



Friday 8th
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WhatsUp @ EXETER

Pupil of the week (Crew)

1.10.21

Year 1: Ava, Morgan, Riley and

Year 2: Bradley, Mia and Flavius

Nurture: Noah

Year 3: Sofia, SJ, Jordan and Sophia

Year 4: Iga, Ellis, Alissa and Stefan

Year 5: Viktor, Elizabeth, Isaac and Passion

Year 6: Julia, Natalia, David P and Kyle

Kirby: Eric

8.10.21

Year 1: Ana, Kelsie and Precious

Year 2: Liliana and Jessica

Nurture: Richard

Year 3: Amy, Lola-Rose, Christopher and Lena

Year 4: Freya, Macie, Jovana and Megan

Year 5: Hollie, Brian, Sophia and Wiktoria

Year 6: Callie, Jamie, Patrick and Sylar

Kirby: Oscar

Message from head teacher:

It's been another very busy week at Exeter. I've had the pleasure of walking the school with Sarah Bennett this week. Sarah is the Chief Executive Officer for the Inspiring Futures through Learning Academy Trust; the Trust Exeter belongs to. I was so incredibly proud of Team Exeter as we saw happy, vibrant children not only eager to share their learning with us, but they were invested and engrossed in their learning too. I'm a passionate believer in the limitless power of positive relationships and this is what lies at the core of Exeter A Learning Community. The genuine love and care for your children that our team demonstrates on a day-to-day basis is simply incredible.

I just wanted to say a thank you to you, as parents and carers, for your understanding as we continue to battle the pandemic. Thank you for wearing masks on site; this is massively helpful to us. In light of recent Covid-19 data, I'm looking in to sourcing a different platform for Parent's Evening so we have video conferencing and limiting face-to-face meetings. I know this isn't ideal as we are desperate to share your child's achievements in school, but for now, we have to put that on hold for the time being. I'll be in touch with further information.

Have a fantastic weekend. Please don't forget: if there is anything we can help with, please do not hesitate to make contact with us. Together, we can achieve the impossible.

Scott Nicholls

Head of School



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Upcoming Dates

Monday 11th October – Flu vaccinations CANCELLED

Monday 11th October – Year 3 bird visit

Thursday 14th October – School photos CANCELLED

Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October – parents evening.

Friday 22nd October – last day of term

Sunday 30th October – Deadline to apply for a secondary school place

School photos

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Corby, we have made the decision to postpone the school photographs, planned to take place on Thursday 14th October. Due to the nature of children moving into the hall and sitting at a set place for their photo, we are unable to clean down the seat between each child. A new date will be confirmed.

Flu vaccination

Due to the nurses being deployed elsewhere for COVID vaccination, the flu vaccination in school has been rescheduled. Once we know the new date we will let you know.

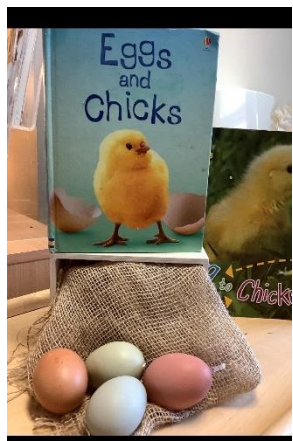
Nursery we have been learning about the life-cycle of a chicken first-hand.

First, Ashleigh brought in some of her chickens' blue eggs to show us. We had to handle them very carefully as they are very delicate. Next, we had a special visit from Beryl the chicken. Some children were unsure at first but were soon confident to stroke and even hold her.

And finally, something really exciting happened. One of Beryl's eggs hatched! We got to watch the video of the egg cracking and the little chick hatching out.

He is called Chester Chick and we met him for the first time this week. The children were full of questions and learnt all about what Chester eats and how he keeps warm.

We hope he will be back to visit us soon.





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Parents evening

Bookings for this term's parents evening opened on Monday 27th September, where a letter was emailed to explain how to book this via the school cloud website.

This letter can also be found on our website.

These meetings initially either be face to face in school, over the phone or online (TEAMs or Zoom). Due to the high number of

Covid cases in Corby, we have made the hard decision to return to virtual meetings for this term. A

link will be sent to you via the school cloud / Gateway APP by the end of next week. These are timed meetings so will start at your selected appointment time and will finish just before the ten minutes. There will be no need to log into TEAMs / Zoom, you will just need to click on the link which will take you straight to the meeting. <https://exeterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Attendance Focus on Persistent Absentees

At Exeter A Learning Community we are committed to raising the attainment of the pupils at our school. To ensure all pupils achieve their potential it is vital that they attend school daily.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

The Government classifies any pupil whose attendance drops below 90% as a Persistent Absentee. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their child attends school regularly. If your child's attendance drops below 96% their reasons for missed sessions are reviewed by the school attendance officer who will take appropriate action. Actions may include a letter or call, a parent contract meeting or a referral to the Local Authority. The Local Authority may issue a fixed penalty fine. Fines are charged per child and per parent. If a fine is not paid or attendance continues to decline then the Local Authority may take parents to court for prosecution.

If your child is absent for 5 days in a period of 6 weeks without medical evidence then the school will refer to the Local Authority.

