Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs V Fenemore

Friday 13th November 2026

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge thank you to our fantastic Friends of Winkleigh School (FOWS) for organising such an amazing fireworks display last week! It was a brilliant evening, and we were delighted to be on the door and support the event. It really is a fantastic fundraiser for our school, and we are so grateful for all the time, energy and hard work that goes into making it happen.

FOWS also held their AGM this week and are always keen to welcome new faces and ideas. Whether you can offer a little time, help at an event or get involved behind the scenes, every bit of support makes a difference. Please do get in touch with them if you would like to find out more.

Mrs Stapley, Mr Slocombe and I were also delighted to welcome around ten prospective families to look around our school last weekend. It was lovely to show them what makes Winkleigh such a special place, and we hope they enjoyed the opportunity to explore our school and learn more about our provision.

Excitement is certainly building for our Year 6 Christmas Ball! There is lots of anticipation (and talk about outfits!) amongst the children, and we are really looking forward to celebrating with them!

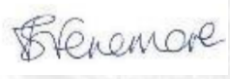
We also enjoyed some fantastic dance workshops for children in Reception to Year 4. Thank you to Mr Walter for organising these and providing the children with such a brilliant opportunity to get moving, learn new skills and have fun!

Finally, we were incredibly proud to display children's Remembrance artwork in the church. The exhibition is absolutely stunning and a wonderful reflection of the children's creativity, thoughtfulness and respect. Years 4, 5 and 6 also attended the war memorial as part of the Remembrance commemorations, taking time to reflect and pay their respects.

We also pleased to accompany our Owls children and Year 6 to the church to enjoy the artwork together. It was a particularly special opportunity to share and celebrate the children's work across our school community.

As always, there is lots happening at Winkleigh, and it is wonderful to see our children embracing so many opportunities!

Kind regards



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates
Upcoming week

Week beginning: 16.11.26	
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	• Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit • M&M Productions – Beauty and the Beast
Tuesday	• Gardening club with Mr Walter • Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
Wednesday	• Owls, Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 PE kit • Year 5 Skateboarding – PE kit required
Thursday	• Christmas Cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe • Year 2, Year 4 PE kit • Year 3, 4, 6 Skateboarding – PE kit required
Friday	• Owls, Year 2, Year 3 PE kit • Year 4 Cake Sale

Christmas 2026
at Winkleigh Primary School
Details overleaf

Saturday 21st November

Wreath making workshop
Winkleigh School Hall
Refreshments
£25



9.30am-12noon

Thursday 3rd December

Christmas bake off

Auctioned off in sealed bids!



Cash payment

Friday 4th December

Christmas disco



FOWs payment

Tuesday 8th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers

Nursery, Owls, Year 1 & Year 2



Gateway payment

Tuesday 8th December

Carol Singing
Years 3 & 4 in the village
1.30pm



Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Gateway payment



Wednesday 9th December
Nursery Christmas concert
2.30pm
Winkleigh School Hall



Thursday 10th December

Owls Nativity
Winkleigh School Hall
Performance 2.30pm
Programme – 50p



Ticketed

Friday 11th December

Christmas Family Breakfast, Open Morning & Christmas Stay and play in Nursery



Gateway payment

Friday 11th December

Santa Run

Sponsorship



Monday 14th December – Friday 18th December
Excluding Wednesday 17th for KS2
Christmas jumpers every day



Monday 14th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Winkleigh School Hall
Programmes – 50p
Creche available



Ticketed



From **1st December** – Christmas Postbox



Christmas 2026
at Winkleigh Primary School

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas games & raffle



Wednesday 16th December

KS2 Carol Service
2pm All Saints Church
Full uniform



Hot chocolate after from school – cash payment

Thursday 17th December

Year 6 VIP Christmas Ball

3 course meal & VIP Disco



Friday 18th December



Talent Show & Class Christmas Parties

Owls & KS1 Performances

Owls Nativity – Thursday 10th December 2.30pm – School Hall
Tickets will be sent home, 2 per child.
Programmes 50p

KS1 Performance – Christmas with the Aliens – School Hall
Monday 14th December 2pm
Tickets will be sent home, 2 per child.
Programmes 50p
Creche available – must be booked in advance

Christmas Games by Year 5 and Year 6

Working collaboratively in D&T lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 will devise, create, set up and run games for all the children in school to enjoy.
This will be a "pay to play" fundraising and enterprise event for Years 5 and 6. A payment request for £3.50 will be set up on gateway. The children will be provided with tokens to play in school.

