

**Today's Nayamba fundraiser:** Thank you for supporting today's fundraiser for Nayamba School. Nayamba school is in Zambia, Africa. There are 360 children on roll. In Zambia, families have to pay to send their children to go to the Government-run schools. Nayamba is a school that has been set up for local families who cannot afford to pay for their children to go to school. The school has been co-founded and maintained by a local Exminster group. The Nayamba Trust works closely with the school to develop good educational practice by supporting teacher training and development, and providing basics such as textbooks and electricity.

Children at Nayamba school go to school because they are desperate to get an education. Whilst at school, they also receive daily food. For 3 out of 10 of all children, this is the only food they will have for the day. 6 out of 10 children have that and one other meal and 1 out of 10 have 3 meals a day. Our fundraiser will support the essential food programme that gives all the children a meal. This food programme costs £1.40 per month to feed one child. We are asking families to donate, via School Gateway, £1.40 to fund one child's food programme for one month. Of course, people can donate whatever they choose to support this worthy cause. I have had the privilege of visiting the school in 2016 and 2017, working with the teachers and working with the children. I have seen first-hand, the wonderful work that is done in this school. Like Exminster, it is an amazing community where there is such motivation to learn. To find out more about Nayamba school, follow this link: <https://www.nayamba.org/>



**Football team:** A huge well done to our school football team who won their match against Highweek Primary on Tuesday afternoon. This is only the second competitive match that our team has played together representing the school. Exminster 3-2 against Highweek Community primary school. First league victory for our Y6 team, they played a brilliant game. At half time we went 1 goal up with Highweek having some good chances to score but our goalkeeper made some excellent saves. In the second half the team stuck together showing that 'Community' Rainbow Value. We raced into a 3-0 lead with some great strikers definitely showing off their potential! Highweek

## Friday 15 Nov 2024

### Future Dates:

**Mon 18 Nov** – Rainbow Day -wear bright colours-donation item on School Gateway

**Thurs 21 Nov** – 9am Yr 4 Reading workshop

**Fri 22 Nov** – Non-uniform in exchange for a Christmas raffle item

-School Disco! -payment item on School Gateway

**Mon 25 Nov** – Epic bookings open for Spring term 3pm

**Thurs 28 Nov** – 9am Yr3 Reading workshop

-bring in shoeboxes for the Cr2ee appeal

**Thurs 5 Dec** – 9am Yr2 Reading Workshop

**Wed 11 Dec** – Christmas Lunches for Rec, 1 & 2 Yrs3-6 need a packed lunch

**Thurs 12 Dec** – Christmas Lunches for Yrs3-6

**Wed 18 Dec** – Carols in the Yard-info to follow

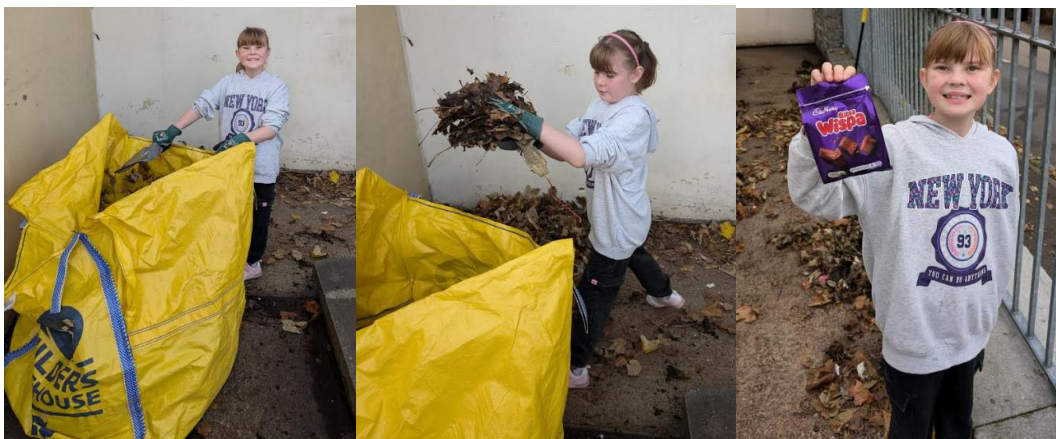
**CHRISTMAS HOLS** – 23 Dec to 6 Jan

**Tues 7 Jan** – First day of Spring term

came back into the game with 2 quick goals. At full time the team were absolutely delighted with the win! Well done to the Y6 team and to Mr Pinnick and Miss Seaward for their coaching and support!

