

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Another chilly week has not stopped the learning and successes continuing in school. Firstly, a celebration of some of our wonderful Year 6 children- Hulbert, Keira F, Bailey H and Rehab- they have been noted as some of the best play leaders ever. Well done all!



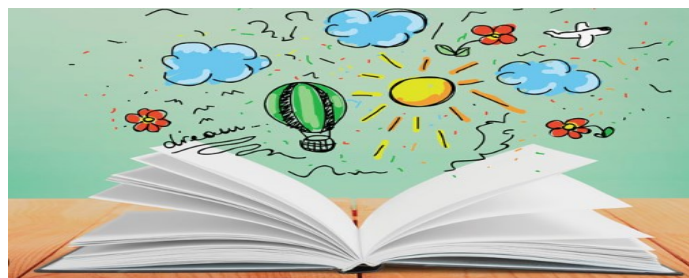
Last Friday's Year 4's trip to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra was a huge success. Thanks to Ms Passfield and Mr Coven for organising this. The children were a credit to the school, and all seemed to enjoy it. **James in Year 4** commented, *"I really enjoyed the concert; my favourite part was the ending because they played the 'Harry Potter' theme."* **Harmony** commented, *"I like the concert because they had so many instruments playing. It was all really good."* Even Mrs Bassett who has been at the school for more than a few years said that it was one of her top three trips ever!

On Monday our School Council met with Mr Baldwin and decided some further actions. Showing democracy in action, the whole school voted and chose to have hotdogs as a regular menu choice for lunch. They have also suggested having hall monitors to help remind children to



move calmly and quietly around school.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Double Elephant print workshop provided more free sessions for our children in Year 1 and Year 2. The children created some fantastic images. Well done all and thanks to Mrs Tickle for arranging this and to Double Elephant for providing this.



Every Thursday, Miss Diamond opens our school library now for all children across the school to visit with their parent/carer and enjoy a book after school. Thanks to all those who joined this week. No need to book, all are welcome every Thursday.

On Thursday our children in Year 6 represented the school at football, Exwick Heights Primary School. With many great individual and team performances, the squad were unlucky to miss out on progressing to the semi finals during a penalty shoot out. The team were a real credit to themselves, showing so much respect to each other

and other teams. They wanted to stay on to support Montgomery through the finals. We are very proud of you, well done.



At 5pm on Thursday, we held our astronomy night. Thank you to all the patient parents and children who came out. The skies were cloudier than we would have liked, but we persevered! Everyone got a turn looking at the moon through the telescope which was an amazing experience! Thank you to Michael Statham, Finlay and Charlie from Christow Primary School for sharing their expertise with us and thank you to the PTFA for providing lovely hot chocolate!

Lastly, some reminders and requests:

- Unwanted uniform- given the current economic and environmental situation, we want to recycle and re-use uniforms as much as possible. If you have any school uniform or PE kits that are no longer needed by your child/ren please give it to the office. Our PTFA are keen to share



this with the wider community.

- Next **Wednesday 1st February will be a strike day**, as per the letter sent last week, many classes will be affected. We will be sending further communication as soon as we can.
- If any of our families are struggling at the moment, please contact the school as we may be able to signpost you to local support. Please also take a look at the information poster on page 8.
- Birthday celebrations There is no expectation to bring anything in to share with classmates on birthdays, however, if you wish to bring a small cup cake for each child (fruit will be provided by the school for those with allergies) you are welcome to do so. Sadly, our busy staff do not have time to cut up large cakes into small pieces. Thanks for your help with this.

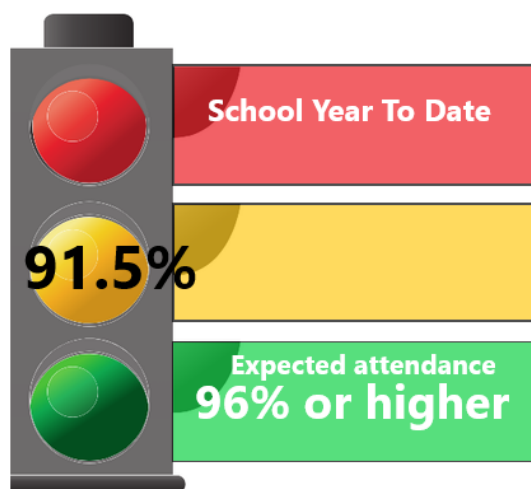
Have a lovely weekend, stay warm and we look forward to seeing you back into school on Monday.

