



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone — we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. The children have come back ready to learn, as always.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support during the late opening on Monday and Tuesday due to the icy conditions. The safety and wellbeing of our children, parents, and staff is always paramount, and we are very grateful for your understanding and flexibility during this time.

We are delighted to welcome four new children to our wonderful school community this term. A very warm welcome to Arthur in reception, Max and Jaxon in Year 2 and Kit in Year 4. The children have already been incredibly welcoming and are excited to make new friends. We are sure our new pupils will soon feel happy and settled as part of our school family. A warm welcome also to Miss Rebecca Crosby who is teaching Reception and Mrs Jess Charlesworth who will be working in our EYFS team.

As we begin a new term, the children are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities, new challenges, and special events. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support — we look forward to another positive and successful term together.

We also raised £226 from the Santa Run for Hospiscare which is fantastic, thank you for everyone's support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 12.01.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li><li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</li><li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</li><li>Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.</li><li>Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li></ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk">admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recorder club (KS2) with Miss McLean 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li><li>Year 6 gardening session – wellies required</li><li>RNLI Visit – Years 3 &amp; 5</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gardening club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 3, Year 4 (Representative country colours sent home via email)</li><li>Year 3 &amp; 4 Intrasport football event (1.30pm) – FOWs refreshments – cake donations gratefully received!</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 6 Family Lunch 12.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2</li><li>Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE Kit: Year 1, Year 4</li><li>Forest school (Wellies required) - Year 3</li></ul>

A polite reminder that the £2 payment for science day is required by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

# Diary dates

## This half term

*These dates are provisional and subject to change. Details will follow.*

### Upcoming events

Wb 19.01.26	21.01.26 Year 5 Family Lunch 22.01.26 Whole Federation science day (Dress as scientists) 23.01.26 Year 6 Cake Sale
Wb 26.01.26	27.01.26 Garden day 28.01.26 Y1/2 Multiskills event at QE 28.01.26 Year 4 Family Lunch
Wb 02.02.26	02.02.26/03.02.26 Year 5 Bikeability 02.02.26 Year 2 Exeter City Football Festival 04.02.26 Year 3 Bikeability 06.02.26 Whole Federation Art day with EmmyLou 06.02.26 Staff Cake Sale
Wb 09.02.26	09.02.26/10.02.26 Year 6 Bikeability 10.02.26 Online safety day 13.02.26 Family breakfast & Nursery stay and play 13.02.26 Art Exhibition in All Saint's Church begins

# Woodland Robins

A warm, welcoming space for bumps, babies, and little learners to grow together.

**Wednesday mornings (term time)**



**9am-10.30am**

Winkleigh Primary School Hall  
£2 per session

Refreshments included

Join us for stories, singing and a wonderful opportunity for play and exploration. We would love to welcome you into school for quality interactions with children and families.

Baby weighing available.

# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break filled with joy, rest, and special moments with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the nursery, and we are so pleased to see their smiling faces and hear all about their holiday adventures.

As we return, winter has certainly made itself known! With the icy weather and colder temperatures, This week we have been exploring the winter theme through stories, songs, crafts, and sensory play. We have been learning about the changes in the weather, animals in winter whilst encouraging curiosity, creativity, and plenty of fun.

Please ensure children come to nursery dressed warmly with coats, hats, gloves, and suitable footwear. We will continue to take advantage of outdoor play whenever it is safe to do so, as fresh air and movement are important all year round. On particularly icy days, outdoor activities may be adapted to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We look forward to a happy and exciting Spring term together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team



### Snowflakes In The Sky

(To the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Snowflakes, snowflakes in the sky,

Falling gently from up high,

Softly, softly to the ground,

Without making any sound.

Snowflakes, snowflakes in the sky,

Falling gently from up high.

# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Miss Crosby

It has been wonderful to welcome all the Owls back into school and hear about their fabulous Christmases! It sounds like great fun has been had by all!

They have all settled back in well and were excited to see their friends after a long break. We have had a great first week back and have begun our new topic of 'dinosaurs' which the children have enjoyed and have come up with their own questions they wish to be answered over the term, such as 'What did dinosaurs sound like?'.

We have also started our 'drawing club' adventure, where the text 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' has been used to excite the children and inspire them to begin to create their own adaptations – we have had little sisters with buckets of socks, their friends with pots of crowns, and more! We can't wait to see what the other weeks bring.

Welcome back Owls!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

We were all excited to return after the Christmas break and share our holiday adventures!

Despite the icy and wet weather, we've had a busy and productive first week back.

We are now learning to count on from 10 in Maths for our next sequence on place value within 20. The children enjoyed recapping number bonds to 10 and have begun counting on from 10 up to 20.

Our Curious Quests continues in English! The children have loved choosing a character to go on these adventures as we discover new books this term. They created and described their characters using fantastic vocabulary such as *resilient, mighty, swift, and fierce*.

In RE we began our sequence on Sacred Places and will be exploring different sacred places for different believers.

