



Winkleigh Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been, packed with exciting activities and impressive achievements from our pupils!

Our Owls class had an unforgettable day at The Railway Centre in Bickleigh. The children loved the train rides, exploring the site, and letting off steam in the soft play area. We were lucky with the weather too — the sun shone all day, making the outing even more special. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that sparked lots of curiosity and conversation. The children returned full of smiles and stories!

It was lovely to see our youngest pupils taking part in our Infant Music Festival lovely to see the children from Kings Nympton over, the children from both schools were very excited to see each other. There was lots of excitement as they sang alongside over 150 pupils from local schools. They learned a variety of new songs and had the wonderful experience of performing together in a large group setting. A huge thank you to Mr Slocombe and Miss McClean for organising the event and for making the event so special for all involved.

Our Geography Day was a huge success, with every class immersing themselves in the wonders of a different continent. Each class was allocated a continent to explore and took part in a wide range of creative and educational activities. Children enjoyed sampling traditional foods, discovering new flavours and learning about different cuisines. They engaged in hands-on activities like crafts, games, and music linked to their chosen regions. And learnt about the culture, wildlife, and landmarks, which brought their learning to life in exciting new ways.

Year 5 and 6 took part in an action-packed rounders afternoon, where they worked brilliantly in small teams. It was great to see so much team spirit, cooperation, and encouragement on the field. Whether batting, bowling, or fielding, the children gave it their all and supported one another throughout. A big thank you to Mr Walter for organising this fun and active event — a great opportunity to build confidence and teamwork.

Today, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils participated in the Aquathlon at Torrington — a challenging event combining both swimming and running. We're incredibly proud of everyone who took part. The children represented our school with enthusiasm and determination, and their efforts were a credit to them all. Well done to all.

We are looking forward to our Family Fun Day after half term, tokens can be purchased on gateway or bought on the day.

As always, thank you to our staff and families for your continued support in making these opportunities possible. Have a lovely half term break

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

FAMILY FUN DAY

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025



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FUN DAY

Event

- Cake Stall
- Inflatables
- Games
- Face Painting
- Sam's Cider
- BBQ
- Raffle

12pm - 3pm

Token System

£5 for 10 tokens

Food & Drink Cash Payments

Join us at Winkleigh Primary School

COME AND HAVE FUN!

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DIARY DATES

W/C 26TH MAY 2025



Monday 26th May	♦ BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 27th May	♦ HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 28th May	♦ HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 29th May	♦ HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 30th May	♦ HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED ♦ DEADLINE - Year 3 Roman Day
Saturday 31st May	♦ INSTALMENT DEADLINE - Year 6 Surf Residential ♦ FINAL INSTALMENT DEADLINE - Year 4 Wildwood Escot Overnight Visit ♦ DEADLINE - Key Stage 2 Wake Park

Emails sent this week: Aquathon, KS1 Multi-Skills at Hatherleigh, Gardening Day, Yr 5/6 Beach |Volleyball & Football, Gardening Day—Year 4, Broken Down Bus, FOWS Picture Quiz Trail, Art Club,

DIARY DATES

W/C 2ND JUNE 2025



Daily Deadlines

- ♦ *Lunch Deadline 8.00am on the same day.*
- ♦ *All Sorts Deadline 8.30am on the same day.*
- ♦ *Early Birds Deadline 3.00pm the day before.*

Please continue to email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make any amendments for the above.

Monday 2nd June
Welcome Back!

- ♦ **Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am**
- ♦ **3.30pm Children released to their parents/carers—Owls and Year 1 via the side gate near the main reception entrance, everyone else from the main playground gate.**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 3, Year 5**
- ♦ **Gardening Day - Owls, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Yr 5**
- ♦ **DEADLINE - Father's Day Breakfast Orders**

Tuesday 3rd June

- ♦ **PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6**
- ♦ **9.00am-12.00pm School Ambassadors to Hatherleigh**
- ♦ **3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club with Emmylou**
- ♦ **3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter**

Wednesday 4th June

- ♦ **Tempest Class Photo**
- ♦ **Gardening Day - Y4**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 4**
- ♦ **DEADLINE - Year 5 We The Curious**
- ♦ **DEADLINE - Key Stage 1 Mole Resort**

Thursday 5th June

- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6**
- ♦ **Year 3 Roman Workshop**
- ♦ **3.30pm-4.30pm Football Club Y2-Y6 with Primary Sport (Those involved have received letters)**

Friday 6th June

- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 5**
- ♦ **Federation Family Fun Day (See page 2)**
- ♦ **DEADLINE - Cricket Festival at Instow**

THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

This week in the Nursery, we've been learning all about ladybirds—those tiny, colourful beetles that are not only beautiful but helpful too! The children have had a fantastic time discovering the world of these fascinating insects through play, art, and storytelling.