Best wishes,

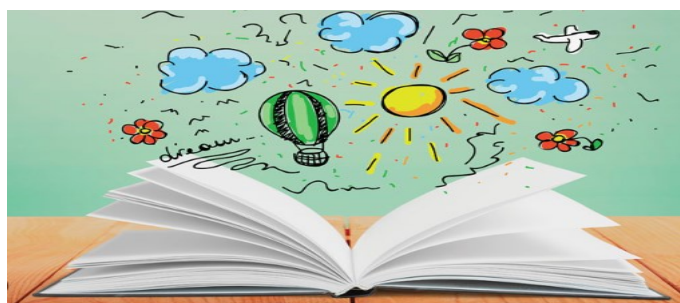
Elise Redman  
Headteacher.




## School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting



The information above shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2022 and 26th January 2023 is currently **91.5%**. This is **static** versus the 91.5% attendance information reported last time.



**Wynstream Home Reading Champions (EYFS—Year 3)** Children being read with, or listened to read at home is one of the most important jobs a parent or carer does. Children who are read with regularly at home learn to read much faster, have a love of reading and do significantly better in all areas of their learning. We are celebrating children who have read at home by giving them a shout out. **Please record all home reading in your child's yellow reading diary (Reception to Year 3).**



Well done Wynstream Home Reading Champions, and thank you to the grown ups taking the time to read with their child.

**EYFS Ladybirds Class.** Ronell, Charlie, Jack, Layla, Boaz, Tobi, Leo, Aaravi, Freddie, Freya & Deborah.

**EYFS Butterflies Class.** Freya, Brody, Olivia ML, Olivia W, Oliver, Caleb & Grace.

**Year 1 Hedgehogs Class.** Owen, Logan, Kelle, Ellie, London, Roman, Harper, Mia, Parker, Rosie, Elsie & Louie.

**Year 1 Squirrels Class.** Maddie, Marnie, Lucas, Joey, Chloe, Ella, Lottie, Oreoluwa, Clay & Natan.

**Year 2 Foxes Class.** Freddie, Katarina, Evie, Ola, Finley, Eliza, Neave, Hamna, Nevaeh, Dudley, Henry, Leila, Nicola & Rexlin.

**Year 2 Otters Class.** Rital, Skyla, James, Mi-ka-Marie, Harrison, Isla, Primrose, Jaxon, Nathaniel, Jacob, Aria, Cody, Zac, Abigail, Kian, Joey-John, Elijah, Minha, Parker, Amelia, Faith, Harmony, Ellie, Tianna & Anabiya.

**Year 3 Kingfisher Class.** Amelia, Gracie, Freddie-Joe, Niranjana, Honour, Ifeoluwa & Isaac.

**Year 3 Woodpecker Class.** Hannah, Antoni, Jacob, Annabelle B, Ted, Ezmee, Scott, Perri, Angelin, Jess, Angel, Annabell S & Gracie.

### 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 any one of our 5 values.

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 & Grace Stuart

##### Year 1

Louie Ricketts & Lucas Dudgell

##### Year 2

Elijah Morphy & Finley Daly

##### Year 3

Isaac Webster & Maja Kander

##### Year 4

Destiny Lee & Lewis Southwood

##### Year 5

Mia Tiley & Richa Jobysh

##### Year 6

Tyrhys Frost & Oscar



**Congratulations,** and really well done to everyone. An example of the nominations this week include:

#### Curiosity

*This pupil is fascinated by our current learning about habitats. He asks so many questions, I have to read lots of books about polar regions and rainforests to make sure I can answer them. He is also brilliant at sharing his knowledge and is the class animal expert. I also owe him a public apology for not believing zombie ants were a real thing. You were 100% correct, sorry.*

#### Aspiration

*This pupil works hard in all subjects to do the best she can. This week she showed an amazing improvement in her writing by slowing down and re-reading as well as performing well on her times table check after putting in lots of hours outside of school.*



Really well done to Kiera & Destiny who have been doing some amazing fundraising work to help support a local Ukrainian family who have recently settled in the area. They raised £95 selling hand-made jewellery and other gifts. A brilliant demonstration of at least 2 of our school values, **Integrity** & **Responsibility**. As a school community we are very proud of you.



**Ladybirds and Butterflies Learn About Chinese New Year.** Reception children are learning about Chinese New Year. We have shared stories and read non fiction books to find out about how families celebrate the festival. On Monday, Mrs Daly taught us a celebration dance and we took turns as dragon dancers. On Wednesday, volunteers from the Exeter



University Hong Kong Volunteer Society came to visit us and taught us how to do origami. We made rabbits and lucky red envelopes. We have really enjoyed learning about this special time of year.



