



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! It's lovely to see everyone again, and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday filled with rest and fun. The children have returned to school looking refreshed, positive, and ready to learn. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of enriching opportunities planned, including trips, visitors, and residential experiences that will support learning both in and beyond the classroom.

We are delighted to share that we were successful in the Government's school-based nursery grant. Only seven schools in Devon were awarded funding, and we received £66,000. This significant investment will fund an additional cabin, enabling us to expand our nursery provision and create an even better early years environment for our youngest learners. This is a fantastic step forward for our school community, and we look forward to sharing updates as the project develops.

The whole school enjoyed a visit from the police this week, which was both informative and engaging. The children took part in an assembly where they learned about the important role the police play in keeping our communities safe, as well as how they can help others. Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils also had the opportunity to explore the speed awareness van, which sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

Our Bake Off this week was a huge success, with a wide range of creative and delicious entries. The effort and enthusiasm from the children was wonderful to see, and the standard was incredibly high, making it a very tough competition to judge! A big thank you to Ange and Emma for giving up their time to support this event.

We are also incredibly grateful to Mrs Launce for her very generous donation of over eight boxes of brand new Usborne books. This is a fantastic addition to our reading resources, and it has been lovely to see the children already enjoying and exploring the new books with such enthusiasm.

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Executive Headteacher's Update *continued*


Some of our Year 4 and 5 pupils had a fantastic day in Exeter yesterday. They travelled by train, which was an exciting experience in itself, before enjoying a behind-the-scenes tour of Exeter City Stadium. The group then had a lovely lunch together and spent time relaxing and playing in the park in the sunshine. It was a truly memorable day, and myself, Mr Slocombe, Mr Walter, and Mr Craker were extremely impressed with the children's behaviour, attitude, and manners throughout.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Wonnacott today, starting with us as a TA before moving to an admin role. Thank you Leanne for your contribution to the federation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

School uniform

Our school colour is jade green, with grey trousers, shorts or skirts.

Winter

- school sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with logo)
- white school polo shirt
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- navy blue or grey socks/tights - no patterns
- flat hair bands - no large bows or elaborate designs
- black trainers or shoes that are suitable for exercise, no open-toed shoes



Summer

- The winter uniform may be worn year-round or children may wear a NAVY blue and white checked school dress. Please note that light blue and white checked school dresses are widely available but our uniform is NAVY blue and white check.

PE

- Navy blue hoodie with school logo OR
- Plain navy blue or black, unbranded hoodie/sweatshirt
- Plain, unbranded navy blue or black shorts or joggers
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black trainers

On the days children have PE lessons or club, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. PE hoodies should only be worn on PE days and are not part of standard school uniform.

Uniform Suppliers

- School sweatshirts, cardigans and PE hoodies with the school logo are available from:
- Thomas Moore in Exeter: www.thomasmooretoymaster.com
- Instant Images Embroidery in Great Torrington: www.instantimagesembroidery.co.uk
- Plain jade green school sweatshirts are available online from supermarkets.



Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 27.04.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Early birds – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time. Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. <p>Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin Away Day (emails will be monitored and the answerphone will be checked throughout the day) PE today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 Rounders Club (KS2) with Mr Slocombe/Mr Craker (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 3, Year 4 Gardening Club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm) KS2 Shelterbox assembly
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Robins Baby & Toddler Group 9am-10.30am PE today: Year 4, Year 5 Clarinet Club (KS2) with Miss McLean (12-12.30pm)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Football Club (KS2) with Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm) Y3/4 Handball event – QE, Crediton
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 2, Year 6 Hatherleigh – World Cup Cricket Festival (KS2 Girls) – Those involved have received letters.

Diary dates

This half term

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

Summer 1

Wb 04.05.26	04.05.26 May Bank Holiday 05.05.26 10 a day workshops – Y4/5 06.05.26 Year 4 Stover Educational Visit
Wb 11.05.26	KS2 SATs week – Y6 SATs breakfast 12.05.26 Year 5 We the Curious trip 14.05.26 Y3/4 QE Rounders event 15.05.26 Aquathlon event 15.05.26 Family breakfast & open morning 15.05.26 Nursery stay and play
Wb 18.05.26	18.05.26 NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y4, Y5 19.05.26 FOWs Bags to school 20.05.26 KS1 Infant Music Festival 21.05.26 Recycling workshops 21.05.26 Curry Takeaway Night 22.05.26 Owls Devon Railway Centre visit

Diary dates UPDATED

This academic year

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June

1st – Staff training day

2nd – Return to school & writing hook day

4th/5th – Y4 Bristol

10th – Y4 Athletics at Lansdown

11th/12th – Y3 Camping

15th – Father's Day Breakfast

17th/18th/19th – Y6 London

17th – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh

Wb 22nd – Sport & Culture week

25th – Fireball volleyball

26th – Sports Day

29th – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow

July

2nd/3rd – Y6 Surfing

7th – Transition day

10th – Colour run

21st – Leaver's Assembly

21st – Final day of term

August

Summer Holidays

Summer Term Menu

£2.60 per meal. We have spent a lot of time talking to children and adapting the menu to appeal to their tastes, we would be grateful if you encourage your children to try the meals on offer.

