

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

What a brilliant week it's been here at Winkleigh Primary School , the weeks are flying by.

Earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome colleagues from Chulmleigh and Ashwater Schools to visit our nursery and baby unit. It's always a pleasure to showcase the wonderful environment we've created for our youngest learners, and we were incredibly proud to hear such positive feedback. Our visitors were really impressed by the calm, nurturing atmosphere and engaging learning spaces – well done to the whole team!

A special moment this week was welcoming the grandparents of our Year 4 children into school. They joined us for a delicious roast lunch, expertly prepared by Keely and Rachel. The dining hall was filled with smiles and conversation, and we received so many lovely comments about the food and the warm welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped make it special.

Today marked the first event in our exciting sporting programme for the year – our Tag Rugby Festival! We were thrilled to host pupils from local schools for an afternoon of energetic matches and fantastic sportsmanship. Huge thanks to Mr Walter for organising the event so brilliantly, and to Mr Saltearn for refereeing. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience – a great way to kick off the season!

A big thank you as well to our Owls parents, who baked a wonderful selection of cakes for our cake sale today. The treats were delicious and very much appreciated by children and staff alike.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

Gentle reminders:

- **Dogs are not permitted** on the school site (except registered therapy and assistance dogs).
- **Smoking, including vaping is not permitted** at any time on the school site, this includes in the car park area at pick up/drop off.

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 29.09.25

Weekly deadlines	- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before - All sorts – 8.30am the same day - Early birds – 3pm the day before - 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	- PE kit: Year 2, Year 5, Year 6 - Violin club with Miss McLean (3.30pm-4.30pm) - Craft club with Mrs Stapley (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Tuesday	- PE kit: Year 3, Year 4 GRAND OPENING OF EYFS & KS1 – All welcome - Running club with Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (12-12.30pm) - Gardening club with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm) - Year 1 Village Walk
Wednesday	- PE kit: Year 4, Year 6 - Y3 Grandparent's lunch 12.30pm-1pm
Thursday	- PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 3 (trainers required, not full kit today due to photos) - Tempest individual photos (All children to wear full school uniform) - Tag rugby with Mr Saltearn & Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Friday	- PE kit: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 Family breakfast & Open morning 08.45am - Nursery Autumn Crafts stay & play

Diary dates

This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Upcoming events

Wb
06.10.25

07.10.25 Y3 Farmwise trip

08.10.25 Y4 Eden Project trip

08.10.25 Y2 Grandparent lunch

10.10.25 Y1 Rosemoor trip

10.10.25 Y1 Cake Sale

10.10.25 FOWs Bags to school collection

Wb
13.10.25

13.10.25 FOWs AGM 2pm – All welcome

15.10.25 Open morning for prospective Reception 2026 Parents

15.10.25 Y1 Grandparent lunch

16.10.25 Stephen Shield Cross Country event – Torrington

17.10.25 Just One Tree day – Wear green

17.10.25 – Y2 Cake Sale

Wb
20.10.25

20.10.25 Garden day (wellies required)

22.10.25 Owls Grandparent lunch

21.10.25/22.10.25 Parents' evenings

24.10.25 Harvest service (2pm – All Saints Church, Owls-Year 6)

No enrichment clubs this week.

Grand opening

Tuesday 30th September

You are invited to...



*Winkleigh Primary School Nursery &
Under 2s Grand Opening*

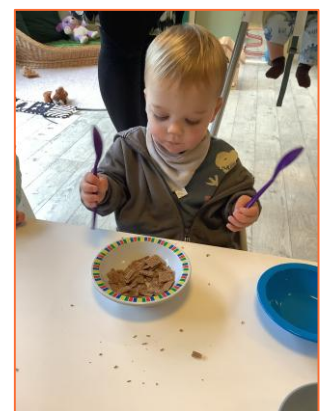
*Tuesday 30th September
3pm*



Drinks & Light refreshments

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If your child usually travels on the bus and you plan to attend the grand opening and take them home, therefore not requiring the use of the bus, you **must** ensure that a message (via email or phone) is with the admin team by 2.30pm on Tuesday 30th September or before.



Staff will not be checking on an individual basis with parents as they arrive and without a message, the usual arrangements will be followed.



Open Morning

For prospective parents of Reception children 2026



Come and see our amazing environment! Learn more about our approach, curriculum and enrichment.