**On Cloud Nine Update:** thank you very much for all your kind donations of activities and equipment for the On Cloud Nine Zone. We will be getting those out for children to use soon and will provide a photo update in a later newsletter. We have added more turf across the mud area and are just 25 rolls short now. We have managed to get a special deal of £3 a roll so if anyone is able to donate money for a roll or more, we would be very grateful. Please see the payment item on School Gateway called 'On Cloud Nine'.

**Random Act of Kindness:** Mr Broom, our site manager, was touched by the random act of kindness of Betsy (one of our Year 6 children) and her dad who worked together at the weekend to clear the ramp of leaves. It is very much appreciated for what seems like an everlasting task this time of year! What was also lovely was how this prompted another random act of kindness from a passer-by who bought Betsy some chocolate from Tesco to say thank you. It's lovely to see our Community Rainbow Value in action!



**Applications open for children due to start in Reception September 2025:**  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/> The application window is now open for children who are due to start in Reception next September, 2025. The window is open from 15 November 2024 – 15 January 2025. It does not matter when within that window you submit your application, as long as it is within the deadline of 15 January 2025. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who has a child of that age. If you are considering our school and have not managed to have a tour, there is a tour on Wed 20 November at 9.30am <https://forms.gle/wQYm4Q8T5Z5RdPvY6>. Please use the link to book in. If you are unable to make this and would like to look round, do get in contact with the school office.

**Message from Westbank:** Join us for a Warm Welcome this Winter at The Community Hub, Healthy Living Centre, Farm House Rise, Exminster, EX6 8AT. When? Monday 10am - 8pm, Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4pm from 4th November 2024. It is a warm space, complimentary warm food & drinks, the opportunity to socialise, as well as receive support and advice on keeping warm, eating healthily and staying well this winter. For more information call 01392 824752 or email [communityservices@westbank.org.uk](mailto:communityservices@westbank.org.uk).

**DISCO!** - The school disco is back on Friday 22nd November! A payment Item is now live on School Gateway. The last one was so successful thanks to all the volunteers. If you could spare some time for one or multiple of the disco slots, please contact Toni Hatton on 07841 680614

Reception 3.30-4.10pm

Y1/2 4.25-5.10pm

Y3/4 5.25-6.10pm

Y5/6 6.25 - 7.15pm

**Headteachers: Mrs S Whalley and Mr I Moore**

**Mental Health Update:** Hello, my name is Sinead Coville and I am Exminster's Mental Health Ambassador. I am planning to add regular updates to the newsletter on what is happening in school to support both the children's and parent's mental health

**Mighty Minds Lunchtime Club** Every year group has a weekly lunchtime club called Mighty Minds. The children spend time colouring and listening to music while the teachers share the 10 A Day Poster which provides children with strategies for supporting their mental health. The great thing about this club it is a drop in club so the children can choose to either drop in weekly or drop in when they want to. The aim of this club is to provide time for the children to develop strategies for supporting their mental health.



## '10 a day' choices towards balancing our mental health



**Community Library:** every Wednesday, our community library will continue to be open for families to come in and look/borrow from the books we have available. Over the last few years, it has been built up further and will be open on a Wednesday morning each week from 8:50am until the school gate close around 9:10am. On request, you can access this resource bank at any time. The Community Library is a collection of books available for parents to borrow. We have books on topics that parents have regularly asked for support with including sleep, positive mental health, parenting different age groups of children, anxiety, bereavement, illness, divorce and lots more. The books will be on display in the lounge area next to the office. Feel free to come in and have a browse or borrow one if you think it may be useful. There is a book to sign books out and back in.