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Bolognese and Pasta Twists	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Macaroni Cheese and Crusty Bread (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	BBQ Loaded Bean Bake with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Iced Fruit Smoothie	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Brownie and Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)

Week One: 20 Apr | 11 May | 8 Jun | 29 Jun | 20 July | 7 Sept | 28 Sept | 19 Oct - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Herby Potatoes (v)	Sausage Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Roast Pork with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken in a Wrap with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Cheese and Potato Pie (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese Wheel and Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Peas
And for Pudding	Peaches and Ice Cream	Marble Shortbread	Summer Berry and Apple Slice with Yogurt	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Apple Flapjack
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)

Week Two: 27 Apr | 18 May | 15 Jun | 6 Jul | 14 Sep | 5 Oct
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Brunch (Bacon, Sausage & Hash Brown)	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Plant Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip (v)	Vegetable Plait with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausages & Hash Brown)	Cheese and Tomato Frittata and Chips (v)
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli and Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas
And for Pudding	Raspberry Muffin	Shortbread	Chewy Krispie Bar with Orange Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Apple Crumble and Custard
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese or Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding)

Week Three: 4 May | 1 Jun | 22 Jun | 13 Jul | 21 Sep | 12 Oct
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

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

Friday 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.

Trips & activities

Years 4 & 5 – Exeter City Stadium Tour

30 children from Years 4 and 5 were lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy a tour of St James' Park. We visited the home and away changing rooms, each of the stands and the team museum. Mrs Fenemore, Mr Slocombe, Mr Craker and I were very impressed by the standards of behaviour and conduct during the trip.

Mr Walter



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely and restful spring holiday. It has been wonderful to see the children return to the nursery so happy, settled and ready to learn.

We are incredibly proud of how well they have come back and followed our nursery routines. The children have shown great enthusiasm and confidence, quickly reconnecting with their friends and engaging in all our activities.

This week, the children have particularly enjoyed spending time outdoors. They have loved exploring the environment, discovering new things, and working together through shared play and teamwork. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and cooperation flourish.

Celebrating Home Learning

At our nursery we value the important role families play in supporting children's learning and development. We love hearing about the wonderful achievements children make at home. If your child has had a special achievement such as learning a new skill, showing kindness, or trying something new please share it with us. Celebrating these moments together helps us build a fuller picture of each child's development.

A gentle reminder to please ensure your child comes to nursery wearing trainers or suitable shoes for outdoor play each day. This helps them to fully enjoy and safely take part in all our outdoor activities.



Thank you for your continued support.



Have a wonderful weekend!
The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

What a wonderful first week back! Reception have now started their travel and transport topic; this week we have been learning about boats.

In Drawing club, we have been focusing on the book '*The Boy Who Sailed the World*'. The children have had great fun using their imaginations to come up with their own characters and settings, whilst also thinking up different ways that the boy could get to shore if his boat was broken.

In PE this week, we have continued daily Leap into Life sessions and have been focusing on moving slowly with control. We have been pretending that we are pirates, using controlled movements to climb the rigging and open our treasure chests.

In maths, we have been focusing on numbers after 10. We have played dice games, practised our number formation and scored games using tally charts.

We have also made our own paper boats, showing off our listening skills and following instructions carefully.

Thank you for a brilliant week, Owls.

We hope you all have a great weekend!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the term and have come back ready to learn!

We kicked things off with a brilliant Hook Day, where we began exploring our new text, Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave. The children loved pretending to spend a day at the beach, discovering new vocabulary linked to the story and bringing the setting to life. We even designed and created our own surfboards and comics, which we'll continue to use as inspiration for our writing.

In maths, we have started our new learning on multiplication and division. We began by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to build a strong foundation for this unit.

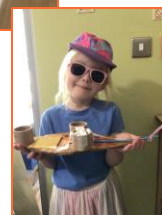
In art, we have started exploring collage and will soon be learning about the artist Henri Matisse. The children will be experimenting with bold colours and different ways of creating pictures.