We can't wait to meet you!

Wednesday 15th October
9am-11.30am

Contact admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to book a personalised tour during this time.

Primary school admissions (for September 2026) opens on 15th November

Stay & Play



STAY AND PLAY

Friday, OCT 3rd

9.15am till 11am

£2 per family

**Autumn treasure hunt,
craft activities, singing
and stories.**

Refreshments available!

Please email:

**admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to
book a place.**

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in nursery we have been learning all about spiders. The children have been very curious and excited to explore these fascinating little creatures.

Highlights of the week:

The children made their own spider webs using string and paint, and crafted spiders from paper plates and pipe cleaners.

Stories: We have read...

The Very Busy Spider and Spiderella and talked about how spiders spin their webs. We looked at pictures of real spiders and counted their legs together (always eight!).

Songs & Rhymes: Everyone enjoyed singing 'Incy Wincy Spider' with lots of actions and laughter!

We practiced counting using spider legs and sorted mini plastic spiders by size and colour. Below is a song we have enjoyed:

Creepy Crawly Spider (row, row, row your boat)
Creepy crawly spider, climbing up so high,
Waving all his legs at me, as he passes by.
When I try to catch him — what do you think?
Creepy crawly spider, he just gives a wink!

Have a wonderful weekend.
The Nursery Team



We have loved exploring outside this week!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Mrs Rowcliffe

This week, the children have been exploring Harvest and early maths in exciting ways! We watched farmers harvesting crops and talked about the role of animals on farms. Using a UK map, the children discovered where different fruit and vegetables come from and why buying local is important. They enjoyed singing and clapping along to Harvest songs and created beautiful artwork of seasonal produce using chalk, collage, and crayons. Tasting local fruit and vegetables was a highlight, with children describing textures, smells, and flavours. They also worked together to write a fun acrostic Harvest poem full of adjectives. In maths, the children focused on the key principles of counting, practising one-to-one correspondence, cardinality, and saying numbers in the correct order. They explored subitising, different arrangements of blocks to 5, and the part-part-whole structure of numbers, discovering that numbers can be partitioned in many ways but the total remains the same.



Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

In maths, the children enjoyed practical lessons exploring counting forwards and backwards within 10. Pretending to be astronauts, they hopped along a giant number line to show what one more and one less looks like. This active approach really brought the learning to life and kept everyone engaged. During English, Professor Klunk introduced us to the joy of The Everywhere Bear. The children loved reading the story and then inventing their own characters, maps, and transport for their cuddly toys. Alongside this, we have been working hard on our letter formation, using LetterJoin to support handwriting practice. We are also focusing on remembering capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces to make our sentences clear and accurate. Geography – We explored our village of Winkleigh and located it on the map, along with our county and our country. We also talked about where we live. Next week, the children will write their own addresses on a postcard and post it to themselves during our village walk. Please remember to send in a postage stamp in a named envelope for your child to support this activity.



Class news

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two have enjoyed a busy and exciting week of learning. On Monday, the children made the most of the lovely weather by heading outdoors for gardening. They worked hard to clear weedy areas and planted bulbs that we look forward to seeing bloom in spring.

In English, our focus has been on recognising and writing different sentence types—statements, questions and exclamations. The children have also been building independence in their writing and paying close attention to their handwriting.

Maths lessons have centred on number lines to 100. Pupils practised placing numbers in the correct positions and enjoyed discussing their reasoning with each other, showing great mathematical thinking.

In Geography, we explored human and physical features. Using our new resources, some children were inspired to create their own landscape. One group designed an impressive model of "Westward Ho!" complete with pebbles, sand, the sea and even a car park!



Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week, the children have continued thinking about place value in maths. They have compared numbers, thinking about numbers which are greater / less than and why. They have estimated where numbers will lie on a number line and had fun making their own number lines in the sunshine! We had an unusual Art lesson on Tuesday where the children thought about how Frida Kahlo might have felt lying in her hospital bed in a full body cast! They enjoyed lying on the floor with mirrors stuck to the underside of their tables, where they then drew their own self portraits! In R.E the children listened to the story of Creation and sequenced pictures to re-tell the story in their own words. In Geography, we have begun learning about the formation of volcanoes, linking our work to rocks and soils in Science. Making their own rocks using sweets was probably the highlight of the week for Year Three though! I wonder if you can remember the different types of rocks you made?



