

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had!

On Monday, the children had a wonderful time enjoying their Hook Day. A huge well done to everyone who came to school in character — you all looked amazing! The children really embraced the day and produced some lovely writing inspired by their experiences. It was fantastic to see so much creativity and enthusiasm.

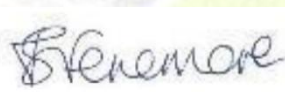
Our Year 1 children also had a fantastic day at Rosemoor, exploring colours and enjoying lots of outdoor learning. They particularly enjoyed playing in the brash and making the most of the wonderful outdoor environment.

A special well done to Isla, Zara and Archie, our Outdoor Learning Ambassadors, who accompanied the children on their visit. They were a real credit to the school and were a fantastic asset to the staff team. They showed great responsibility, kindness and enthusiasm throughout the day, helping the younger children and supporting the adults wherever they could. We are very proud of them!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Year 1 cake sale after school today. We really appreciate all the generous donations and support from our families. All money raised will go directly back into school fundraising and help us to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 28.09.26

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 4, Year 5 PE kit
- Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)

Tuesday

- Year 1, Year 6 PE kit
- Ukulele club (3.30-4.30pm) with Miss McLean (Years 3-6)
- Gardening club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mr Walter (Years 2-6)

Wednesday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit
- Craft club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mrs Stapley (Years 1-3)
- Year 3 Exeter Cathedral Trip

Thursday

- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit
- Woodland Robins Toddler & Baby Group (9.00-10.30am)

Friday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
- Year 2 Cake Sale

Sunday 4th

- Sunday Lunch Takeaway

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Sunday 4th October

Collect 12noon-1.30pm

Roast lunch takeaway, all served
with roast potatoes, gravy and
seasonal vegetables.

Pork & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Chicken & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Beef & Yorkshire Pudding - **£12**

3-meat mix & Yorkshire Pudding & Sage and onion stuffing - **£14**

Nut roast - **£10**

Apple Crumble & Custard - **£3.50**

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Toffee sauce - **£3.50**

**Proceeds to be split between Devon Air Ambulance &
School Trips and Residentials Fundraising**



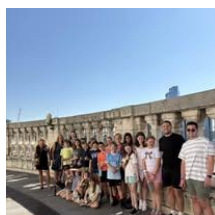
Saturday 7th November

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.



Year 1 Rosemoor

Year 1 had a lovely first trip to RHS Rosemoor. We explored the changing garden, supporting our art unit on outdoor sculpture and Andy Goldsworthy. Year 6 outdoor ambassadors Archie, Isla and Zara supported the children throughout the trip and its activities. What wonderful role models they were!

The children spotted LEGO creations throughout the gardens, including a wall artwork made from more than 19,000 bricks. Lily said, "The poppies in the piece look interesting." In the Education Centre, we made pea people before collecting fallen leaves, petals and bark for our own outdoor sculptures. We also used leaves in different shades to create colour palettes inspired by the garden.

After a picnic lunch in the Cob House, we explored the woodland and play park. Guinevere said, "I loved the bamboo maze in the park," while Henry told us that the fast slide was his favourite! It was a wonderful day full of exploration and creativity.



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

It has been another lovely week in the Nursery as the children continue to settle in and establish familiar routines. We are encouraging the children to become increasingly confident with the daily rhythm of the Nursery, including tidying up, choosing activities, washing hands and getting ready for snack and outdoor play.

This week, the children have enjoyed apple printing, exploring the shape, texture and patterns the apples make as they created their own pictures. We have also been busy building and constructing, developing our creativity, problem solving skills and ability to work alongside others.

The children have particularly enjoyed spending time outside riding the bikes, developing their balance, coordination and physical confidence while having lots of fun!

Please remember:

To label all of your child's belongings, including coats, jumpers, spare clothes, shoes, bottles and other personal items. As we have lots of similar items in Nursery, clear labelling helps us to make sure everything finds its way back to the correct child.

