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‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

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| Thankfulness | Compassion | Perseverance | Forgiveness | Friendship | Courage |
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End of year Newsletter – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

As we reflect on another fantastic year at Witheridge C of E Academy, we are proud to celebrate the many achievements and highlights that have made this year so special for our whole school community.

Our commitment to providing a rich and engaging curriculum continues to thrive with exciting opportunities such as our Farm School and Forest School programs. These hands-on experiences allow our pupils to connect deeply with nature and develop practical skills, fostering curiosity and a love for learning beyond the classroom walls.

This year, our SATs results were outstanding, demonstrating the hard work and dedication of both pupils and staff. Our children have made remarkable progress, with SEND pupils performing in line with their peers, reflecting the inclusive support we provide to help every child reach their full potential.

We continue to promote healthy eating with delicious, locally sourced butcher’s meat served at lunchtime, supporting both our pupils’ wellbeing and our community. Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative has transformed playtimes, encouraging imaginative, active, and social play that benefits all children.

The growth in our school numbers is a testament to the excellent reputation Witheridge Academy enjoys. Our fantastic staff team—dedicated, passionate, and supportive—work tirelessly to ensure a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where every child can flourish.

As part of the TEAM Multi-Academy Trust, our pupils have enjoyed enriching trips and events that broaden their horizons and build strong friendships across our family of schools. Additionally, residential trips for every year group in Key Stage 2 continue to be a highlight of the year, providing memorable experiences that develop independence and confidence.

We are also proud of our flourishing international partnership with Sanjivani School in Mumbai, India. This meaningful connection allows our pupils to explore other cultures, deepen their understanding of global diversity, and develop inclusive, respectful attitudes that reflect our core Christian values.

This year, we also say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to embark on their next big adventure. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school and beyond.

We are proud of our school’s progress and excited about the future. Thank you to our wonderful pupils, staff, parents, and wider community for making this such a successful and rewarding year.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 4th September!** I hope you have a lovely summer break.

All the best,

Miss Ratcliffe

Life, Love and Learning to the Full



Building Community
Building Futures
Building Learning Power
Building Self Esteem



Please do not bring your mobile phone to school



★ Witheridge CofE Academy - Class of 2025 ★

Goodbye & Good Luck

YEAR 6

★ *Reach for the stars!!* ★

FSU Graduation 2025

On Wednesday, we held our FSU Graduation ceremony—a special occasion for the children moving on from the Foundation Stage Unit to say "Goodbye and Thank You" to the adults who have supported them throughout their time in Nursery and Reception. For some of these children, who have been with us since the age of two, it was an especially emotional farewell. While it is sad to see them leave the FSU, we are incredibly excited to welcome them into Year 1 this September.



Class 3 Wildside Experience

Last week, Class 3 enjoyed a trip to Wildside for their annual residential. For some children this was the first time they had stayed away from home, camped in a tent or used a compost toilet. Wildside is called the Wildside experience for a reason and the children really embraced a unique way of living albeit just for a couple days.

The trip started with a bit of free time and an exploration of the grounds. Wildside boasts large flower meadows and secure woodlands for the children to enjoy. The sun was shining and the children were fully enjoying time in the shade. We decided it would be a good idea to bring the river walk forward to help cool everyone down. The children enjoyed walking through the cool river and some even took on the dunking challenge. After a short moment drying off, we headed into the woods for some butterfly catching, zipwire fun and woodland games.

As the evening drew in, the children enjoyed their locally produced vegetable curry and prepared for the evening walk. We waited for it to get dark and headed up into the woods for another chance to explore. The highlight for most children was the glow stick trail where the children follow a trail of glowsticks through the woods in complete darkness. Upon reaching the end of the trail, we took a moment to watch and listen to the bats who were frantically feeding on the moths and midges.

It was around 1am by the time we got to bed and the children were awoken the next morning by the sound of Richard's violin. We headed up into the woods for some morning reflection time before breakfast. Just before leaving, we had some time feeding the animals and learning about their daily routines.

This trip is always popular amongst the children because of the jam-packed schedule, freedom and late night. I was so pleased to see so many of our Christian Values shining through throughout our experience and the children represented the school and themselves impeccably. I know the Year 3s are really looking to returning next year whilst the Year 4s move onto new experiences and trips. Well done Class 3.



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End of Year Arbor Accounts

REMINDER – Today is the last day of the school year, we are nearing the end of the academic year, and **ALL**-outstanding balances need to be cleared today!

Breakfast & After School Club, School Dinners, Staff lunches, Outstanding Trip Payment, uniform & Nursery Fees - Many thanks



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow
Every Day Counts!

