



Winkleigh Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Mother's Day Cream Tea last Friday, we hope you all enjoyed it and felt truly spoilt by your children. A huge thank you to Mrs Stapley's Mum who made 120 scones for us, it was very much appreciated. Thank you also to our school ambassadors and Blake S and Lexi who helped myself and Mrs Manning welcoming the guests and handing out the cream tea's.

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 netball team who participated in the Primary Sports local schools tournament on Monday, Winkleigh Primary School beat Haywards Primary School in the final to come 1st place! Brilliant work, well done. Thank you to Mr Slocombe and Miss Mclean for going with them.

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Stover Country Park yesterday, despite a bright start to the day, the weather turned a little as they got to Exeter, but as always the children had a good day linking their learning in school to more practical field work activities.

Year 5 and 6 had their 'in school' football tournament on Tuesday, we hope you enjoyed coming along and watching them despite the rain. As always a huge thank you to FOW's for proving the refreshments, it is very much appreciated.

Owls and Year 1 have trips next week and both classes are very excited. Owls are off to Rosemoor and Year 1 are visiting Exmoor Zoo.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 18TH MARCH 2024



Saturday 16th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for booking School Meals, Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 23rd March</i>
Monday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE kit today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Cooking Club with Miss Parsons ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Choir Club with Miss McLean/Mr Davis
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Yr1 Exmoor Zoo Educational Trip ◆ PE kit today: Owls, Year 5, Year 6 ◆ Yr5/6 Netball at QE - All involved have received letters ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter ◆ 3.30pm-4:30pm Football Club with Mr Davis & Mr Slocombe
Wednesday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE kit today: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Key Stage 1 Multisports with Primary Sports
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE kit today: Year 2, Year 4 ◆ Owls Rosemoor Educational Trip ◆ DEADLINE - Gateway Payment - Yr4 Haven Banks Trip
Friday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 3 ◆ Yr3/4 Football Winkleigh v Hatherleigh - All involved have received letters ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Key Stage 2 Multisports with Primary Sports
Saturday 6th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for booking School Meals, Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 15th April</i>

Emails sent this week: Yr 2 Little Wandle, Owls Phonics, Yr 3 Little Wandle, Yr 1 Little Wandle, Parents Evening, Parents Evening Nursery, Yr 3 School Games, Amended Date Yr 4 Parents Evening,

THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

This week we have been looking for and talking about early signs of spring!

This has included creating spring inspired collages, making flowers using play dough, drawing flowers and as a maths activity we have been rolling a dice and adding the correct amount of seeds to each pot.

We have also been talking about different animals and their babies.

Maybe over the weekend see what signs of spring you can spot when you are out and about?

See below for a song we have enjoyed singing this week.

Have a wonderful hopefully less wet weekend!

The Nursery Team

Spring Song (Sing to the tune of 'The Farmer's in his Den'.)

The sun is shining bright, The sun is shining bright, Oh how I love the warmth, The sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down, The rain is falling down, Oh how I love the sound, The rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom, The flowers start to bloom, Oh how I love the sight, The flowers start to bloom.



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

In Owls Class this week the children have absolutely loved our drawing club text: 'The Flying Diggers!' They have created some amazing story ideas, drawn some fantastic pictures and acted out the story with such enthusiasm.

Our new vocabulary this week has been: ordered, invent, mission, soared, thundered and glimpse.

In maths the children have been looking at ways to compose different numbers using dice and tens frames. They have been practising using mathematical vocabulary to describe what they can see.

In R.E the children learnt about the significance of hot cross buns and Easter eggs and thoroughly enjoyed tasting and sharing hot cross buns on Wednesday!

Last week the children enjoyed listening to the story 'Mad about Minibeasts' and carrying on with their enjoyment of this story they have made and painted their own minibeasts this week.

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Rosemoor next week. Please ensure your child has a rucksack to carry their lunch in, suitable footwear and a waterproof coat on this day.

Lastly, please could we ask that children do not bring toys into school from home unless it is their birthday and they have a special new toy that they would like to show their friends. We are concerned that toys will get lost or damaged. Thank you all for your understanding.



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Year 1— Mrs Keast & Mr Saltearn

This week we have been busy completing our quizzes in the morning lessons.

On Wednesday morning we took part in a special NFU Farming Live! Lesson online. We learned about Farmer Fiona and the jobs that she does to look after the animals on her farm. It was particularly interesting to see some of the special machinery including how the calves had special electronic collar which monitored and managed their daily milk intake.

In RE this week we had great fun making our Easter gardens. We have a good understanding of the Easter story and how we could represent it in our gardens. We used flower pots to show the tomb, large stones for the tombstone and made crosses to represent the crucifix.