Christmas Dinner
Nursery/Owls/Year 1/Year 2 – Tuesday 8th December
Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 – Wednesday 9th December

Turkey or Vegetarian Roast
Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Gravy

Ice Cream and Biscuit
KS1: Free (50p donation gratefully received) / KS2: £3

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.

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.








FRIENDS OF WINKLEIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS DISCO

Fri 4th DEC 4 - 5:30PM

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Meal bags. Tuck. Tattoos

£2 entry on the door

Bring your childs water bottle please

School staff and FOWS will be supervising.
no need to stay with your child.

Disco Meal Bag £3.50

This will include:

Hot Dog (Pork sausage from Winkleigh Butcher)
Drink
Packet of crisps
Small packet of sweets

Please pre-book by sending £3.50 per child into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child/children's name and class on.

Alternatively, you can pay by BACS, but please also accompany the BACS payment with an email to f.o.w.s@outlook.com to say which child/ren the payment is for (FOWS Account number: 22077944 Sort code: 54-21-14).

The deadline for ordering the meal bags is **Tues 24th November.**

We will hold a list at the tuck shop and ensure everyone has their bag.

Please pay £2 on the door for entry as usual.

If you'd like your child to have any additional sweets (20p or 50p), crisps (50p) or a tattoo (30p), please let your child have additional money.

Vegetarian sausages available, please make a note with your payment if you require a vegetarian sausage.

MEAL BAGS & SEPARATE HOT DOGS ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

This week, we have been exploring the wonderful world of woodland animals! The children have enjoyed discovering different creatures that live in our woodlands, learning about where they live and what they need to feel safe.

We have been getting creative with our painting, using a variety of colours and materials to paint our favourite woodland creatures. The children have also been busy making cosy homes and shelters for woodland animals, thinking about where creatures might sleep, hide and keep warm.

Through our activities, we have been developing our imagination, creativity and fine motor skills, whilst learning new words and talking about the different animals we might find in a woodland environment. There have been lots of lovely opportunities for sharing ideas, exploring materials and learning alongside our friends.

The children have been enjoying a song called 'walking in the woods'
Maybe over the weekend ask them to teach it to you!

<u>Working in partnership with Families</u>

We love hearing about the children's experiences and achievements outside of the nursery. These experiences are an important part of their learning and development, and sharing them with us helps us to build on their interests, celebrate their successes and make meaningful links between home and nursery. Whether it is something new they have tried, a special outing, a new skill they have mastered or something they are particularly proud of, please do share it with us. We really value your contributions!

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team














Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

This weeks' Drawing Club, was the classic traditional tale The Little Red Hen as our inspiration. The children listened beautifully to the story and put pencil to paper to draw the main character, disgusting ingredients to put on top of the bread (stopping others' from eating it), the busy farmyard with their own odd animal, and their own villain who was coming to steal the bread.

Unlike the lazy dog, cat, and mouse in the story, our Reception children were incredibly helpful! We rolled up our sleeves and became real bakers, working together to mix, knead, and bake our very own bread.

This hands-on adventure helped the children explore how simple ingredients transform into food, bringing the journey of "field to plate" to life. It was a wonderful opportunity to practice physical coordination, measuring, and following step-by-step instructions.

In our mathematics sessions, we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes. The children put their shape recognition skills to the test by designing and building mathematical rockets!

We learned to identify and name squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles, discussing how many sides and corners each shape has. The children did a brilliant job selecting suitable shapes for each part of their rocket.

This week, we read the beautiful book Have You Filled a Bucket Today? to help us think deeply about kindness. We learned that everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings about ourselves.

When we say kind things, share, or help our friends, we fill their buckets—and it fills our own buckets too! The children have been practicing being "bucket fillers" all week in the classroom. We have seen some lovely moments of peers sharing toys, helping each other put on coats, and offering comfort when a friend is sad.

We had our first walk through the village this week, to visit the church. We were accompanied by Year 6 to look at the Remembrance Art that we and the rest of the school produced.

We have officially begun looking forward to Christmas by learning about the Nativity story. This week, the children were introduced to the very first parts of the traditional tale. We talked about Mary and Joseph, their long journey to Bethlehem, and the cosy stable where baby Jesus was born.







Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

This week, Year 1 explored an alternative telling of the classic fairy tale Rapunzel. The children are becoming increasingly confident writers describing characters and settings, while bringing their ideas to life through tower building and imaginative props.

In maths, we continue our learning on addition and subtraction focussing on subtraction. The children practised subtraction by crossing out pictured objects and writing the corresponding number sentences.

