



Friday 22nd  
October  
2021

# WhatsUp @ EXETER

## **Pupil of the week (Crew)**

### **15.10.21**

Year 1: Jasmyna, Henry and Jessie

Year 2: Shaunna and Macie

Nurture: Jamie

Year 3: Kaydi Rose, April, Nathan and Freya

Year 4: Jayden, Cristian, Tudor and Charlotte

Year 5: Zuzanna, Sofia and Calvin

Year 6: Riley, Liam, Caleb and Ollie

Kirby: Alina

### **22.10.21**

### **Principal Award**

FS2: Chester and Olivia

Year 1: Emily, Kayla Greace and Mason

Year 2: Mia, Mason and Angelo.

Nurture: Jamie

Year 3: Kaydi-Rose, Adam, SJ and Shakira

Year 4: Betina, Stefan, Tudor and Jayden

Year 5: Marko, Uros, Anais and Bianka

Year 6: Fola, Angelina and Brendan

Kirby: Oskars

## **Upcoming Dates**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline to apply for a secondary school place

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Term 2 starts, open to pupils. Owl visit to FS2

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to art gallery

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Math's week

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to war memorial

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – School photographs

## **Message from headteacher**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I cannot believe it is half term already. It has just flown by. I've really enjoyed my first half term at Exeter and I am incredibly thankful of the support I have been shown by the whole school community - staff, parents, children and governors.

Have a lovely half term break and enjoy lots of family time. Keep yourselves safe over the Halloween festivities as well as the celebrations around Bonfire Night. I know how exciting these times are but they always carry a risk, so enjoy yourselves but please do keep safe.

Thank you again for all your support. Please remember: if there is anything we can do to help, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Together, we can achieve the impossible.

Scott Nicholls



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## Half-term Maths challenge

Did you know that all children by the end of year 4 are expected to know up to 12x12? Whilst we teach this daily in school, practise at home is vital for pupils to quickly recall these facts and allow them to commit to

their long-term memory. This half-term we are setting a challenge to all pupils to complete 60 minutes of maths games on either numbers or TTRockstars. A separate letter has been sent out with more information.



Dress up day – we will also be having a dress up day with a rockstar theme

during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> November – more information to follow at the beginning of next term.

## Parents evening

Thank you to all the parent who attend their virtual parents evening this week via school cloud.

Initial feedback sound like those parents who attended via the link felt it was a success. We are

aware a few parents struggled to log in. We will be sending out a parent survey at the beginning of next term to find out about your experience and how we can improve this further.

## Year 1 Visit

As part of our Superhero topic and PSHE we have been learning all about everyday Superheroes in Year 1 and people whose job it is to help us. On Thursday afternoon we had a very special visit from a real-life superhero – Mr Crawford, a paramedic who came to talk to us about emergencies and keeping safe.



The children asked lots of question and we were able to look around his rapid response vehicle at all the equipment he carries to help people – of course we also had a demo of the flashing lights, horns and sirens!



Mr Crawford talked to the children about calling 999, what they should say and how he gets the information he needs to find people who need help. We had a go at using dressing and bandages

and the children bandaged each other's arms - there were some very professional looking bandages going on – maybe some future doctors, nurses or paramedics in the making! The children really enjoyed the visit and it brought to life the things we have been talking about in class – we would also like to thank Mr Crawford for taking the time to come and visit us on his day off!



## Year 3 Visit



Last week, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit from RaptorXotics. They were very lucky to meet and greet lots of exciting predators, including a falcon, kestrel and owl. Some of them flew very closely over the children's head, which made many of the children duck! The children also got to pet 'Neon' the rat. They learnt about the role of a predator and their role within the food chain.



## Harvest

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October we were lucky to have local vicar Paul Frost and Sam Brailsford (Children and family worker) visit school to talk about harvest. The theme was about food and where it comes from. Paul discussed how every pupil in school is like an acorn – they start off as a small seed, but with nourishment and care, they can grow into a tall, strong adult – where anything they wish to achieve is possible with hard work and dedication.



## After school clubs

New after school clubs are starting from the first week back in November. To sign your child up, please log onto your Gateway APP and go to the club section, places are limited. Letters were emailed out last week if you require further details. All clubs run until 4:15pm.

Monday	Year 6 Tag Rugby	Year 5 Tag Rugby
Tuesday	Year 3 Boccia	
Wednesday	Year 4 Boccia	Year 1 Multi-skills
Thursday	Year 5 Multi -skills	Year 2 Multi-skills

Corby Town Football Club is also running a football club for Years 3 and 4 on a Wednesday, at a cost of £21 for the half-term (7 weeks). This club can also be found in the club section, where payment can be made.





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## **Halloween**

We hope that all children who choose to participate in Halloween activities enjoy doing so, whilst staying safe. Remember, please ensure that all children are with an adult with all activities they do, and they respect all houses / venues that they attend. Have fun.



## **Year 6 application for secondary school places**

To find out more about the admission arrangements for each secondary school in North Northamptonshire and for detailed information about the process for applying for a Year 7 place at Secondary school, please visit <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places> To apply, please visit <https://eduweb.northnorthants.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en> where you will need to sign into your account (or create a new one) to start the application process. **Places must be applied for by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

## **Hot dinners in school**

We have noticed an increase in children not eating their hot dinners as they say they do not like the option which has been chosen for them. Can we please encourage parents to sit with your child when choosing their meals for the following week, so that you know they will enjoy what they are eating. Thank you.

## **Attendance**

Can we please remind all parents that you must make contact with school to report your child/ren absent each day that the child is not in school. This includes when a child is isolating awaiting a PCR test result. Once the child's result have returned, please contact the school office to let us know, and ideally send the email confirmation to [info@exeteralc.com](mailto:info@exeteralc.com). If positive and we have received confirmation of the isolation period, we will not expect you to report your child absent each day from that point (up to the end of their isolation period).

If you have a positive case in your household, all other members will still be expected to attend school every day, as long as they are not showing symptoms. If they are, they will need a PCR test. The majority of tests results are back within 24 hours (some as soon as 12 hours).

**Have your contact details changed?** Please ensure that the school office has correct contact numbers for you and your family to be able to contact you in case of your emergency.





Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October)
Reception	90.3
Year 1	95.6
Year 2	96.1
Year 3	95.5
Year 4	93.9
Year 5	92.8
Year 6	92.6

Year group	Attendance (Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October)
Reception	83.6
Year 1	87.7
Year 2	88.9
Year 3	90.1
Year 4	92.9
Year 5	92.4
Year 6	92.6

**Next Newsletter** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



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## Fun Open Day

Autumn Centre Counts Farm Road

Corby NN18 8BH

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:vicky.bowden@groundwork.org.uk)





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.



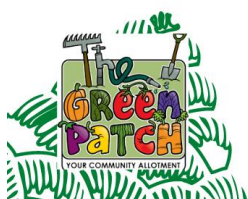
### Activities:

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](mailto:vicky.bowden@groundwork.org.uk)







### 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](http://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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## Exeter a learning community

### 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
Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
May Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 29 April
	Re-open	Tuesday 3 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 27 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 6 June
	Closes	Thursday 21 July
	Training Day	Friday 22 July