Weekly Attendance

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| Nursery 1 | 83% |
| Nursery 2 | 91% |
| Reception | 95% |
| Year 1 | 99% |
| Year 2 | 98% |
| Year 3 | 90% |
| Year 4 | 99% |
| Year 5 | 96% |
| Year 6 | 100% |

Reminders:

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01884 860205 by 9.20am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.



Attendance Update

It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beating our **96.5%** target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

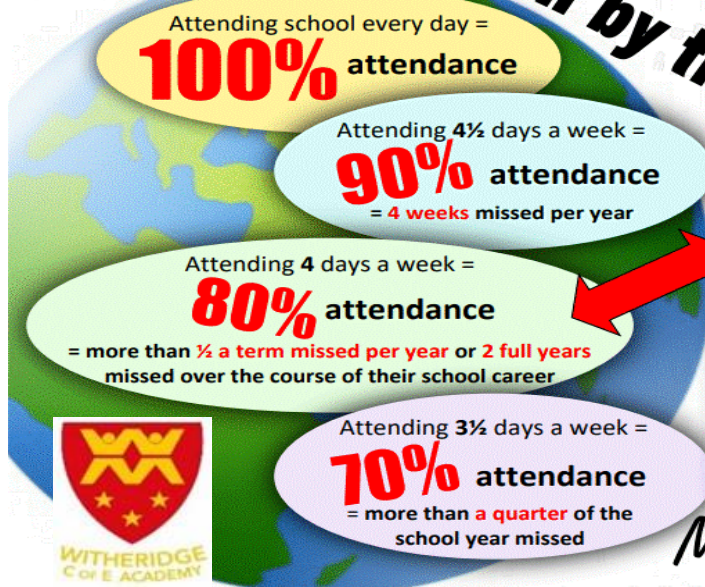
Our attendance for the week is **96.0%**

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.7%**

Together Each achieves More!



The world is run by those who turn up



An average attendance of **80%** or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole **2 years** from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time

If your child is **5 minutes** late every day - they will miss **3 days** of learning each year

If your child is **15 minutes** late every day - they will miss **2 weeks** of learning each year

Make every minute count





End of Year Award Ceremony
Well Done
For receiving a
Certificate of Achievement



End of Year Awards

Reception – Dylan Year 1 - Chester Year 2 - Olivia
Year 3 - Sam Year 4 – Arthur B Year 5 - Max Year 6 - Seamus



100 Merits

Paige, Ebony, Betsy & Liberty

House Points

Discovery 1633

Enterprise 1577

Endeavour 1651

Voyager 1642



| Team Meal Menu – Summer Term 2025 Week 1 - W/B 01/09/2025 | |
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| Monday | No School |
| Tuesday | No School |
| Wednesday | No School |
| Thursday | Chicken Supreme (Or Plain Chicken) V – Hunters Quorn Rice & Salad Custard Fruit Sponge & Custard |
| Friday | Cod or Salmon Fingers V – Cheese & Bean Wrap Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables & Baked Beans Chocolate Cracknell |

Also available every day:
Jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Cost of School lunches:
Nursery – £2.00 per meal.
Reception & KS1 children –
Universal Infant Free School Meals,
KS2 children £2.58 per meal.
Payment to be made via The Arbor App

A gentle reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and we have a number of students, staff and visitors with serious nut allergies. With this in mind, could we politely ask that **NO** products containing nuts be sent into school.



If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for your consideration and for safeguarding our students.

Breakfast & After School Club

Bobbie's Brekkie served at 8am (£4.00)

Or

Drop off at 8.30am (£2.00)

After School Club

With daily activities

3.30-4.30 or 3.30-5.30

£4.00 per hour

All payable on the Arbor App

Discount for Pupil Premium

(Nursery aged children charged

At hourly rate.)



After School Club

Monday to Friday

3.30 to 5.30

Booking essential






01884 860518

admin@wetheridge.devon.sch.uk

£4.00 per hour (Pre-School hourly rate)

Instrument Lessons

- At Witheridge Academy we have three peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- The teachers come into school during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

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| Keyboard/Piano |  | Alex Rogozinski 07565 951786 alexrogo@hotmail.co.uk |
| Guitar (Classical and/or Acoustic) |  | Alex Rogozinski 07565 951786 alexrogo@hotmail.co.uk |
| Ukulele |  | Alex Rogozinski 07565 951786 alexrogo@hotmail.co.uk |
| Rock Band <i>Keyboard, electric guitar, drums, voice.</i> <i>Taught in groups.</i> ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY STUART |  | Stuart Snelling- Rocksteady https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/primary/ 0330 113 0330 |
| Drums ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED |  | Steve Godfrey – Drum Tuition 07930667193 stevegodfreydw@yahoo.co.uk |



PTFA

Parents
Teachers
Friends
Association

SAVE *The* DATE BINGO!