Year 1: we have been learning more exciting things linked to our topic, the children have been learning about everyday superheroes and drew who is their superheroes. They have discussed what superpowers they have and why they are important to them. Within PSHE the children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe online with strangers and they were introduced to 'Clever' the robot.

In Science they have learnt about their 5 senses and went on a sense's workaround school. In Design and Technology, the children designed their own Superhero car on paper and on the computer.



In English, the children have been working on the text 'Superkid' and learning all the exciting adventures Superkid goes on. They have been working very hard on applying their phonics knowledge to their writing. Maths has been very hands on learning to add one more and one less and to compare amounts.



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Year 3: have been investigating predators, learning about climate zones around the world and which continent predators live in. We are very excited to have a visit from Raptorxotics next Monday 11th October, where we will get up close and personal with real life predators - birds of

prey. <https://www.raptorxotics.co.uk/> If you have not yet paid your £3, please make this payment on the Gateway App, thank you.

Year 4: have been learning how to investigate the effects of different drinks on a tooth-like substance. We have placed individual eggs into beakers containing a range of different liquids, including fruit juice, full sugar and sugar free fizzy drinks, milk and water. The children have developed investigative skills by carefully observing what happens over the course of the week, comparing the eggs in the different liquids and recording their findings.



Jewellery

Can we please remind parents that only stud earrings and watches are to be worn in school. Our school policy states no other jewellery to be worn – this includes bracelets, necklaces and non-stud earrings. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance

Our school / government minimum expectation is **96%**

Year group	Attendance (Monday 27 th September to Friday 1 st October)
Reception	85.4
Year 1	92.6
Year 2	88.9
Year 3	94.9
Year 4	93.7
Year 5	83.1
Year 6	92.2



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Year group	Attendance (Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th October)
Reception	85.7
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	87.1
Year 3	90.8
Year 4	95.3
Year 5	76.4
Year 6	90.3

Next Newsletter –

Friday 22nd October 2021



Fun Open Day

Autumn Centre Counts Farm Road

Corby NN18 8BH

Saturday 23rd October 10.00am - 12noon

- Tea and biscuits
- Meet The Free Rangers Team
- Fun activities

The Free Rangers is a short breaks service for children with mild to very moderate needs, we run a provision in Kettering at The Green Patch and are in the process of launching a breakfast club in Corby. Please join us and learn a little about what we offer.

For more information please email:
vicky.bowden@groundwork.org.uk



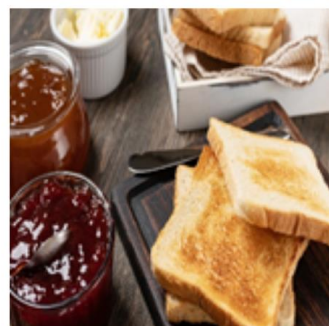


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The Free Rangers Club is for children aged 7-17 with mild to moderate additional needs.
We have a brand new Breakfast Club from The Autumn Centre in Corby on Alternate Saturday mornings.



Activities:

Arts and craft, play dough making, trips out, making new friends and most importantly yummy breakfast!!

Times & Address:

Alternating Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm

The Autumn Centre

Counts Farm Rd, Corby NN18 8BH

For more information please email vicky.bowden@groundwork.org.uk



'THE GREEN PATCH'



Support Physical & Mental Wellbeing

Ofsted Good Provider

CSD ACTIVITY CAMPS

COVID-19 SECURE

FROM £3.00 PER HOUR

MON 25TH OCTOBER - FRI 29TH OCTOBER

AUTUMN CAMP

DISCOUNT CODE: **HalloweenCamp2021**
EXPIRES: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Spooktacular Camp - Earlybird Bookings Open

Here at CSD Activity Camps, we are running our Spooktacular Camp from Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021 for Years 1 – 6 children.

This October, get ready for our Spooktacular week of Halloween fun! Simply enter discount code: **HalloweenCamp2021** and receive our earlybird discount!

Kids can take part in a variety of popular activities including sport, dance, drama, cooking and even Lego construction sessions, rounded off on the final day with a fancy dress Halloween party and exciting Halloween twist.

Book before the 30th September 2021 and you'll receive a generous 10% earlybird discount! Save money and get organised, book now for a guaranteed week of fantastic childcare in a fun, safe and educational environment. It's easy just click the link www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk

Autumn Camp Venues

[Corby Business Academy](#)

[Cottingham C of E Primary School](#)

[Tresham College Corby Campus](#)

[Tresham College Kettering Campus](#)

[Kettering Buccleuch Academy](#)

CSD Activity Camps - Keep it safe, keep it fun and keep it local!



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School Term Dates

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

2021

Term 1	Training Day	Wednesday 1 September
	Training Day	Thursday 2 September
	Re-open	Friday 3 September
	Closes	Friday 22 October

Term 2	Re-open	Monday 1 November
	Closes	Friday 17 December

2022

Term 3	Training Day	Tuesday 4 January
	Re-open	Wednesday 5 January
	Closes	Friday 11 February

Term 4	Training Day	Monday 21 February
	Re-open	Tuesday 22 February

Easter	Closes	Friday 1 April
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Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
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May Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 29 April
	Re-open	Tuesday 3 May

Spring Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 27 May
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Term 6	Re-open	Monday 6 June
	Closes	Thursday 21 July
	Training Day	Friday 22 July