Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after half term. We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break.

Our Hook Days have been a fantastic way to kick-start the new half term! The children looked amazing and really brought their new books to life through their enthusiasm, creativity and brilliant costumes. Thank you to our teachers too, who went the extra mile to transform their classrooms and make them extra special. I know Mrs Rowcliffe was very excited about the transformation in Year 5, as were her class! These experiences are such a wonderful way to capture children's imaginations, spark curiosity and get them excited about the new texts they will be exploring. What a fantastic start!

Year 5 had a brilliant day out at Morwellham Quay. The children enjoyed exploring this fascinating historical site, finding out what life was like in the past and experiencing history for themselves. With a tour of the site, opportunities to dress up and plenty of hands-on activities, it was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time, and we are sure they came away with lots of interesting facts and memories to share. Well done, Year 5!

A huge well done all classes, especially our Nursery children for their truly amazing Remembrance artwork. It is absolutely stunning! The children and staff have put so much time, thought and effort into creating these beautiful pieces, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. The artwork will be displayed in the church during Remembrance Week, so please do try to take a look if you get the opportunity. It really is something special and a wonderful way for our school community to come together to remember.

Executive Headteacher's Update *continued*

We are delighted to share details of our Christmas events! Please see overleaf for the flyer outlining all the key dates for your diary. Further information about each event can be found on our website: Christmas at Winkleigh Primary School 2026. Please log in to School Gateway to make any relevant payments. We are looking forward to all of our Christmas Celebrations!

Hawthorn were our winning Woodland Group last half term, so will have a non-uniform day on Monday 9th November.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual Firework Display tonight at the Sports Centre. I'm sure it will be a fantastic display, as always, and a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together and enjoy the evening.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Winkleigh and everyone who has helped organise, prepare and support the event. These occasions take lots of time and effort behind the scenes, and we really do appreciate your continued support and generosity.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates
Upcoming week

Week beginning: 09.11.26	
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 • Dance Workshops for Owls, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 – PE kit today • FOWs AGM 2pm • **Hawthorn Woodland Group Non-Uniform Day**
Tuesday	• Gardening club • Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
Wednesday	• Owls, Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 PE kit • Wear Red for Remembrance (donations for the Royal British Legion)
Thursday	• Christmas Cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe • Year 2, Year 4 PE kit
Friday	• Owls, Year 2, Year 3 PE kit

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 17th 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.

Open morning

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.








Morwellham Quay – Year 5











Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Nursery

This week in the Nursery, we have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed exploring some of the traditions and celebrations associated with Diwali, including sharing food and talking about how families celebrate special occasions together.

We have been busy creating colourful patterns, exploring shapes and colours, and enjoying some exciting firework inspired activities. The children have loved experimenting with bright colours and creating their own sparkling firework pictures.

It has also been lovely to see the children playing so beautifully together, sharing resources, taking turns and enjoying each other's company. We are so proud of the friendships developing and the lovely moments of kindness we are seeing every day.

Well done, everyone, for another wonderful week of learning, exploring and playing together!

Below is a song we have been singing.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team

<u>Little Lights Are Shining</u>

Tune: London Bridge Is Falling Down

Little lights are shining bright,
Shining bright, shining bright.
Little lights are shining bright,
It's Diwali!
Light the lamps and celebrate,
Celebrate, celebrate.
Light the lamps and celebrate,
Happy Diwali!



















Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

We have had another wonderful, busy week of learning, creating, and growing together in Reception!

We have started our first Drawing Club adventure which was based on the beautiful story Owl Babies. The children absolutely loved exploring the story, imagining the owl siblings waiting for their mother, and creating their own fantastic drawings. We have been working hard on our pencil control and using our imaginations to add wonderful details to our pictures.

In our maths learning, we have been focusing on 2D shapes. This week, we turned into shape detectives to hunt for circles and triangles. The children practiced recognizing these shapes in our environment, counting their sides and corners, and describing them. You can help at home by looking for circles and triangles around your house or on the walk to school!

We have spent time this week thinking about friendship and reflecting on what makes each of us unique. We discussed how everyone in our class is important. Then we played a friend recognition game to see if we could name our friends just by looking at their eyes.