In Science our new topic is Animals, including humans. We discussed different groups of animals, including mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. The children are excited to explore each group further as the term progresses.

In Geography we travelled to Sri Lanka! We compared similarities and differences between the UK and Sri Lanka and are looking forward to learning more about this beautiful island country.

In PE, we have started our learning sequence on Gymnastics. The children have been learning to make different shapes using their bodies and are enjoying exploring movement and balance.

Just a gentle reminder for children to bring their home reader and Polar bear books in to school everyday.

Thank you for your continued support.



# Class news

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two have settled back into routine this week and have shown a positive attitude to learning across the curriculum.

In English, we have begun a new non-fiction unit based on the text *Look Inside Space*. The children have been fascinated by the facts they have discovered so far and have enjoyed exploring the text to identify key information. We have also been learning to define and understand new vocabulary linked to our space topic.

In Maths, we have completed our learning sequence on shape and are now moving on to multiplication and division. The children are starting this sequence by organising objects into equal groups and developing a secure understanding of what this means in practical ways.

Guided reading has continued as part of our daily timetable. Please can children remember to bring their polar bear reading records into school every day so that reading can be recorded and monitored.

In Art, we learned about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and created our own versions of his concentric circle artwork. In Science, we used our five senses to explore the outdoor area and discussed how our senses often work together. In PE, we began our hockey unit, learning how to hold the stick correctly and move the ball carefully around the playground.



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

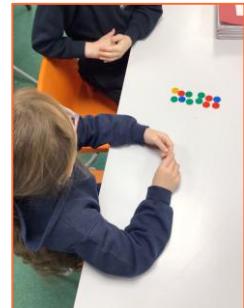
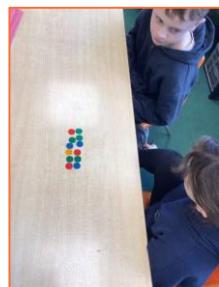
It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break. We have had a busy start to 2026 and the children have settled back into the routines well despite the weather disruptions! Our first English sequence this term is based around Grimms Fairytales, and the children have enjoyed listening to and reading a selection of both familiar and unfamiliar tales. They have thought about the elements of a fairytale and have enjoyed learning the meanings of new words associated with these traditional tales. It was lovely to see them really enjoying their tag rugby lesson earlier in the week working well together with partners to learn new skills. They also worked particularly well in Art where we were looking at the works of artist Vincent Van Gogh and finding out about his life. In R.E, the children enjoyed learning the new vocabulary associated with our topic on Islam. What a great first week back we have had. I hope you all stay warm and dry over the weekend!



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

After a disrupted start to the term, it has been wonderful to welcome everyone back following the festive break. Year 4 have settled quickly and shown great enthusiasm for our new learning. In English, we have begun exploring Varjak Paw, focusing on character emotion and the Paw family tree, detailing the relationships between various members.

In Maths, we have been identifying factor pairs and using different strategies to spot them efficiently. Across the wider curriculum, we have been introduced to new sequences of learning, including natural resources, electricity, the Holy Trinity and internet safety. These topics will continue to develop over the coming weeks as we build key vocabulary and deepen understanding further. Next week, we are looking forward to joining Year 3 for an Intrasport football event in school you are more than welcome to spectate from 1:30pm. Have a great weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

It has been great to welcome back Year 5 after the Christmas break for the Spring term. This week we have been starting our foundation subject sequences and in Art this week, we started to look at our artist William Morris learning about his work before looking to replicate a piece of his art work using symmetry and repetitive patterns.

In Geography this week we have been discussing the vocabulary that we will be using this term and the water cycle. We have been learning about the water cycle and what happens using music and songs to help us remember the stages of the water cycle.

In Maths, this week we have continued with our multiplication and have been multiplying a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number. We have just began to look at division and using short division to help us solve different problems. Have a great weekend Year 5.



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have come back to school with a great attitude towards their learning and have been getting stuck into their new sequences in all subjects. In guided reading, we have started looking at the book Skellig and using this to practice answering retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions. The children have been asking some insightful questions about the characters and making their own predictions. In English, we have started reading A Wizard of Earthsea. We began the sequence with some character and setting description and will develop this descriptive writing further next week when reminding ourselves about relative clauses and different tenses. We have been looking at converting units of measurement and solving problems involving calculating using a range of units. Next week we will be learning about the place value of decimal numbers including multiplying and dividing them by 10, 100 and 1,000. We have spent some time looking at all of the new vocabulary for this half term's sequences as well as discussing which of our concepts they fit into. The children enjoyed starting our science sequence by looking outside for examples of living and non-living things and used key vocabulary to explain how they knew. Have a wonderful weekend!





**Flu  
Vaccination**

**School Age  
Reception -  
Year 11**

# **Drop In Clinic**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

**10:30 - 13:30**

**The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints  
Wonford Road  
Exeter  
EX2 4UD**

For more information  
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member of the team

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