

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am not quite sure where the half-term has gone! The children have worked so incredibly hard over the past few weeks, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, effort and commitment to their learning. They should all be very proud of what they have achieved. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Family Breakfast. It was lovely to see so many families getting involved, and thanks to your generosity, we raised approximately £150. Your continued support makes such a difference to our school community, and we are very grateful.

We are also delighted to announce that we have been awarded Silver Artsmark in recognition of our commitment to the arts. This is a fantastic achievement and celebrates the importance we place on creativity, self-expression and providing opportunities for our children to explore and develop their artistic talents. We are incredibly proud of this recognition and look forward to continuing to enrich our curriculum through the arts.

This week we welcomed several local schools to take part in a tag rugby tournament. Well done to our Year 5 and 6 teams from the federation, and thank you to Mr Walter for organising and Mr North for refereeing. Well done also to Lucus and Hadley who produced a match report and to Antonia for supporting in her role as a sports ambassador!

After half-term, we are looking forward to welcoming one of our new Teaching Assistants, Mr Richardson, to the team. We are delighted to have him joining us and know that you will all join us in making him feel very welcome as he settles into our school community.

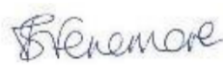
As we head into the half-term break, I would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Working together helps us to create the very best opportunities for our children, and we really do appreciate everything you do.

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' evenings this week. It is a valuable opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss progress in school. There were also several very positive comments about our Year 6s and the role that they play in school, from walking our younger children to their classes, supporting at lunchtimes and reading with our Early Years pupils. We are very proud of the maturity they have shown already this term.

The children have certainly earned a well-deserved rest after such a busy and productive few weeks! I hope you all have a lovely half-term break, enjoy some quality time together and return refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term of learning and new opportunities.

Have a wonderful half-term, everyone!

Kind regards
Mrs V Fenemore



Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 02.11.26

Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- All sorts – **3pm Sunday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)*
- Early birds – **3pm Sunday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)*
- Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.
- Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.

Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.

Monday

- Curriculum Hook day
- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit

Tuesday

- Gardening club
- Year 3, Year 5 PE kit

Wednesday

- Tempest family & individual photos
- Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 PE kit

Thursday

- Year 5 Morwellham Quay Visit
- Christmas Cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe
- Year 2, Year 4 PE kit

Friday

- Year 3 Cake Sale
- Year 2, Year 3 PE kit

Tag Rugby



We were delighted to welcome Monkleigh, Kings Nympton, Hatherleigh and Shebbear to a tag rugby tournament this week.

Lucus and Hadley from Year 5 prepared match reports as the games were played:

What a fantastic day of tag rugby, with plenty of tries, brilliant teamwork and some exciting matches!

Hatherleigh got things underway with a strong start against Monkleigh in a thrilling draw. Winkleigh followed with an impressive victory over Shebbear, while Kings Nympton secured a hard-fought win against Monkleigh.

Hatherleigh then produced a fantastic performance, scoring a win over Shebbear. The final match saw Winkleigh edge a closely contested game against Kings Nympton, winning in another exciting encounter.

Well done to all the teams involved! There was some brilliant tag rugby on display, with great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. Everyone should be really proud of their efforts!



Art exhibition

Remembrance



Saturday 7th November– Monday 16th November



All Saints Church, Winkleigh

St James the Apostle, Kings Nympton

Classes have been working hard on art work to commemorate the sacrifices made by many during the World Wars.

We are proud to present a Remembrance exhibition in our federation parish churches.

The exhibition can be viewed at any time during the churches' usual opening hours.

Saturday 7th November

9.30am-12noon

Visit Winkleigh Primary School!

What we offer:

- High quality, engaging learning environments
- Ofsted 'Strong Standard' in all areas of Under 2's provision
- Nurturing provision
- Tailored and adaptive teaching
- Broad and ambitious curriculum
- Extensive enrichment opportunities through trips, visitors, residentials.
- A strong sense of belonging and community
- Places available for children aged 0-11 years





Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children have been exploring autumnal treasures, including colourful leaves, conkers, twigs and pinecones. We looked closely at their colours, shapes and textures, encouraging lots of new descriptive vocabulary.

The children enjoyed leaf printing, choosing leaves and autumn colours to create beautiful patterns. This activity supported creativity, colour recognition and fine motor skills.

At the investigation area, we explored filling and emptying containers with natural materials. The children scooped, poured and transferred objects between containers while developing coordination and early mathematical ideas such as full, empty, more and less.

We also read Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. The children enjoyed spotting the imaginative leaf pictures and talking about where Leaf Man's autumn journey might take him next. It has been a super half term, filled with lots of fun, learning and special moments. We hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone again after the break!

You can continue the learning at home by collecting autumn treasures together and using them to create your own leaf person.

See below a song we have been singing.

The Nursery Team

Leaves Are Falling

(London Bridge Is Falling Down)

Leaves are falling all around,

All around, all around.

Leaves are falling to the ground,

It is autumn!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

This week, we have been completely immersed in the story Pumpkin Soup. The children loved diving into the book and brought it to life by role-playing the characters and actions.

The highlight of our week was becoming real chefs! First, the children made fresh bread, and then they worked together to make pumpkin soup "the best you have ever tasted."

