

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

What a Wonderful Week at Winkleigh!

We've had a fantastic week full of exciting adventures and special moments across the school!

Year 1 had a brilliant day out at RHS Rosemoor, where they explored the gardens, got stuck into some hands-on learning in nature, and came back full of smiles.

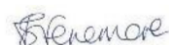
Year 3 took part in the Farmwise exhibition at Westpoint, learning all about the journey of food from the field to the fork. They discovered how crops are grown and animals are cared for, and even got to try out some farming activities — a great experience that brought their classroom learning to life!

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the Eden Project, joined by their friends from Kings Nympton. From exploring the rainforest biome to learning about sustainability and global environments, it was a day packed with discovery — and lots of fun too!

We were also delighted to welcome the grandparents of our Year 2 children into school for a special lunch. It was great to see so many smiling faces and to share such a lovely time together. Huge thanks to Kealley and Rachel for preparing a delicious meal.

A big thank you as well for the wonderful donations to our Year 1 cake sale! Thank you to all the children, staff, and parents, and carers who help make these experiences possible for our children.

Have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

Message received from a grandparent regarding grandparent lunches this term:

A thank you for these nice events - we have been invited to two this term (years 3 and 6)

Just to say how much we have appreciated you inviting us to them. It's so good to get to visit our grandchildren in the school environment

Thankyou for the extra work and "faff" these no doubt cause, but they are very much worth it in our opinion!

Car parking

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only. Spaces are allocated as staff are travelling between sites in the federation.

Please also consider other road users when parking.

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 13.10.25

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 5, Year 6 - Violin club with Miss McLean (3.30pm-4.30pm) - Craft club with Mrs Stapley (3.30pm-4.30pm) - Flu vaccinations - FOWs AGM 2pm
Tuesday	- PE kit: Year 3, Year 4 - Running club with Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (12-12.30pm) - Gardening club with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Wednesday	- PE kit: Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 - Y1 Grandparent's lunch 12.30pm-1pm - Open morning for Reception 2026 prospective parents
Thursday	- PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 3 - Tag rugby with Mr Saltearn & Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm) - Primary Sports silent disco - Stephen Shield Cross Country event (those involved have received letters)
Friday	- PE kit: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 - Just one tree day – wear green - Y2 Cake Sale

Diary dates

This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Upcoming events

Wb
20.10.25

20.10.25 Garden day – all classes (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.

Wb
27.10.25

Half term

Wb
03.11.25

05.11.25 Y3 Exeter Trip (Drop (8.30-8.45am) and collect (3pm) Eggesford station)
05.11.25 Nursery Grandparent lunch
05.11.25 RNLI visit (in school) – Y4 and Y6
07.11.25 Y5 Morwellham Quay Visit
07.11.25 Y3 Cake Sale
07.11.25 Start of Remembrance art exhibition (running until Nov 14th)

Wb
10.11.25

10.11.25 KS1 Dance workshops
11.11.25/12.11.25 KS2 Skateboarding workshops
11.11.25 Y1/2 Visit to War Memorial 11am
12.11.25 Y1 Tiverton Museum Visit (in school)
14.11.25 Virtual book fair begins

Trips & Activities

Year 3 Farmwise – 07.10.25



Meeting the massive chicken was funny!



I enjoyed seeing the man cut the firewood for the campfire.



We made apple juice and ate apples which were really good.

The smoothie bike was so much fun!

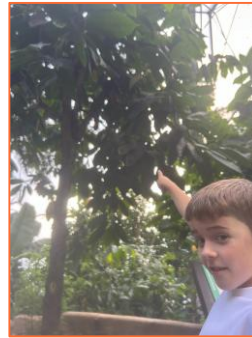


Trips & Activities

Year 4 Eden Project – 08.10.25



I liked seeing the different sculptures that blew out smoke.



It's the best trip I've ever been on.



It was so fun to see all of the different plants.



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

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

Autumn is here, and we've been busy exploring all the wonderful changes this season brings! The children have loved discovering crunchy leaves, conkers, and acorns in our outdoor play area. We've been talking about the colours of autumn — red, orange, yellow, and brown — and how the weather is changing. We have loved exploring the school grounds and revelling in the autumnal sunshine!

Below are a couple of songs we have been singing in class.

Have a wonderful weekend!
The Nursery Team.

Leaves Are Falling

(Tune: "London Bridge Is Falling Down")

Leaves are falling all around,
All around, all around.
Leaves are falling to the ground,
It is autumn.

Apple Picking Song

(Tune: "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we pick the apples,
Pick the apples, pick the apples.
This is the way we pick the apples,
On an autumn morning.



We have loved the mirror this week!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Mrs Rowcliffe

We've had another exciting week in Reception, full of learning and discovery! In phonics, we learnt the sounds h, b, f and l, and practised their letter formations. Some children are still finding this a little tricky, **so please encourage your child to hold their pencil with a good pincer grip and practise writing these letters at home.** In English, we continued "Going on a Dragon Hunt", watched Michael Rosen perform his poem, and had great fun creating our own class version together. In maths, we explored the numbers 6, 7, and 8, learning how they can be represented and made in different ways.



Through Understanding the World, we built a sukkah for the Jewish festival of Sukkot, made soup and bread to enjoy underneath, and learned about the Chinese Moon Festival, discovering the story of the white rabbit who lives on the moon! In guided reading, the children began using Big Cat eBooks to practise early sounds and reading skills. Please support your child by reading these eBooks regularly at home to help build confidence and fluency. Books read in school will be added to each child's virtual library on Thursdays. **If you have any difficulties accessing the eBooks, please let us know.** As the children progress with their phonics, we'll assess them to ensure they receive guided reading books that best support fluent reading before sending similar levelled books home. Have a brilliant weekend.



Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

It's been a wonderful week of exploring for Year 1! We started off with a visit to All Saints Church in Winkleigh, where the children spotted special objects and learned how Christians use them during different times of the year. They listened beautifully, asked thoughtful questions, and represented Winkleigh Primary so well. In English, we began our new Curious Quest inspired by Mr Magnolia! The children have loved meeting this fun and imaginative character and have been busy using exciting vocabulary to describe him and invent their own ideas of what he might own. There's been lots of laughter and creativity as our writing adventure begins. In Maths, we've been exploring addition and subtraction through practical activities using part-whole models. The children have been finding different ways to make and break numbers, using counters and number cards to show their understanding. It's been fantastic to see their growing confidence when explaining their mathematical thinking. We ended the week on a real high with our trip to RHS Rosemoor Gardens. The children learned about plants and explored how nature can inspire art, just like the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They loved creating patterns and noticing shapes, colours, and textures in the natural world around them. It was a perfect end to a busy week! Have a lovely weekend.



Class news

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

On Wednesday, Year 2 had a lovely walk around the village, observing the human and physical features in our surroundings.

The children noticed buildings, roads, trees, and fields, and used these observations to create their own maps of Winkleigh with carefully chosen symbols.

In English, we have started a new sequence based on Augustus and His Smile. The class enjoyed studying the beautiful illustrations and mapping out Augustus' journey, discussing how the pictures help tell his story.

In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction, building confidence with number bonds to 10 and exploring related number facts to solve problems efficiently.

During PE, the focus has been on teamwork and coordination. The children practised passing the ball to a partner, concentrating on accuracy and control.

Have a great weekend.



Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

Year Three had a wonderful time at Westpoint on Tuesday finding out about farming in our local area, as well as learning more about where our food comes from. As always, they were a real credit to the school, engaging in all the activities, asking fantastic questions and taking part in all that was on offer. Back in the classroom, they have enjoyed using adjectives to describe special objects linked to our new text 'The Beasties' and are already coming up with great ideas for their own stories. In maths we have continued with our addition and subtraction theme, thinking about exchanging when bridging ones and tens boundaries. We enjoyed a lovely walk to the church on Wednesday where Rev Helen Blaine met us to talk about ways in which Christians ask for forgiveness. Again, the children had some great questions to ask her. **Please can we remind everyone to bring coats to school with them daily as well as reading books and reading record books.** Children will now be **visiting the library every Friday so please ensure they have their library books** with them on this day. If they do not have it with them, unfortunately they will not be able to change it for a new one. Have a lovely weekend Year Three and ***please remember to practise those spellings!***



Class news

Year 4 – Mr Walter

Year 4 have enjoyed welcoming Mr Richards as a student teacher this week from Marjon University. He joins us on a 12 week placement and everyone has made him feel extremely welcome.

In English this week, we have developed our own poetry based on feelings and emotions.

Our focus has been to create a poem that uses rhyming couplets and follow a rhyming pattern in each stanza. In maths, our focus has been to use column methods in both addition and subtraction when using up to four digits. We have developed our vocabulary of understanding the meaning of inverse, commutative and difference. We had a great trip on Wednesday to the Eden Project where we were able to share our knowledge of the rainforest with our visit leader and really enjoyed learning more in the rainforest biome.

Please see the previous pages for more pictures. It was great fun to practice the different ways to travel along the apparatus in gymnastics this week. Showing our learning of movements and jumps from the benches and beams. It is always a great event to use the climbing frame in the hall and was enjoyed by all. A particular favourite was the monkey

bars. Have a super weekend!



Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A fantastic week in Year 5! This week in English, we have been investigating how we can use a range of vocabulary within our writing to make it more interesting. We have been learning about the meaning of different words and understanding words that are linked to it as well as antonyms for that word. We have used our *Dictionary Of Difficult Words* to expand our vocabulary. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication & division and multiples & factors of numbers. Next week, we are starting to learn about prime numbers. In Science, we have continued our learning and have been investigating how we can separate materials; the best method for it and why it would work. In PE, we have been practicing our dribbling and passing skills in basketball and using them with a game situation to beat a defender.

Have a great weekend Year 5!



Class news

Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have started a new sequence in English this week; they have been learning about the poet Benjamin Zephaniah. On Monday, they researched his life and wrote some well-structured biographies. Since then, we have looked at a few of his poems from the book 'Talking Turkeys' and have used the structure of some of his work to write their own poetry. In maths, we have tackled long division with great resilience. The children have learnt the steps to follow and also had a go at some questions that had remainders. On Thursday, we practiced using a few different methods of division with a focus on efficiency. The children worked in groups in science this week to carry out their investigations to answer the enquiry question 'How does the distance from a light source affect the size of the shadow?' In art, the children have continued to make their final collage based on a piece of art that they are inspired by. In music, we created a class arrangement of Hey Mr Miller using a mixture of whole class singing, scat singing and ostinato playing.

Have a brilliant weekend!



HARVEST SERVICE

We will be holding a harvest service at All Saints Church on Friday 24th October at 2pm.

All parents are invited to join us at the church where we will perform harvest songs and hymns together.

Children are invited to bring a small donation for the Winkleigh food store that can be presented at the service. This could be anything from a tin to pasta to fresh vegetables. No glass please – we don't want any breakages!

Children may be collected from **school** immediately after the service in the usual way.



Harvest service

Friday 24th October 2025