We learned that ladybirds have red or yellow bodies with black spots and they love to eat aphids, which makes them garden heroes!

The children made their own ladybirds using paint, paper plates, and pom-poms. Some even made up stories about their ladybird's adventures!

We enjoyed books like *'What the Ladybird Heard'* by Julia Donaldson and *'The very lazy Ladybird'* by Isobel Finn. These tales helped us talk about kindness, sharing, and being brave.

Below is a song we have been singing.

Have a wonderful half term break!

The Nursery Team



Lots of Minibeasts(Sing to the tune of 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes').

Ants, worms and bumblebees, Bumblebees.

Ants, worms and bumblebees, Bumblebees.

Oh, lots of min-i-beasts on plants and trees. Ants, worms and bumblebees, Bumblebees.

Snails, pretty butterflies, Butterflies.

Snails, pretty butterflies, Butterflies.

Oh, see them crawl or flying in the sky, Snails, pretty butterflies, Butterflies.

La-dy-birds and beetles, And beetles. La-dy-birds and beetles, And beetles.

Oh, minibeasts can wriggle, fly and crawl. La-dy-birds and beetles, And beetles



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

What a wonderful end to this half term we have had in Owls Class this week.

On Wednesday the children had a great day learning all about Europe and enjoyed finding out about famous landmarks and traditional foods linked to some of these countries.

It was lovely to receive some photos from Grace and Ezra who showed us their new house and where they now live in France.

On Thursday we had a wonderful trip to The Devon Railway Centre at Bickleigh to link to our topic of transport. The children loved riding on the mini gauge railways, playing in the play areas and making up their own stories in the small world play carriages!

We hope you have a wonderful half term break Owls.



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Year 1— Mrs Keast

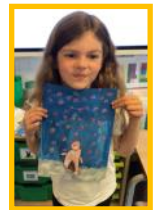
What a fantastic and busy week we've had in Year 1! In English, we completed our instructions on *how to grow your own lettuce*—while also taking care of our very own real lettuce plants! The children have loved watering the seeds and keeping an eye on them. Some have already started to sprout, which has been very exciting to see.



In Maths, we continued learning about quarters. We've been finding quarters of shapes and objects, and have now started finding quarters of amounts. The children are practising how to share equally between 4, and any practical opportunities to do this at home would be help consolidate this.



For Geography Day, we carried on our learning about the United Kingdom by exploring Northern Ireland. We discovered how St Patrick's Day is celebrated and even got to try some delicious soda bread! We then took an imaginative trip all the way to Antarctica, where we learned about the animals that live there. This inspired some fantastic penguin artwork. We ended our week on a high note with the Music Festival—everyone had such fun singing with children from other schools. It was a joyful way to finish a packed and productive week!



We have also been working on our phonics and reading 'alien words' as we head towards the Year One Phonics Screening in June. Your child may bring home a list of words and graphemes we are working on in class – any additional exposure to these over half term will help immensely. We hope that access to the eBooks is also working well. The children love reading them in the classroom. Wishing everyone a wonderful half term break!

Year 2—Mr Slocombe

Well done Year 2 on another great half term! It has only been a short one but we have packed plenty in!

English has seen us finish our Weather booklets, before beginning our sequence around the Lighthouse Keeper's lunch. We have looked at different sentence types, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We also wrote summaries to help us remember the story.

In maths, we have continued learning how to tell the time, focusing on being able to tell it to the correct five minute interval.

We were pleased to welcome both Hatherleigh and Monkleigh yesterday to our music festival, where we performed songs we have been learning alongside Year 1. Thank you to Miss McLean and the Year 6s for their support and fab performance.

We have been finishing off our learning sequences in our foundation subjects.

We look forward to a busy week when we return with gardening and our family fun day!

Have a super half term and I look forward to welcoming you back for our final one of Year 2!



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Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Class 3! As we wrap up this half term, we want to celebrate all the wonderful learning and creativity that's taken place this week.

Wednesday was a real highlight as we immersed ourselves in the vibrant cultures of South America. The children had a fantastic time tasting tortillas with guacamole and pomegranate, drinking cool tropical smoothies. They learnt about the world famous Rio carnival and crafted colourful carnival masks and shaking maracas. They matched flags to South American countries, just using a written description. They also enjoyed researching different animals native to the continent. It was a fantastic day of exploration and learning!

Mrs Manning has been working hard with the class to complete their Mod Roc sculptures. Their creativity and perseverance have really shone through, and the final pieces are looking fantastic.

As always, we're so proud of Class 3's enthusiasm and teamwork. We hope everyone has a restful and well-deserved half term break. See you next half term for more adventures!