They did a fantastic job with their chopping and stirring!

In maths, we have been noticing 1 more and 1 less using some of our favourite stories and rhymes. We used 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and 'The Gingerbread Man' to help us count on and count back.

I wonder if your child can tell you what is "1 more" or "1 less" than the number of items on their dinner plate!

Linked to our main story, we have been exploring what it means to be a good friend and how to take turns, just like the characters in Pumpkin Soup.

We took these skills into the hall for a fantastic parachute session. The children played collaborative games, which required brilliant teamwork and communication to keep the parachute moving together.

Have a wonderful half term! We can't wait to see you back!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 have really enjoyed reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* this week. The story has inspired lots of creativity, from making woodland scenes to designing beautiful, colourful firework displays. The children have also written some lovely sentences describing what they can see.

In maths, we've continued exploring addition, using part-whole models and ten frames to help us understand how two groups can be combined to make a whole.

We've also completed our end-of-unit assessments in geography, looking at our local area, and in RE, exploring what Christians believe God is like.

In art, the children have enjoyed looking back at and evaluating their artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's outdoor sculptures.

What a lovely first half term we've had in Year 1! The children have worked so hard and should be proud of themselves. It was lovely seeing you all at parents' evening too.

Have a wonderful, restful half term!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

What a fun and busy half term Year 2 have had! We have enjoyed settling into our classroom routines and learning our new expectations, which everyone has been fantastic at following.

In English, we have finished *Stuck by Oliver Jeffers*, which made us laugh out loud! Our independent writing has been full of imagination, with ridiculous ideas, adverbs and exclamation marks inspired by the author's brilliant writing techniques.

In maths, we have continued exploring addition and subtraction, learning to add or subtract across ten using our new mathematical word, exchange. We have been practising exchanging one ten for ten ones to help us solve subtraction calculations.

In computing we took part in a digital 5 a day learning how to balance the use of IT. We learnt how to use IT around us to fit in movement, connection and education whilst also taking time away for mindfulness through drawing.

We are so proud of how Year 2 have settled in, embraced new challenges and grown in confidence this half term.

We hope everyone has a lovely, restful half-term break and returns refreshed for another exciting term, full of Christmas learning and fun!



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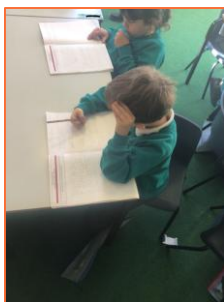
Year 3 – Mr Craker

Another busy week in year 3! In English, we have been completing our Interview with a tiger style writing by writing our own interviews and acting them out in real life!

In Maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction sequence by advancing our column method by carrying and exchanging numbers.

We have been completing our foundation subject sequences in the afternoons. In science, we investigated different soils by looking in the school garden. In music, we did our final performance of our song which was fantastic! In RE we worked together to say what is good about the world and wrote a comic about the creation story.

Well done year 3 for a great first half term. We have worked really hard on meeting every expectation. Have a lovely week off!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

As we reach the end of a fantastic first term, Year 4 have been celebrating all the wonderful learning that has taken place. In English, we completed our poetry sequence by writing and performing three different poems, each using a range of poetic devices to enhance our writing.

The children showed great creativity and confidence when sharing their work with others. In Maths, we finished our learning on addition and subtraction, using inverse operations to check answers and develop our mathematical thinking and reasoning skills.

Throughout the week, we have enjoyed reflecting on all of our learning so far. The children looked through their folders, discussed their achievements, and used retrieval activities to answer questions about previous learning. In Art, we created and sewed our own poppy designs while learning about the symbolism and importance of the poppy.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to share the children's progress with you and answer any questions.

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy any Halloween celebrations!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

In English, we have been finishing our poetry unit by writing our own poems. The children have enjoyed experimenting with different language techniques and have produced some thoughtful and imaginative pieces of writing. In Maths, we have been completing our work on multiplication and division, with the children showing great perseverance as they developed their understanding and confidence. In PSHE, we have been thinking about what makes us who we are, exploring the qualities, interests and experiences that make each person unique. In Geography, we have continued our learning about mountains and designed informative leaflets to showcase all that we have discovered. In PE, we have finished our basketball and tag rugby units, and it has been wonderful to see the teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown during some fantastic final games. In Science, the children have been learning about materials and their properties and have enjoyed designing their own materials, carefully considering which properties would best suit different purposes. Thank you for all your support throughout this half term. It has been lovely to see the progress the children have made, and I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break before we return next half term for more exciting learning.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have worked hard in English this week to produce some well thought out poetry to finish their short sequence looking at the work of Benjamin Zephaniah. They have written poems in response to his poetry answering the question 'Who are you?'

In maths, we have finished looking at the four operations. The children have shown great resilience throughout this sequence when tackling some challenging problems involving complex written methods. This week they have also learnt about the four quadrants on a grid and practiced reflecting and translating shapes.

The children have demonstrated their learning in the foundation subjects in their assessment tasks this week to finish our first half term!

In PE, the children worked well in teams to play tag rugby and football matches with great collaboration and team work.

Finally, well done to the children who took part in the tag rugby event on Wednesday, you represented our school brilliantly!
Have a lovely half term break!