Thank you for your continued support as we help the children settle, build confidence and become familiar with their Nursery routines.



Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

We have had another wonderful, busy week in Reception! The children are settling still settling into their school routines.

Our baking activity this week was inspired by one of our favourite stories, The Colour Monster. The children had a fantastic time making and decorating their very own Colour Monster cakes! We used different coloured icing to represent different feelings, just like the monster in the book. This hands-on activity was a great opportunity for the children to practice their mixing, spreading, and fine motor skills.

We have continued our focus on what makes each of us unique by looking at the wonderful photos you sent in from home. The children have loved sharing these with the class, proudly talking about their families, pets, and special memories. It has been a beautiful way to encourage communication and language skills, while also helping us build a warm, supportive classroom community where everyone feels valued.

Thank you for your continued support



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 started the week with our Curious Quest Hook Day. A letter arrived through the classroom portal from Professor Klunk, and the children found out who he is and learned about his curious quests. They were also introduced to Noodle and Titch, who help them remember how to write their sentences. Our magic portal is now officially open, so we can send our writing to Professor Klunk!

In maths, we compared numbers by matching them to groups of objects. We are beginning to use the words fewer, more than and equal to when comparing numbers within 10. In science, we sorted objects according to the materials they are made from.

In art, we explored different forms of land sculpture, including spirals, filled shapes, circles, walls and paths, before creating shapes with natural materials. In PE, we developed our agility and movement in multi-skills and explored the shapes our bodies can make in gymnastics.



Have a lovely weekend!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

We started the week with our exciting No Bot hook day, and the children looked fantastic in their robot costumes! Throughout the day, we became detectives as we discovered clues left around our classroom by a sneaky robot. We wrote lots of questions we would like to ask him and made predictions about what might happen before finally enjoying the story. We then got creative and designed and built our very own robots!

This excitement has continued in English, where we have been exploring sentences from the No Bot text. We have been learning about sentence structure, including subjects, verbs and objects, and have started to identify different sentence types. So far, we know all about statements and questions!

In Maths, we have continued our learning about place value by exploring number lines and beginning to estimate where different numbers belong.

In Geography, we revisited our continents song before exploring the oceans around them. We then zoomed in on Antarctica, where the children were already becoming experts thanks to our learning about David Attenborough!

It has been a very fun and busy week in year 2!



Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

What an exciting week we have had in Year 3! We have started our new English sequence based on Lord of the Forest and had an amazing hook day to bring our learning to life. The children took part in some fun activities to get us excited about our new book.

In Maths, we have continued with our current sequence on place value, by ordering and solving problems using a number line.

In Science, we have been planning our own experiments. We have been thinking carefully about what we will change, what we will measure and how we can make sure our investigations are fair. In Music, we have continued learning our new song and have added actions to our singing. This was lots of fun and the children have really enjoyed bringing the song to life!

It has been another busy and enjoyable week! We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead and continuing to build on all the wonderful learning we have been doing!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

We would like to say a huge thank you for helping to make our Hook Day such a fantastic success. The children arrived in some amazing outfits and were incredibly enthusiastic as we began our new learning journey based on The Great Kapok Tree. Throughout the day, we explored rainforests in detail, learning about their importance and discovering the incredible size of the Amazon Rainforest. This learning has provided a wonderful foundation for our upcoming trip to the Eden Project, and we are excited to deepen our understanding further.

In Maths, we have successfully completed our place value unit. The children have been developing their confidence in rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, while also extending their knowledge of Roman numerals.

In Science, we have been investigating gases, carrying out experiments to identify and describe their key properties. The children enjoyed making predictions, observing results and discussing their findings using scientific vocabulary.

In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism and exploring the different Gods and Goddesses within the religion. Each child researched a chosen deity and created an informative fact file, which they confidently presented to the class.