Class news

Year 4 – Mr Walter

In English, Year 4 have been working on planning letters using persuasive devices to stop the character chopping down the great Kapok tree. We have been exploring the use of fact and opinion alongside using direct address and emotive language to build a powerful letter explaining the importance of the rainforest. This links with our geography sequence where we have identified the locations of tropical rainforests in the world using an atlas to find which countries these rainforests are in. In maths, we have developed our knowledge of Roman numerals, identifying where we might still see them today whilst answer questions to convert numbers. ***I wonder if you could find any examples at home?*** In PE, we have focussed on how to travel from one location to another in gymnastics, focusing on rolls and different ways to walk with balance and posture. Additionally, we have developed our skills in tagging for tag rugby. We have enjoyed playing the glockenspiel in music, playing as part of an ensemble and continuing to practice using cross-stich in art.

Have a great weekend everyone.



Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A great week in Year 5 this week. In Maths, we have started our new sequence on addition and subtraction. We have been learning about adding and subtracting numbers using mental methods, thinking about how we would solve different questions and explaining our reasoning. We have also started to learn about adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers. In

English, we have continued our sequence on the Great Adventures and have been learning about using parenthesis to add detail to our sentences using brackets. We have also been working on identifying if a piece of writing is written in the first or third person and how we identify which. This week in PE, we have been practicing our basketball skills focusing on our passing and applying it to a game situation. The children really enjoyed adding detail to their clay tile, thinking about how they can add different textures to their designs. Have a great weekend Year 5!



Class news

Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have continued to work exceptionally hard during their English lessons this week and have all produced some incredible pieces for our shared writing, retelling the story of Beowulf. They are looking forward to creating their own individual monsters to write about next week. In maths, we have learnt about factors and multiples this week. We have also learnt some rules to find out if larger numbers are multiples of 3, 6 and 9 as well as using factor trees to find the prime factors of large numbers. In music, we continued to learn to sing the song Hey Mr Miller. This week we discussed the key vocabulary 'arpeggio' and 'syncopation' and had a go at singing some difficult syncopated rhythms. On Wednesday afternoon, the children did a fantastic job in the school garden, working as a team to move some strawberry plants and to clear an area of weeds and soil. Finally, it was great for some of our Year 5 and 6 children to be involved in our first sporting event of the year – well done to all that were involved and thank you to Mr Walter for organising this.

Have a great weekend!



Friends of Winkleigh Primary School updates

FOWS HALLOWEEN DISCO



31ST

OCTOBER 2025

6-9PM



VILLAGE HALL, WINKLEIGH



£1.50 ENTRY

ALL AGES WELCOME
(PRE SCHOOL AND UP)



SWEETS, DRINKS,
AND HOT FOOD
AVAILABLE

* ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A PARENT OR CARER

WINKLEIGH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

WITH BBQ & SAM'S CIDER BAR

WINKLEIGH SPORTS
CENTRE

FRI 7TH NOV 2025

ALL PROCEEDS TO
WINKLEIGH PRIMARY
SCHOOL



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AGM for FOWs



**Monday, 13th October
at 2pm
at
Winkleigh School**



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

Friday 10th October at 9am

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 **10th October 2025 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

Primary sports event



PRIMARY SPORTS – SILENT DISCO

Winkleigh Primary School

Mr Jarad from Primary Sports will be running a Silent Disco session for children in Year 1 to Year 6. The session will take place on **Thursday 16th October 2025**

SESSION – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

“Our amazing silent discos provide the children with a brand-new unforgettable experience. The children have headphones and have the choice of switching between 3 different playlists with accompaniment of fluorescent lighting”

We can only cater for 30 children so please book as soon as possible using the instructions below. The cost of the session will be £7.50. Children must be collected from the School at **6.00pm**

WINKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL SILENT DISCO

To make a booking for the club please follow the instructions below:

- **1 – Enter our website – www.primary-sports.co.uk**
- **2 – Click on the “Booking now tab”**
- **3 – Click on the “Winkleigh Primary School – Silent Disco” tab**
- **4 – Complete the online booking form**

Mr Jarad holds a clean enhanced DBS through Primary Sports. All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable bright PE Clothing and trainers. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

Silent Discos could result in a child being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability.

COOL TO BE ACTIVE...
FUN TO BE FIT

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