27TH SEPTEMBER

RAISING FUNDS FOR
WETHERIDGE PTFA
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



WITHERIDGE WARRIORS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM

As our club has grown, we now welcome more age groups than ever before!

To support our players for the upcoming September season, we **need more coaches** and helpers to coordinate matches and training.

- 📍 Training: Thursdays 6-7pm
- 📍 Location: Witheridge Football Ground

VOLUNTEERS & COACHES REQUIRED

- U6's Year 1's required
- U7's Tommy Butcher
- U8's School Year 3 required
- U10's Michael Woollacott
- Mixed U11's and U12's School Year 6 & 7 required
- Be part of something special
- Support local kids in sport
- We'll support you every step of the way

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

@ WITHERIDGE TENNIS COURT



23rd, 25th July & 13th Aug

- 4 – 5PM KS1 (4-6 YRS) £3.50
- 5 – 6PM KS2 (7-11YRS) £5
- 6 – 7PM KS3 (12-14YRS) £5

Siblings discount – £2.50

Please message or call to book 07974688162

Ok to turn up on day

Parents to stay please. Tennis rackets provided.

VILLAGE FUN DAY

SUNDAY 10TH AUG
12PM

WITHERIDGE SPORTS CLUB

FREE ENTRY

ENTERTAINMENT FUNDED BY THE
KNIGHTS OF WITHERIDGE

BBQ

Music by Liz-ee
Music by Max Burton
Entertainment by
Professor Bumble

witheridgesportsclub@gmail.com

#MYBIOSPHERE

PHOTO COMPETITION

OPEN 7TH JULY - 24TH AUGUST

OPEN TO ALL



WHAT DOES

NORTH DEVON UNESCO BIOSPHERE
MEAN TO YOU? ENTER YOUR PHOTOS!

**Find out more and enter the competition:
bit.ly/MyBiosphere**

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WITHERIDGE SPORTS CLUB
PRESENTS

**WITHY'S GOT
TALENT**

DEADLINE TO ENTER FRIDAY 11th JULY

25/7 & 1/8,
FINAL 29/8 - 7PM

SINGER, MUSICIAN, DANCER,
COMEDIAN, MAGICIAN, GROUP
OR SOLO

FOR BOOKING VISIT OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE

ANY Q'S:
WITHERIDGESPORTSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

**A COUNTRY
SUMMER** 90
years

26TH JULY - 30TH AUGUST

HELP US TO CELEBRATE SUMMER
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

SEASIDE Dressing up - Selfie station
Punch and Judy theatre

HARVEST Hunt the scarecrows hidden
around the museum

**CRAFTY
TUESDAYS** 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August
10 - 12 Drop in.
£3 per child with paying adult (£2.50 per
child with museum member)

THURSDAY FUN 10 - 12 Drop in. Look out for a
different activity each week!

GAMES Hook a Duck - Splat the Rat!
Maypole dancing and more!

... and more! Plus all our usual family friendly activities!
Follow us on social media for activity updates!

**TIVERTON
MUSEUM**
of Mid Devon Life

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ
01884 256295
Registered charity 100120

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32nd ANNUAL SHOW
MID DEVON
SHOW
26th JULY 2025

The Mid Devon Show
26th July 2025 - One of Devon's Best Days Out
Knightshayes - Tiverton - Devon - EX16 7PP

**MID DEVON SHOW
RABI®
2025 SHOW CHARITY**

**Advance
TICKETS**
Adult Entry ~~£22~~ - £19

FREE Parking - Kids 15 & Under FREE
OFFER RUNS OUT 25th July 2025

Scan Here
To Purchase
Tickets

**MID DEVON SHOW
A DOG FRIENDLY EVENT**

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beaford in partnership with **BURN THE CURTAIN** Workshop



Rhythms from The Wild Shore

Family Music Workshop with Becki Driscoll from Rootnotes

Make music together as a family in a fun, welcoming environment. Join us to create original sea-inspired music that will become part of our magical outdoor theatre show, The Wild Shore. Instruments are provided (or bring your own if you prefer) - no experience necessary. All you need is curiosity, energy, and a spark of creativity. Come along and help us bring the sound of the sea to life!