Year 4—Mr Walter

Wednesday was a highlight of our last week of this term. During the whole school geography day we were given the continent of Asia to explore. During the day we researched a country from that continent to create our own top trump cards before we explored a variety of foods, landmarks and even had a go at some karate.

In maths, we retrieved information of how to compare the times between both digital and analogue clocks whilst converting times between minutes and hours. We will continue this sequence for the first week back after half term.

For next term, we look forward to our final learning sequences of Year 4. Learning about animals including humans, the Anglo-Saxons and significant events in different religions. Next term, we will also take part in the Multiplication check, practice can be done on [Multiplication Tables Check - 2025 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

Have a great half term!



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Year 5— Mr Saltearn

A great week in year 5 this week!

In English, we have been looking at the Tear Thief and then created a diary entry focusing on writing into the correct tense. We have been identifying words that indicate the tense and changing words from present to past tense.

On Monday, we went to QE to take part in an athletics event. We completed in a variety of athletic activities against some Year 6 children. It was fantastic to see the children's determination, resilience and team work throughout the day. The girls relay team finished third overall against some Year 6 children. Our week of sport continued and on Tuesday Year 5 and 6 played an enjoyable afternoon of rounders for the intrasport event.

On Wednesday, we had our Geography day and as a class we learned about North America and Canada in particular. We made a chocolate covered cheesecake which the children enjoyed tasting and making. We also made Canadian style pancakes and tried a Canadian drink. The children really enjoyed immersing themselves in Canada.

Have a fantastic half term Year 5.



Year 6—Miss McLean

On Monday, the children took part in some sports activities at QE and Hatherleigh. The children showed some brilliant resilience!

Geography day on Tuesday was a success in Year 6, we spent the day learning about the continent of Africa. The children cooked some Mandazi and worked on a group research project about particular countries.

Year 6 have also worked hard on finishing their foundation subject sequences. In RE, we discussed famous scientists and philosophers that had beliefs that lined up with Humanist beliefs. In geography, we learnt about contour lines and had a go at making models of hills using the idea of contour lines as layers.

Finally, on Thursday afternoon, the children did a fantastic job supporting our KS1 music festival. They all had a fantastic afternoon!

Have a brilliant half term!



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025



Father's Day **Breakfast**

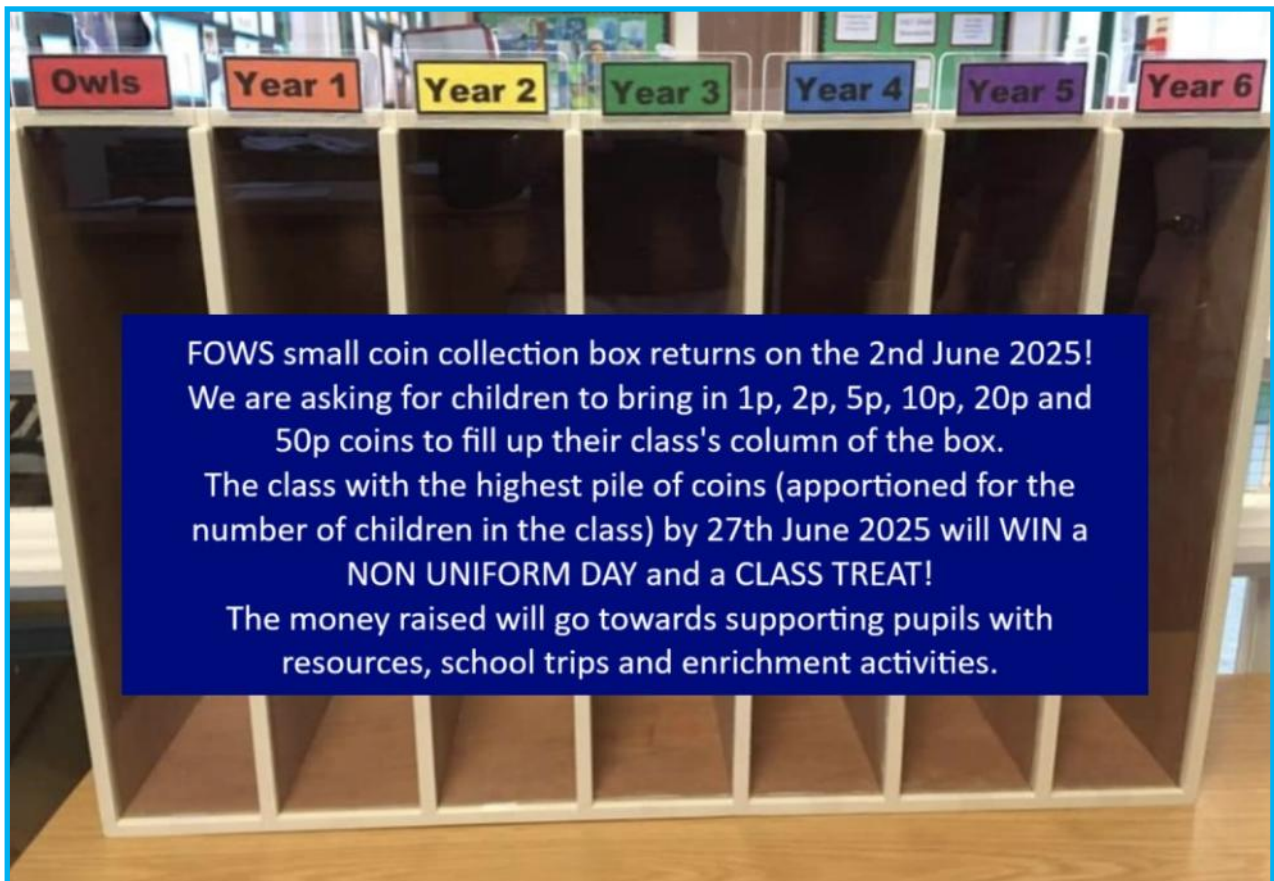
Inviting Dads, Grandads, Uncles,
significant males to join their
children for breakfast.