Have a great weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

What a fantastic week we have had! It has been another busy and exciting week, with lots of opportunities to learn, create, work together and have fun. We had a brilliant Hook Day on Monday to launch our new English topic and have now started exploring The Lost Words. The children have enjoyed discovering the wonderful words, poems and illustrations and sharing their own ideas.

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our work on place value, developing confidence with larger numbers and understanding the value of digits. In Science, we have planned our own dissolving experiment and are looking forward to putting our ideas into action. We have continued creating our clay tiles in Art, while PSHE has focused on kindness, respect and positive relationships. Our Music sessions have also been full of energy as we continue practising What

Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor?

Well done to everyone for another wonderful week!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

We began our new writing sequence based on Beowulf with a hook day on Monday; the children impressed us with their enthusiasm, arriving in a variety of costumes inspired by Anglo-Saxon times and the story of Beowulf. Throughout the day, we explored the story through creative activities, including designing warrior shields and writing newspaper articles reporting on the terrifying attacks of Grendel. These activities helped bring the ancient tale to life and inspired some excellent writing that we will continue to build on throughout the sequence.

In Maths, we have started our new sequence on the four operations, revisiting key calculation methods and building confidence with problem-solving strategies. So far, we have looked at addition and subtraction in a column, common factors and common multiples.

In Spanish, we have been learning vocabulary linked to weather, practising both speaking and listening skills. In Geography, we have explored different land uses and considered how areas are developed for farming, housing, industry and recreation.

Finally, our outdoor learning ambassadors had the opportunity to support the learning of Year 1 on their trip to Rosemoor on Wednesday and were excellent role models to them throughout the day! Have a brilliant weekend!



Vacancies

Teaching Assistant

Winkleigh Primary School

Grade B-C Dependent on experience

Full Time

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and committed **Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly team at **Winkleigh Primary School**.

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a nurturing Federation where children are at the heart of everything we do, situated within the heart of the Devon countryside.

The school and nursery are growing rapidly, and we are looking for someone who is passionate about giving young children the very best start to their education.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a genuine passion for working with young children and supporting their development.
- Provide a warm, caring and stimulating environment where children feel safe, valued and confident.
- Plan and deliver engaging experiences that support children's learning and development.
- Work effectively as part of a supportive and committed team.
- Build positive relationships with children, parents and families.
- Have high expectations for children's learning, development and behaviour.
- Be reliable, enthusiastic and willing to contribute to the wider life of our schools and federation.

Further information:

- A Level 3 qualification in Early Years is desirable.
- We would be interested to hear from candidates who would be willing to work in our extended wrap-around provision.

What we can offer you

- Supportive federation with a strong commitment to professional development and high-quality provision (Ofsted, 2026).
- Comprehensive CPD programme.
- Shared expertise across the federation.
- Environments that ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve, thrive and belong.
- A dedicated staff team that act in the best interests of supporting all children, including highly skilled practitioners.
- An inclusive setting that welcomes every child with open arms (Ofsted, 2026).
- A unique setting that draws on the natural environment.
- A child centred approach that fosters an holistic focus on every child and their learning, nurturing and celebrating their individual interests, needs and strengths in a warm, caring and inspiring environment.

We would love to hear from you if you are an enthusiastic and caring person, looking to support the pupils in our school communities.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to arrange a visit with a member of SLT or phone 01837 83354.

Please return completed application forms to admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk



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PEAK Devon Online Community Session

Support, chat and information for parents
and carers of children with SEND

Find out how
PEAK can support
your family

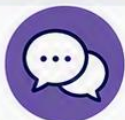
Ask
questions

Chat, share
and connect
with other
parents

Support,
understanding
and practical
advice



Online session



Friendly & informal



Open to parents
and carers

We'll talk about:

- ✓ PEAK support
- ✓ Free consultations
- ✓ 10-week Early Help programme
- ✓ Local support and resources

≡ You're not alone. ♥ We're here for you. ≡