In geography, we have begun our learning about the United Kingdom. We're looking forward to finding out more about each of the countries that make up the UK over the coming weeks.

In English, we are continuing our work on Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave, building our writing skills and ideas linked to the story.

In PE, we have started our athletics unit and have really enjoyed being outside in the sunshine!

Have a lovely weekend enjoying the sunshine!



Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two immersed themselves in the world of dragons, knights and princesses on Tuesday.

We began learning the text "*Tell me a dragon*" and focused on some of the beautiful illustrations in the book. Making dragon eggs was a highlight and there were some colourful creations. The variety of wonderful costumes enhanced the day and it was a fun start to our new learning sequence.

In maths we have begun learning fractions. We have thought about part-whole models and equal and unequal groups. Next week, we will be learning about half, quarters and thirds.

In science we continued our sequence on habitats. We learned about woodland habitats and used class and natural resources to create our own mini woodland habitats outside.

There was some good discussion about which of the class toy animals would inhabit a woodland environment!

In art we have begun a new sequence on artwork from 1900 to 2000. This week we focused on 1900s art nouveau artwork and had a go at creating our own pieces using pencil and watercolour.



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

It has been a wonderful start to the Summer term this week in Year Three. The children have come back with a real eagerness to learn which has been great to see. Our Hook day was enjoyed by all on Tuesday where the children planted seeds, designed their own seed packets, set up a planting experiment and created some lovely observational drawings of plants and flowers. It was a great introduction to our new English book. In geography, the children will be spending time finding out about Poland. This week they looked at where the country is in relation to The UK, and began comparing it with other countries in Europe. In PSHE, they had some good discussions about what we need to do to keep ourselves healthy and fit, and it was great to see them working on these during our PE lesson. We hope you have a lovely sunny weekend! Please don't forget to work on your spellings over the weekend ready for our test on Monday!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week, Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the new term and our new English learning sequence as we immersed ourselves in the world of *Glockenheim*. During the hook day on Tuesday, we discussed the text of *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman and explored various ways that clocks work and an understanding of time. The outfits and enthusiasm were wonderful and helped set the scene perfectly for our learning.

In maths, we have continued developing our understanding of decimals, with a particular focus on dividing by 10 and exploring how digits change value.

Our geography learning linked closely with English as we explored time zones around the world, with a specific focus on North America, helping pupils understand how time differs across continents. We also explored the different countries of North America using an atlas.

On Wednesday, we were fortunate to welcome a road safety team, who spoke to the children about staying safe and even allowed us to explore a speed enforcement van.

Have a great weekend everyone!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

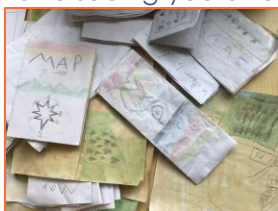
Well done Year 5 for a fantastic week and start to the Summer Term. We have been working hard this week and meeting every expectation set!

In English, we began our new sequence based around *Where my Wellies take me*. This involved a walk around the village, sketching the church and creating our own maps in the style of the text. We have enjoyed writing descriptively, learning new vocabulary and writing our own biographical pieces.

Maths this week has involved us measuring angles to 180° and drawing accurate lines and angles. On Thursday, we explored investigative maths activities, challenging ourselves to solve problems from NRICH.

We kicked off our new science sequence by learning about the key vocabulary and creating model solar systems.

We are so proud of your hard work, manners and mature attitude that you have shown this week Year 5. We have embedded our class routines and expectations with enthusiasm. Have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another great week!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have started their final term at Primary School with such a positive week! They have been getting stuck into our sequences in all subjects and continue to be positive role models around the school. In maths, we have started to tackle algebra. The children have been forming expressions and equations to find missing numbers that are represented by a letter. We have also been recapping some knowledge of the four operations and working with decimals.

In English, we have started our new text *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and the *Race Against Time*. The children have been getting to know the characters and the structure of the text this week and have written some diary entries and newspaper articles to reflect the events of the first few chapters.

On Wednesday, we had the opportunity to look inside a police speed camera van following an assembly on road safety. The children showed great interest and had some thoughtful questions for our visitors. Have a lovely weekend!



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Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 9am

at Winkleigh Primary School

Please fill a bin bag (or bags!) with your items and leave under the covered area by the school doors, on the morning of the 19th May 2026 at 9am. (Items may be left after school the day before)

Men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts are all accepted.

NO duvets, blankets, NO pillows or cushions, carpets, rugs or mats, NO soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, NO school uniforms with or without logos, NO corporate clothing or workwear, NO textile cut offs or materials, NO soft toys, NO furniture or large items and NO batteries please.

Thank you!

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