Tuesday 5 August, 2025
Alwington Village Hall
1.30 - 3.30pm

Tickets: **FREE** - booking essential due to limited places available

More info and book tickets: beaford.org



beaford **BURN THE CURTAIN**

The Wild Shore

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE PROMENADE THEATRE ADVENTURE BY THE SEA

AUGUST 19TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 24TH & 25TH
BUCKS MILLS (1 MILE ROUTE)
TICKETS: beaford.org/events

A FAMILY FRIENDLY ESCAPE FOR CURIOUS ADVENTURERS OF ALL AGES
 WRITTEN BY BERNADETTE RUSSELL

MORE INFORMATION: BURNTHECURTAIN.CO.UK

Girls Rugby

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes, and abilities
 South Molton RFC is a welcoming and friendly club
 We are enthusiastically looking for girls to join our teams for next season

Come and have a go at our fun filled non contact taster sessions

27th July 10am to 11am
17th August 10 to 11am
31st August 10am to 11am
Main Pitch outside clubhouse

U10 (Year 5) U12 (Year 6&7) U14 (Year 8&9) U16 (Year 10&11)

There will be lots of girls at these sessions trying rugby for the first time as well as those who already love the game

2025 is a Womens Rugby World Cup year!

Check: 07702 270565
info@girls@gmail.com

CERAMIC TEALIGHT BEACH HUT MAKING WORKSHOP

07702270565
MUDANDMOORPOTTERY@GMAIL.COM

13th and 20th August
 10am-12.30

#SSPP
 2 X SESSIONS
 1X MAKING, 1X GLAZING
 ALL TOOLS, FIRING, & MATERIALS PROVIDED

WITHERIDGE EX16 8AQ

SCREEN PRINTING ON CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Beginners Class

With Guest Artist Katie

Morning session 9.30am-12 or
 Evening session 7-9.30pm

Wednesday 6th August

At our studio in Witheridge
 £40 including two practice tiles, with additional purchase options for bisqueware products

MUD & MOOR POTTERY

Contact 07702 270565 to book



Tiverton Library

11 Jul · 🌐

Drop in to the library tomorrow for **The Summer Book Quest Launch Day!** 📖🌊📚

Sign up to the quest for FREE, take a silly selfie, try out our trail, make a jiggly jellyfish and pick up some great books! The Summer Book Quest is for 4-12 year olds. We are open 9-4 with **Story Time & Crafts** at 10.30am and **LEGO Club** at 2pm.

The **Take Five Book Challenge Starts!** too, for young people 11-16 and under 4s can sign up to Libro's Friends our first reading adventure. 😊

Libraries Unlimited ##TheSummerBookQuest



All proceeds for charity



WITHERIDGE MOTOR SHOW

In aid of the Royal Devon Hospitals

Charity
SUNDAY 24th AUGUST
Witheridge Sports club EX16 8AH
11.00am-4.00pm (free public entry)
£7 per car
Show car entry from 10.00am
Classic or modern all welcome
car boot pitch-£10

bookings
BASC'S-MR W.L.GRIFFITHS
SORT CODE-07-01-16
ACC NO-47602207

Please use reg number as your reference
Will be added to our list.

please message us on FB for any more information
Full T&C are on our FB page
WITHERIDGMOTORSHOW



Libraries Unlimited

THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST

LAUNCHES AT TIVERTON LIBRARY
SATURDAY 12 JULY
FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!

👉 Gotta Catch 'Em All at Bridge Troll Boardgame Cafe! 📱

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! 🏆🔥 Join us every Saturday from 10am to 12pm for the Pokémon Club at Bridge Troll Boardgame Cafe in Tiverton!

- ✅ Learn to play – New to the game? We'll teach you!
- ✅ Exclusive prize packs – Win cool rewards!
- ✅ Supervised trading – Swap cards safely & fairly
- ✅ Make friends – Battle, trade, and have fun together
- ✅ Become the very best – Like no one ever was!

Only £3 entry – perfect for trainers of all ages!

See you there, future Pokémon Masters! 🏆📱

#PokémonClub #Tiverton #BridgeTrollCafe #GottaCatchEmAll




SUMMER 2025

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for girls and boys!

VARIOUS DEVON LOCATIONS

9.30am – 3.30pm

Monday 28th July – Friday 29th August

SKILLS TOURNAMENTS PRIZES
FUN, FUN, FUN!

AGES 5-14

BOOK TODAY
EXETERCCT.ORG

GRAND OPENING

We're so excited to welcome you to our brand new studio!



happy glaze POTTERY

is officially opening the doors at
26-28 Bampton Street
Friday 25th July @ 12pm

Come celebrate with us:

- 🎨 Pottery painting
- ☕ Drinks, cake & takeaway coffee
- 🍷 Fully Licensed Bar
- 🎵 Creative vibes all round!

No need to book - just pop in and say hello!
(Or book online if you'd like to paint)

DOUBLE loyalty points ALL weekend!

Follow us @happyglazepottery for the latest updates!

We can't wait to show you our new space!

Love, The Happy Glaze Team x



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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