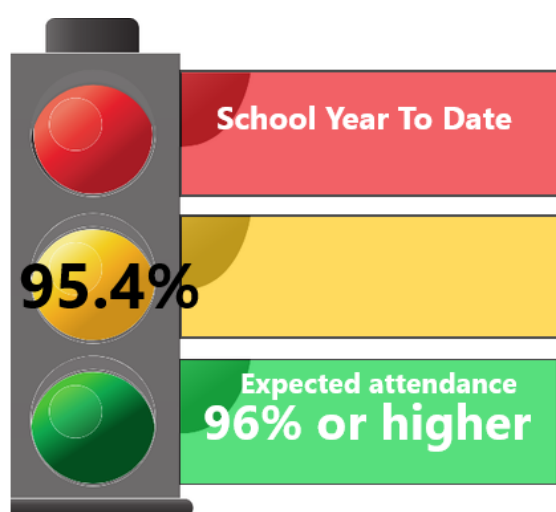
Headteacher



**Tempest School Photography.** Tempest will once again be visiting school to take photographs of our pupils. The diary date is Monday 3rd October.

### **School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting**

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2022 and 15th September is currently **95.4%**, much improved on the 91.9% statistic we reported on for the end of last term. This is however down versus the 97.1% attendance reported last week for the first week of term.



This is now slightly below the expected national attendance rate of **96% or higher** and in line with our aim for 97%.

### **Winter Childhood Flu vaccinations.**

These will be delivered by an NHS partner, and full details including how to provide consent will follow in due course. The date has been set for Friday 11th November.

### **Year 5 School Trip to Backwood Farm.**

This term, in Science, year 5 will be learning about and comparing the lifecycles of different animals.

School has arranged a visit to Backwood farm, in Bickleigh. The farm is home to all things wild from bugs to owls. It is a great place to explore and learn about animals found in the wild locally and explore their habitats as well as learning about native plants and woodlands. We will also find bug hotels, hedgehog houses, a stoat hotel, a bat wall and owl boxes.

The activities we will take part in throughout the day will be led by Farmer Andrew and farmlink tour leader Emma.



### **Free sports for women.**

A free 12 week course called '**This Girl Can!**' is starting very soon at Wonford Sports Centre. There will be a range of activities including netball, boxfit, yoga, pilates, badminton and more. Visit the centre to find out more information, with



the sign up form being available by visiting the school website [here](#)



**EYFS News—Learning to read at Wynstream** At Wynstream we teach children to read using the Read Write Inc. scheme. Children are taught in ability groups or through individual intervention depending on their level of need.

This video explains how the Read Write Scheme works - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/O2QOxBAe/HDLEsctg>

This video explains what phonics is - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GUfuDrs4/jdSE124P>

Children who are being taught phonics will bring home a Read Write Inc. reading book or reading home learning this week. If you have any questions about learning to read please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. Thank you, Ms Vickery.

## Headteacher's Award



As we work through celebrating our 5 school values and nominated British Values, our teachers this week have nominated a pupil in their class who has demonstrated our RESILIENCE value. Congratulations to the children who have been nominated.

For more information about our school values, vision and ethos please visit our website or click [here](#)

### Congratulations to:

#### EYFS

Jack Smith & Charlie Harlow

#### Year 1

Lucas Dugdell & Mia Southwood

#### Year 2

Katarina Bykouskaya & James Bickel—  
Brimilicombe

## Headteacher's Award

### Year 3

Scott Evans & Isabelle Mead

### Year 4

Alfie Warren & Darcie Gibbs

### Year 5

Kaleb Harris & Kobie Enticott-Fryatt

### Year 6

Jo Port & Abbie Knutton

**Congratulations,** and really well done to everyone.

### School Governors



Following a meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the appointments were confirmed of Michaela Young as Chair and Peter Vickery as Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of the Exeter Children's Federation. The appointments will bring continuity at this time for the federation. If you have any questions at



### Key School Dates;

Bank Holiday - Monday 19th September.  
The school will be closed for 1 day.

Cedar Class Backwood Farm Trip—  
Wednesday 28th September.

Willow Class Backwood Farm Trip—  
Thursday 29th September.

Tempest School Photographs— Monday  
3rd October.

Autumn Half Term—Last day of school Friday 21st October. School re-opens Monday 31st October.

Winter Childhood Flu Vaccinations—Friday  
11th November.

Christmas Holidays—Last day of school Friday 16th December. School re-opens Wednesday 4th January 2023.