We were lucky to have a visit from Mrs Nicholls on Wednesday. She taught us how to make bug hotels and taught us about how minibeasts use their senses. This linked to our learning in Science this half term.

Next week we look forward to our trip to Exmoor Zoo on Tuesday. We have explored the website and discussed which animals we are most looking forward to meeting!



Year 2—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mr Saltearn

This week the children have been busy with their quizzes and have worked extremely hard all week completing them. We are very proud of the effort that the children put in, well done Year 2.

In English, this week we have started our new sequence 'Look into Space' and yesterday the children created their own mini fact file about a planet. We watched clips about the Solar System and then recorded these facts into notes.

In science, we looked at the inside of a seed and how a seed produces food. We also checked on our germination experiment and the children could see the results and what was happening.

This week in History the children created a list of similarities and differences between *Mary Seacole* and *Florence Nightingale* and as a class built a list of these.

Yesterday, the children looked at stopping a ball in PE as part of their cricket sequence and we looked at how to stop the ball using a barrier and throwing the ball under arm.

Have a great weekend Year 2.



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Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Year 3 have been working hard on their assessment quizzes this week. We have been impressed by the knowledge that the children have shown.

In English, we have had time to begin our new sequence, based around the text *Monsters: An Owner's Guide*. The children thought about and defined several key words including assembling, automated, ransacking and rampage.

Maths has seen us consider our approach to reasoning style questions, this can be tricky where we are given some information and need to use this to calculate answers.

During science, we thought about the purpose of skeletons, discovering that they have three jobs including structure, protection and movement through joints. We also learnt about exo-, endo- and hydrostatic skeletons.

Meanwhile, history saw us learning about the Bronze age, considering how life changed once bronze became a usable commodity.

RE saw us discover more about Passover and what Jews believe about the festival.

Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4—Miss McLean

Year Four have been working incredibly hard this week to show off all their knowledge in our quizzes. They have worked with resilience and maturity to tackle some tricky questions.

In science this week, we planned an experiment to find out if the distance from a sound source has an impact on the volume of it. The children are looking forward to carrying out this investigation next week.

On Thursday, we took part in an online science lesson as it is science week. We followed the day of a farm vet, learning about their everyday responsibilities.

In history, we learnt about changes with film and television in the 20th century. We compared our modern-day experiences to how people in the 20th century would have experienced similar activities/events.

In Spanish recently, we have been learning how to talk about who is in our family including how to say the names of common household pets. ***Can you remember how to introduce who is in your family?***

Well done for all your hard work this week Year Four, enjoy a well deserved break this weekend!



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Year 5—Mr Walter

Well done Year 5 for successfully completing your quiz week with a fantastic attitude and determination.

On Tuesday, it was great to see so many parents come and support our school games event! Braving the weather, everyone was able to apply their skills and teamwork throughout the afternoon.

In class, we have been estate agents, detailing the benefits and build of a Viking Longhouse, trying to persuade someone to purchase through a detailed advert. This also linked to our PSHE discussion where we discussed the power of money and investigated how much something actually did cost. It was surprising that some items were a lot more expensive than we thought.

In science, we have compared the similarities and differences of the life cycles of mammals and birds, thinking of the key characteristics and criteria for both.

Finally, we visited Stover Country Park to engage in a river study and pond experiment that links with our science and geography sequences. The behaviour was as always, fantastic.

Well done Year 5, enjoy your weekend!



Year 6—Mr Davis

It has been assessment week this week - the last one before SATs week. We have done our best to make it a bearable experience and I have reminded the children how important it is that they are used to sitting in different places, obeying 'exam conditions' and that it is useful for me to see where they are and if there is anything that we need to revisit in the coming weeks. I am very proud of the children's efforts this week and it is fantastic to see the progress all of them are making!

In Science this week, the children had a whistle stop tour of genetics. They learnt about deoxyribonucleic acid (also known as DNA) and the double helix. We also discussed the fact that all living organisms reproduce - they make near identical copies of themselves.

In History, Year 6 learnt about the end of the Shang Dynasty at The Battle of Muye. They considered two different sources of information and two conflicting opinions on the actions of the peasants. They then had to consider what they would do if they were in that position.

Finally, in RE, the class learnt about the eight avatar of Vishnu - Krishna - and considered the ethical question of whether it is always wrong to steal.

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend!



ATTENDANCE

What does the law say about attendance?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16 yrs) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent **you are responsible** for making sure this happens.

Parents and carers commit an offence if a child does not attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school.

Will an absence be authorised by the school?

Schools can only agree absences for a limited range of exceptional circumstances, these are typically absences that are completely unavoidable. Absences that **will not be agreed** might include:

- Arrival after registers have closed.
- Absences that are not properly explained.
- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Leaving the school without school authorisation during the day.

Repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to Devon County Council for Parent Responsibility measures to improve attendance.

Who can help you?

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.

Parents and carers should reach out to the school to explore how they can support and/or contact other services available to help.



Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership

www.devonscp.org.uk/

Public Health Nursing Hubs

Tel: 03332341910

www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/

Early Help

Northern Devon: Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Southern Devon: Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Mid & East Devon: Earlyhelpmidwestsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Exeter: Earlyhelpexetersecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk



Devon Independent Advisory Service

[DIAS devonias@devon.gov.uk](mailto:DIAS.devonias@devon.gov.uk)

School attendance matters

Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Childrens Services please see our website:
www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/

Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child or young person to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- learn
- make and manage friendships
- develop new skills
- have fun
- experience new things in the world around them
- develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- build confidence and self-esteem
- achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- prioritise their well-being and happiness
- be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

Missing school... missing out!

Don't let your child be the one to miss out!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	402

"We are only a few minutes late" - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child or young person for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

How you can help your child or young person to have excellent attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and advocate, speak up on behalf of their needs.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Take truancy seriously - consider where are they? Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Where possible attend parent consultations and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.

Young people regularly missing school without good reason = increased risk of becoming isolated from their friends, underachieving in their learning and/or have vulnerability to become involved in anti-social behaviour.

A good diet and sleep routine adds to successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a positive start to their day.

Regular school attendance teaches a young person life skills like time keeping, problem solving and independence.

Help your child by encouraging them to get their uniform and school bag ready the night before.



**COULD YOU BE OUR
TREASURER?**

We are looking for someone to fill the role of treasurer for Friends of Winkleigh School. We need someone who is confident with numbers to help us look after the funds that we raise.

If you would like to volunteer for this role or to be on the committee, please email f.o.w.s@outlook.com

You do not have to be at every meeting or event to be part of the committee.

The money we raise helps to subsidise trips and enrichment activities for all the children at Winkleigh Primary School.

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Super Draw**
Nintendo Switch Bundle
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win an amazing gaming bundle!




PLAY NOW:
Go to
www.yourschoolottery.co.uk
Search for: Winkleigh



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See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 24/02/24

Bag2School



Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Thursday 18th APRIL 2024

at Winkleigh Primary School

Please fill a bin bag (or bags!) with your items and leave under the covered area by the school doors, on the morning of the **18th April 2024 at 9am**
Men's, ladies' and childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding all accepted.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

Thank you!

www.bag2school.com

FOWS Easter holiday challenge

Grow a £2

Look out for a letter coming home in children's bookbags soon!

Easter egg prizes for the children who raise the most money in each class AND also for the most entrepreneurial idea to grow their £2

Raising money towards enrichment activities, school trips and equipment for the pupils of Winkleigh primary school



AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

FROM 30TH OCTOBER 2023



Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

WRAPAROUND CARE

FOR 2 TO 11 YEAR OLDS



EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB!

WRAPAROUND CARE

Flexible before school care available during term time. Nutritious breakfast provided with regular continental specials. For Nursery and School children aged 2yrs to 11yrs.

7.45-9.00 JOIN
MONDAY-FRIDAY US!

Book on the Gateway, via Clubs section
Session with breakfast £5.00
Session without breakfast £4.00
Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Winkleigh Primary School, Farmer Franks Lane, EX19 8HW

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ALL SORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm-5.30pm. £5 per hour. Available for Nursey and School children aged 2yrs-11yrs.

We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the children's preference. For example, art and craft is always on a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request.

Snack is provided every day (except Thursdays when we eat what we cook!) and children are encouraged to make their own snack.

CONSTRUCTION CLUB MONDAYS—Let your imagination reach new heights! What will you build with Lego, K-nex, marble runs and more.

FUN & GAMES TUESDAYS and **FRIDAYS**—we start with outdoor play, then move inside for All Sorts' Family Tea (children can make their own sandwiches) followed by board games, circle games, cards and more.

ARTS & CRAFTS WEDNESDAYS will have a different theme each week, from painting and paper art, to stencils and sewing, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Art and craft is available every day for those who choose it.

COOKING THURSDAYS—we have a different theme each week...

- 4th Jan—National Spaghetti Day...Spaghetti Bolognese on the menu
- 18th Jan—it's Pastry week—let's make pain au chocolat
- 25th Jan—Burns Night—Cranachan (traditional Scottish dessert)
- 1st Feb—Pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day
- 8th Feb—Valentine's Day biscuits
- 22nd March—celebrating Chinese New Year

BOOK YOUR SESSIONS ON THE GATEWAY, VIA THE CLUBS SECTION



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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



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!

Are you entitled?

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 and Food (HAF) programme



The aim of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

To help you find the guidance you need, please visit:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-easter-2023/>