The children worked together to create one big piece of artwork for Remembrance Day This special creation will be part of the upcoming display at the local church.

Have a super weekend.







Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 began the half term dressed as a wonderful variety of animals for Hook Day. Thank you to parents and carers for helping with the costumes.

In English, the children enjoyed Oi Frog and produced some brilliant writing. They focused on letter formation, constructing sentences and using adjectives to describe their drawings. They also created characters and settings, explored rhyming words and used new vocabulary from the book.

In maths, we continued addition, revisited part-whole models and explored subtraction by taking objects away.

In history, we explored old toys on loan from Tiverton Museum. The children looked closely and discussed similarities and differences between toys from the past and those they use today.

In PE, we began target games, practising aiming and rolling balls towards a skittle.

A great first week back year 1!

Have a lovely weekend.







Year 2 – Miss Sobey

This week, we have had a lovely time diving into our new English topic, Man on the Moon! We began with an exciting hook day, which got us thinking about who the mysterious man on the moon might be and why he is there. The children came up with some fantastic questions and even wrote letters to him, which we posted to send all the way to the moon! This curiosity has continued throughout the week as we have explored some powerful adjectives to describe the setting as well as how to summarise the key points of the story.

In maths, we have tackled the column method with great determination! We have been practising adding two two-digit numbers together and are now beginning to exchange ten ones for one ten, allowing us to add numbers that cross a ten. The children have shown real perseverance as they get to grips with this new learning.

We have also launched our new history topic all about explorers. We have been particularly fascinated by the race to the South Pole, learning about brave explorers such as Robert Scott and the challenges they faced on their expeditions.







Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

We have had a very busy first week back in Year 3!
In English, we started our new sequence on Paddington with our hook day. We really enjoyed talking about London and Paddington's love of marmalade!
In Maths, we completed our addition and subtraction sequence. The children worked really hard on their end-of-unit assessment.
We have also started new sequences in our foundation subjects. In Science, we learnt about forces and Sir Isaac Newton, and in PE, we enjoyed teamwork-based games as part of our orienteering unit.
As a class, we have worked really hard on our Remembrance Day artwork and have been learning about the meaning of poppies.
Well done, Year 3, on a great first week back! Have a lovely weekend!







Year 4 – Mr Walter

What a colourful and creative week we have had in Year 4! We began the week by dressing up in different colours to launch our new English text, Blue John. The children used their chosen colour as inspiration to create their own character to link with their writing. We also explored a variety of gemstones and used collage and painting techniques to design our own artwork. Our creativity continued as we created our remembrance artwork for the church.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of the multiples of 3, 6 and 9, using different strategies to identify patterns and make connections between numbers. This week also marked the start of our exciting new learning sequences in RE, PSHE, history and science.
Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day as the weather continues to become colder.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable fireworks weekend!







Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

In English, we kicked off our new learning with an amazing Hook Day on Monday. The children were completely immersed in the story, and it was lovely to see how engaged they were with the book and the activities. In Maths, we have started our new unit on fractions, building and deepening our understanding of what a fraction is and what it represents. In PSHE, we have begun our work on Valuing Difference, thinking about the qualities we look for in our friends and what makes someone a good friend. Today, we had a fantastic trip to Morwellham Quay! The children enjoyed stepping back in time to experience what life was like during the Victorian era. They learnt so much about how people lived and worked and had some great opportunities to compare life then with life today. It was a really lovely day, and the children should be proud of how well they represented themselves. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a busy week filled with lots of lovely learning, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!







Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 started the half term off with a brilliant hook day on Monday – they looked fantastic in their explorer / aurora inspired outfits! We started reading our new text 'The Northern Lights' by Phillip Pullman and have been getting to know more about the characters and setting in English throughout the week. The children also had the opportunity to create their own daemon thinking carefully about their personalities and the animals that might reflect this. To finish the day, the children used oil pastels to create a scene of the Aurora Borealis.

In maths we have started our fractions sequence. We have practiced finding equivalent fractions and simplifying them using knowledge of common factors. We have also been comparing fractions by making them have either the same numerator or denominator.

The children have also been busy working on some remembrance art that will be on display in the church during half term – they put a lot of thought and care into these pieces and are proud of what they have achieved.

Have a great weekend!







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