Do you know what your child is watching on Youtube? National Online Safety have sent out some useful information for parents whose children have access to Youtube. The advice includes top tips on;

- Check Privacy Settings
- Try Google Family
- Apply Restricted Mode
- Monitor Engagement
- Check Other Platforms

It also helps provide information about;

- Inappropriate Content
- Trends and Challenges
- Sneaky Scammers

Click [here](#) to see the full info poster on the school website or see page 7. Also on school noticeboards for you to take a look.



### Key School Dates;

EYFS Share A Story sessions—Every Friday after drop off. 20 minutes long.

EYFS KS1 Stay & Read sessions for parents/carers and children, in the school library after school every Thursday. No bookings required, all welcome.

Year 2 Trip to Darts Farm—To be rescheduled.

Year 2 Cake Sale—Friday 27th January, 3:10pm—4pm, lower playground.

Year 2 Parent Lunches— 8th February.

February Half Term. Last day of school, Friday 10th February. School re-opens again Monday 20th February 2023.

Easter Vacation. Last day of school is Friday 31st March, school re-opens again Monday 17th April 2023.

May Half Term. Last day of school is Friday 26th May. School re-opens again Monday 5th June.

Year 6 Residential in Okehampton—Wed 19th July to Thurs 20th July 2023

Summer holiday—Last day of school is Thursday 20th July 2023. School re-opens on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Wynstream Primary School Term dates for 2023-24 can be found on the school website or by clicking [here](#).

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

## CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

## SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

## HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

## TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

## SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

## Meet Our Expert

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DEBT  
ADVICE

Citizens Advice Bureau- Free independent advice-  
0800 278 7845 Mon-Fri 10-4pm  
CAP Debt Centre Exeter-Mon-Thurs 9-30-5pm, Fri 9-30-3-30  
0800 328 0006  
Step Change Debt Charity-Free Expert advice- Mon-Fri 8-8pm  
0800 138 1111  
National Debtline 0800 8084000

FOOD  
SUPPORT

Exeter Food Bank- Advice Worker; Ali 07939 381794/07818 226524- Food bags  
St Katherines Community Larder- Fridays- 10-12- Food bags  
Foodcycle Exeter, The Mint, Fore Street- Tues 6-30pm-Free Meal  
St Thomas Foodfight-Free cooked Food -Sundays at St Thomas Precinct 11-1pm  
Salvation Army- Free Meals- Saturdays & Sundays evenings 01392 216553  
Rediscover Church, Northernhay St- Weds 10-2pm- Food bags

USEFUL  
INFO

Exeter City Council Main Switchboard 01392 277888  
Mon-Fri 9-5pm for help with  
Housing Benefit & Council Tax Support & Exceptional Hardship Fund  
& Discretionary Housing Payments  
Universal Credit Help to Claim Advice 0800 144 8444/0800 169 0310  
Grant opportunities- eg School Uniforms, Utility Bills, essential  
equipment

HEALTH &  
SUPPORT

The Moorings (Drop in Mental Health Support)  
St Leonards Gp Practice 6pm-midnight, 7 days a week  
Samaritans (Free number) 116 123  
Talkworks (Depression & Anxiety Services)  
0300 555 3344  
Age UK: Support for people aged 62+ & their carers  
01392 202092

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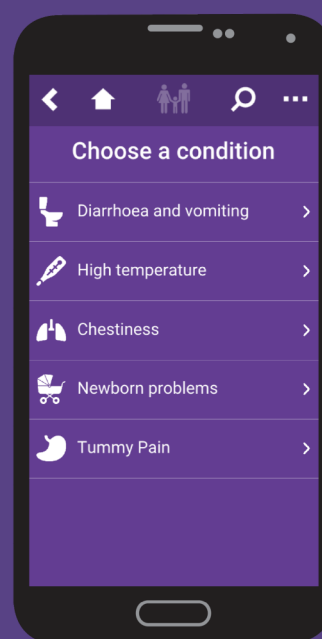
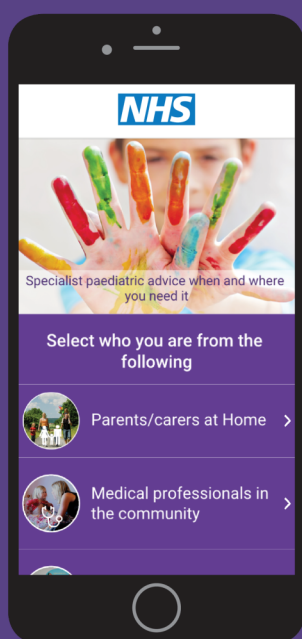
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