



The Beacon

Church of England (V.A.) Primary & Pre-School *Living life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)*

Dear Families and Friends,

Highlights of the week:



Pre-School: Playing with musical instruments from around the world, and using water play to keep cool!

YR: Enjoying lots of water play in the shade this week.

Y1/2: Exploring the colourful artwork of James Rizzi.



Y2/3: Parachute games & campfire songs.

Y4: Playing with our origami water bombs!

Y5: Creating PowerPoints on the life of Rosa Parkes and Dr Hany El-Banna.

Y6: Learning about sea safety, ocean science and environmental art at Sideshore.



A big thank you to one of our parents, who supplied some very welcome ice pops this week, to help us stay cool! Thank you!

Classes and staffing for next year.

This information was shared with children earlier today.

We are delighted that Mrs Holman will remain with us next year, she has been teaching in Reception since early February and will continue with us next year.

EYFS the existing Pre-School will stay together as one class. From September, we will not be accepting any more 2 year olds. The class will be a Foundation Stage Unit (Pre-School and Reception together). There are a small number of children joining the existing group, those children are already meeting their new friends on our Tuesday Morning Transition sessions.

FSU – Mr Edmunds, Mrs Morton (+1 member of staff tbc). Their classroom will be the current Reception class area.

Year 1: Mrs Pow, Miss Clements and Miss Chalmers. Their classroom will be the current Pre-School area with the 'Red Room' (2 small sized classroom spaces and the outside garden).

Year 2: Miss Butcher (Weds – Friday), Mrs James (Mon & Tues), with Miss Fisher and Ms Garrett. They will be using the classroom that Y4 are currently in, at the bottom of the long corridor in the main block.

Year 3/4: Mrs Holman and Mrs Hughes. They'll be in the classroom that Mr Edmunds class are currently in.

Year 5: Mr Johnson and Mr Pope. In the existing Y5 room.

Year 6: Miss Ebbutt, Mr Wright and Mrs Messenger. In the existing Y6 room.

Transition Sessions will start on Thursday next week. We will spend Collective Worship together then spend time with our new teacher and current TA in our own classroom for an hour. Until the end of term, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, we will gradually introduce the new TA then the new classroom – taking one 'change' at once each Thursday. We will follow a whole school theme based around Oliver Jeffers' book, 'A Child of Books' which is a Beacon firm favourite!

Friday 26th June 2026

Stars of the Week

YR: Cooper **Y1/2:** Nadhania
Y2/3: Jahmir **Y4:** Nyah **Y5:** Lilly-Aleksa
Y6: Charllie



Next Week:

Collective Worship: Next week we will be looking at valuing different opinions.

School dinner ordering deadline

Sunday 28th June for week commencing 6th July – please remember **not to order for Tuesday 7th** as a packed lunch will be needed

Mon 29th June – Wed 1st Jul

inclusive Exmouth Community College transition days for Y6

Monday Orchestra & Choir to ECC at 4.15pm, concert 6pm – 8pm

Tuesday Transition sessions for new Reception starters, 9.15am-10.45am

Wednesday

KS1 Quad Kids Athletics (8 invited children) collect at 5.30pm from St Josephs

Multisports YR-Y3 inclusive, 3.30pm-4.20pm

Orchestra for those invited, 3.30pm-5pm

Silent Disco 5.45pm-6.45pm for those who have booked online via Primary Sports

Friday Y4 Roman Day (see letter which was sent home)

Celebration Worship 9am at Holy Trinity Church, everyone welcome!

Y6 Swimming

Multisports Y4-Y6 inclusive, 3.30pm-4.20pm

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Joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). As expected, following our Ofsted, we have received the notification that we will join a MAT. We have no further information and don't know when we'll get any updates. We will keep you fully informed. Early next week we will be sharing a letter with all parents and carers which gives an overview of what was discussed in the meetings we held, and the questions which were asked.

Library Summer Book Quest If your child loves reading, get involved with the Summer Book Quest at Exmouth Library – running from 11th July – 11th September. Go along to the library to find out more!

Thank you to Tesco Express for donating the delicious bakery items. We were able to share some with our families who could do with a treat, the rest were given in exchange for voluntary donations to the PTFA. That unexpected gift raised £29.50.

Sports Afternoon (Tuesday 7th July) and Whole Beach Day (Wednesday 15th July) Just a reminder to please not order any school dinners for either Tuesday 7th July or Wednesday 15th July (if you go that far ahead!) as we are asking everyone to provide a packed lunch on those days, as it makes it easier to transition to the Cricket Club for Sports Day, and obviously on Beach Day we will be at the beach! Those families who are in receipt of Free School Meals (benefit related, not the Universal Free Infant School Meal which children up to Year 2 receive) should have received a questionnaire to complete – please ensure you return it by this Sunday, 28th June so we can advise our meal provider accordingly. Thank you.

Thank you all for your support during the heat of this week – here's hoping for a cooler weekend!
Mrs Anne Billington