**Join us in the school hall on
Friday 13th June,
from 8.30am - 9am**



£4 per sausage bap / veggie bap
served with your choice of tea or coffee
(breakfast available for adults and children)

**Please pre-order your breakfast on the
gateway by Monday 2nd June**



SUMMER CAMP



£25 full day £12.50 half day
10% sibling discount available per day

SUMMER CAMP at Winkleigh Primary School

Mr Walter &
Mr Slocombe



Sports

Take part in a variety of sporting activities. Developing skills through drills and games.



Crafts

Explore various crafting projects and activities using different techniques.



Fun

Activities will include age specific and engaging sessions throughout the day.



e-mail

holidayclub@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

For primary school children
(academic year 2024-25)
Children welcome from other
schools.

Full Day: 8:30am - 4pm
AM Session: 8:30am - 12:30pm
PM Session: 1pm - 4pm

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SPRING/SUMMER MENU

22ND APRIL 2025— 25TH OCTOBER 2025



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake & Crusty Bread (v)	Lentil Roast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes (v)	Golden Veggie Goujons & Chips (v)
Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Beetroot Brownie	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
Week One: 21 Apr 12 May 9 Jun 30 Jun 21 Jul 15 Sept 6 Oct					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Mac n Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Fillet Bites & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Vegemince Cottage Pie & Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada & Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Chocolate Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
Week Two: 28 Apr 19 May 16 Jun 7 Jul 1 Sept 22 Sept 13 Oct					
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake & Garlic Bread (v)	Plant-based Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheesy Pinwheel & Chips (v)
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream	Blueberry Cupcake	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Oatcake with Orange Wedges	Vanilla Crunch Bar with Apple Wedges
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
Week Three: 5 May 2 Jun 23 Jun 14 Jul 8 Sept 29 Sept 20 Oct					
*Available Daily: Fresh Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives					

You can order lunch till 8am on the same day.
KS1 children are all entitled to free school meals.

Wraparound Care for 2 to 11 year old's

Flexible before and after school care available
Monday to Friday during term time, with
breakfasts and snacks provided as well as fun
activities and games.

Everybody is welcome, from nursery to year 6.

Early Birds:

Breakfast club from 7.45am to 9am everyday

With breakfast £5.30 per session

Without Breakfast £4.30 per session

All Sorts:

After school club from 3.30pm to 6pm

3.30pm-4.30pm - £5.30

3.30pm - 5.00pm - £7.95

3.30pm - 5.30pm - £10.60

3.30pm - 6.00pm - £13.25

(After the Enrichment Club)

4.30pm - 5.00pm - £2.65

4.30pm - 5.30pm - £5.30

4.30pm - 6.00pm - £7.95

All sessions must be booked by 8.30am on the day via the Gateway

Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted

All Sorts After School Club 3.30pm - 6pm

Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm - 6pm. £5.30 per hour. We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the child's preference. For example, art and crafts is always a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request. All sessions will include some outdoor play when possible. Snacks are available for those children staying after 4.30pm (except Thursday when we eat what we cook)

Book on the gateway via the clubs section

**Monday
Construction
Club**

**Tuesday
Music &
Movement**

**Wednesday
Arts &
Craft**

**Thursday
Cooking**

**Friday
Fun &
Games**

ADVICE FOR PARENTS



Reporting Absences

To report your child absent please do so by telephoning the school and choosing Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.
You can also report an absence through the Gateway app.



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.



Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Winkleigh Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to
admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

Holiday Activities Food Programme in Devon

<https://eequ.org/devonhaf>