**SHOE BOX APPEAL 2024:** As you know the world is still very troubled by conflict where innocent people are affected and children often orphaned. Christian Response to Eastern Europe (Cr2ee) has continued over the last year to extend the humanitarian aid it was sending to Moldova to the people of Ukraine, Moldova's neighbours, even though this has stretched their resources. A huge amount of humanitarian aid, including medical supplies has been distributed. For the traumatised children and their families, shoeboxes at Christmas will be even more important in showing that they are not forgotten. Our shoebox appeal is about to start and we hope you will be able to join in this amazing project, despite the difficulties many are facing at home. We will need to collect the shoeboxes from participating schools and groups throughout November. These will be going to children and families in both Moldova and Ukraine. The children are truly thrilled to receive a Christmas shoebox; generally boxes should be wrapped and properly secured. If you can pop in a card, a photograph or message with your address, even better. The shoeboxes can be for an individual boy or girl while a larger one could be for a family. Please label the boxes - boy, girl or family - with appropriate age ranges where feasible and drop them off in school on Thursday 28 Nov. We know times are difficult and so children are welcome to club together to donate joint boxes. Attached is a list of useful items for a shoebox.

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**School Christmas Lunches** -This year the School's Christmas lunches will be served on Wednesday 11 December for Reception and Years 1 and 2, and on Thursday 12 December for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The Christmas lunch menu will consist of Roast Turkey with a Chipolata sausage, or a Cheesy Wheel accompanied by roast potatoes, stuffing, carrots and peas followed by vanilla ice cream. Please complete the form below by Monday 18 November, detailing your child's choice of Roast Turkey or a Cheesy Wheel. If your child doesn't want to have a school Christmas lunch on their Christmas lunch day, they will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

**A reply must be received for every child.**

### **Rec, Y1 and Y2**

Christmas lunches for all Reception and Years 1 and 2 children will be served on Wed 11 December. The lunch will be free under the Universal Free School Meals initiative. The only menu options available on this day will be Roast Turkey or a Cheesy Wheel. If your child would prefer a packed lunch this must be brought from home but all children will eat with their classmates as usual on their Christmas lunch date.

On Thursday 12 Dec, as the kitchen will be providing Christmas lunches for Years 3 to 6, children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 can choose from Pasta Bolognaise or Cauliflower Cheese. No other lunch options will be available. If your child would prefer a packed lunch, they will need to bring one from home. **We will require your child's choice for both days in advance so please complete the form below.** <https://forms.gle/dwerJdaDa9gyz3jh9>

### **Yrs 3-6**

Christmas lunches for years 3 to 6 will be served on Thursday 12 Dec and will be charged as usual via School Gateway. The only menu options available on this day will be Roast Turkey or a Cheesy Wheel. If your child would prefer a packed lunch this must be brought from home but all children will eat with their classmates as usual on their Christmas lunch date. Please complete the form below to confirm your child's lunch choice for Thurs 12 Dec, we need a reply for all children, even if your child will be bringing a packed lunch in from home. This way we can make sure no one will miss out. <https://forms.gle/f6SqYwraA9SwyqoCA>

On Wed 11 Dec children in Years 3 to 6 will need to bring a packed lunch from home as the kitchen will be providing Christmas dinners for children in the other year groups. If your child qualifies for free school meals and you would like us to provide them with a school packed lunch, please email [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk). Thank you



**Exminster pre-Xmas market:** this Saturday in the Victory Hall Please see attached poster. Seth, Florence and Ivy from Year 6 will be attending as part of their Civic award in the hope of raising funds for Exeter Foodbank selection box appeal (see attached photo). Their just giving link is below <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steve-godbeer>



**Piano:** Westbank have a Piano available. Please contact [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk) if you're interested and we'll put you in contact with them