In PE, we continued our target games, developing our underarm throwing technique and aiming beanbags at targets near and far.

In history, we put on our historian hats to investigate toys from the past. We examined materials and clues to decide whether toys were old or modern, then enjoyed toy bingo, listening carefully to descriptions to identify each toy.

In RE, we explored the Nativity story, linking beautifully with the start of our Christmas play rehearsals. The children are excited to be learning the songs, and our classroom is already sounding very festive.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!





Year 2 – Miss Sobey

What a lovely week we have had in year 2! We have been busy as always with lots of exciting learning as we begin to look forward to the Christmas term. This week we took a few moments to remember those who have served during times of war. The children looked wonderful in their red clothes. Thank you for your kind donations. In English, we have continued exploring 'The man on the moon'. We have learnt all about expanded noun phrases and become sentence experts, making sure our sentences include a capital letter, subject, verb and punctuation. In maths we have continued to practice the column method but this week focusing on subtraction. poor Farmer Joe had all his apples eaten, but luckily, we worked out that he had 23 left! In PE, we have started invasion games, developing important skills such as moving sideways and backwards. We also enjoyed an awesome pirate themed dance workshop! In Science, we became material detectives, choosing objects from around our classroom and discussing why they had been made from particular materials. Have a lovely weekend!









Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

Another exciting week in year 3!

In English, we have continued to work on our Paddington sequence. We have enjoyed improving our writing by using adjectives and adverbs to describe Paddington and his surroundings. In Maths, we have started our multiplication and division sequence. We have been working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using songs to help us remember them.

We started our new History sequence on Ancient Egyptians. It was so nice to see how curious the children are about Ancient Egyptians and how excited they are to learn more throughout the sequence. In PE, we have continued to work on teamwork-based games to prepare for our orienteering activities. I was so proud of how respectfully the children observed the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day. We also discussed the importance of Remembrance Day and why we take time to remember.

Well done, Year 3, on another fantastic week! Have a lovely weekend!







Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week in English, we have started exploring shared ideas to help us create our own characters and settings for our narrative writing. The children have enjoyed discussing imaginative possibilities and developing creative details to bring their stories to life.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on multiples of 7 and 9, using a variety of representations to strengthen our understanding and confidence with number patterns and arrays.

On Monday, we were fortunate to take part in an engaging dance workshop focused on the theme of slapstick dance. The children displayed excellent enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork throughout the session. In history, we have been predicting the possible uses of different Mayan artefacts and planning our own water cycle experiment, which we are looking forward to carrying out next week.

Finally, it was fantastic to witness the respect, maturity and understanding shown by all children during our Remembrance activities at church and in school on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend!





Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

This week has been another busy and enjoyable one in Year 5. We have continued our work on Kensuke's Kingdom, and the children are really enjoying the story. They have been discussing the characters, predicting what might happen next and using the text to inspire their writing. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm and engagement during our English lessons. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focusing on equivalents. The children have been learning how different fractions can represent the same amount and have worked hard to explain their thinking. They are becoming more confident in recognising and comparing equivalent fractions and have shown great perseverance when tackling new challenges. In History, we have begun our new topic on the Victorians. The children have started to explore where the Victorian era fits within British history and enjoyed creating timelines to place key historical periods in chronological order. We are looking forward to learning more about what life was like during Victorian times in the coming weeks. The children also enjoyed taking pride in their classroom this week by helping to clean the chairs. They worked together well and showed a real sense of responsibility for their learning environment. It was wonderful to see them taking ownership of their classroom and helping to keep it a pleasant place to learn. We were also very proud of the children during our Remembrance Service. They conducted themselves with maturity and respect throughout the event and represented themselves, their families and the school extremely well. Their thoughtful behaviour reflected the importance of the occasion and was a credit to them all. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another positive week of learning ahead.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have started their shared writing in English this week by adding a new character and additional plot features into the first chapter of the Northern Lights. They have made great use of the punctuation and grammar features we have learnt in this sequence such as the subjunctive form and multi-clause sentences.

In maths they have been working on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. They have shown great understanding of converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions to help them solve these calculations.

In science, the children have learnt about series circuits and have drawn accurate circuit diagrams using the correct scientific symbols to represent each component.

On Wednesday, the class joined others from KS2 to visit the Village's war memorial for Remembrance Day; they represented the school fantastically! They also had the opportunity to view their artwork in church on Thursday afternoon which they are extremely proud of.

Have a lovely weekend!

