



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another busy week at Winkleigh, with so many exciting opportunities, achievements and moments to celebrate across the school community.

We are especially proud of our Year 6 children, who approached their SATs week with such maturity, calmness and determination. Throughout the week they demonstrated resilience, focus and a very positive attitude, tackling each test with confidence and doing themselves proud. It was lovely to welcome them into school each morning for breakfast. A huge to Miss McLean for the preparation, support and care she has given the children throughout the year, helping them to feel confident and well prepared

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic educational visit to We The Curious this week, where they enjoyed a day full of exciting scientific discovery and hands-on learning experiences. The children represented the school beautifully, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the trip. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many interactive exhibits and took part in engaging workshops that encouraged them to think creatively, solve problems and ask thoughtful questions. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to extend their classroom learning in a fun and memorable way. A huge thank you to Mrs Rowcliffe, Mr Craker and Mrs Hooper for taking the children.

Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the aquathlon event in Great Torrington today. The children competed with tremendous enthusiasm, determination and resilience, showing fantastic sporting attitudes throughout the event. It was wonderful to hear that they were encouraging one another, celebrating each other's achievements and representing the school with pride.

It was lovely to welcome so many families to our Stay and Play session today. These sessions are always a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school and to celebrate the progress and confidence the children are developing each day. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped create such a warm and happy atmosphere.

As always, thank you to all of our families for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 11.05.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li> <li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.</li> <li>Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li> </ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk">admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6</li> <li>Rounders Club (KS2) with Mr Slocombe/Mr Craker (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> <li>NSPCC Workshops with Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Year 3, Year 4</li> <li>Gardening Club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> <li>FOWs Bags to Schools</li> <li>Year 2 Non-uniform day – Coin collection winners</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Year 4, Year 5</li> <li>Clarinet Club (KS2) with Miss McLean (12-12.30pm)</li> <li>Year 1/2 Infant Music Festival at Winkleigh – Summer Themed clothing</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3</li> <li>Football Club (KS2) with Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> <li>Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 Recycling workshops</li> <li>Curry Takeaway night</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland Robins Baby &amp; Toddler Group 9am-10.30am</li> <li>Owls Bickleigh Railway Centre Trip</li> <li>FOWs Dare to be different</li> <li>PE today: Year 2, Year 6</li> </ul>

# Diary dates UPDATED

## This academic year

*These dates are provisional and subject to change.  
Details will follow.*



June	July	August
1 <sup>st</sup> – Staff training day	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Surfing	Summer Holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Return to school & writing hook day	7 <sup>th</sup> – Transition day	
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Bristol	10 <sup>th</sup> – Colour run	
10 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Athletics at Lansdown	20 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 End of Term Performance 6pm	
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Camping Residential	21 <sup>st</sup> – Leaver's Assembly	
15 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 War Rooms & National Gallery Trip	21 <sup>st</sup> – Final day of term	
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 London Residential		
17 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh		
22 <sup>nd</sup> – Father's Day breakfast		
Wb 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sport & Culture week		
25 <sup>th</sup> – Fireball volleyball		
26 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day		
29 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow		

# Curry takeaway night!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

3.30pm-6.30pm



Fresh, homemade curries and sides  
available!

Order via email, pay via gateway

Chicken tikka masala.....	£7
Sweet potato & chickpea.....	£6
Butter chicken.....	£7
Onion bhaji (x3).....	£1.50
Chips.....	£4
Naan bread.....	£1.50
Poppadom (x3).....	£1.50
Mango chutney/mint raita/kachumber salad.....	£2

A warm, welcoming space for bumps, babies, and little learners to grow together.

**Friday mornings** (term time)



**9am-10.30am**

Winkleigh Primary School Hall  
£2 per session

Refreshments included

Join us for stories, singing and a wonderful opportunity for play and exploration. We would love to welcome you into school for quality interactions with children and families.

Baby weighing available.

# Trips & activities

## Year 5 – We the Curious



# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week, we have been enjoying the story 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. The children followed the journey of a train travelling through the countryside, spotting different animals and landscapes along the way.

We used the story to encourage listening skills, prediction, and discussion about what we might see on a journey.

This week we focused on:

Language development through storytelling

Understanding the world (transport and journeys)

Personal, social & emotional development through turn-taking when building our own train tracks.

Fine motor skills through creative activities such as cutting out passengers for our own train.

### Home Learning Ideas:

Go on a short journey and talk about what you see along the way.

Read train or travel-themed books together.

Build a train using blocks or recycled materials.

Draw or talk about a journey you have been on.

Below is a song we have been singing in class.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team



Down at the Station (Sing to the tune of 'Alouette'.)

Down at the station, early in the morning,

See the little puffer trains, all in a row.

Here comes the driver to start up the engine,

Puff, puff! Peep, peep! Off we go!

Puff, puff! Peep, peep! Off we go!

Puff, puff! Peep, peep! Off we go!



# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

Owls have had such a lovely week! This week, our learning has focused on maps and how transport has changed throughout the years. We have put pictures of transport in order of age and have also created our own tea-stained maps.

In Drawing club, we have read the book *The Hundred Decker Bus*. The children have created their own bus drivers and have also come up with fantastic ideas during adventure time.

In PE this week, we have continued to focus on moving with speed to show agility through dance. We have created our own moves and linked them together to create a dance piece.

In maths, we have continued to learn about shape. The children have worked hard to create pictures of buses out of 2D shapes, showing great concentration and fantastic scissor control.



Have a lovely weekend!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

This week Year 1 were very excited to find out that we will be focusing on writing instructions for growing our own lettuce, and it was wonderful to use those instructions when we planted our lettuce on Friday. We will be looking after our sown seeds in school and monitoring their progress over the coming weeks.

In Maths we continued our learning about fractions. We have been looking at finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. The children have enjoyed practical learning using resources to embed the concept of dividing a whole amount or object into equal parts.

In PE this week, the children enjoyed completing a circuit course focusing on balance.

In Science, we looked at the weather in different seasons and discussed why summer feels warmer and why we have shorter, colder days during the winter months.

In Geography this week, we continued our learning about the UK and enjoyed learning about Scotland, its capital city Edinburgh, and famous Scottish landmarks, food, and music. The children consolidated their learning by designing travel posters all about Scotland.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

In Year 2 we have been planning our own piece of writing about the weather this week. The weather last Friday was a great discussion point, and we talked about how quickly weather can change and how localised it can be! Next week we will begin to write our own pieces of non-fiction text about the weather.

In maths we completed our unit of learning about fractions. We can recognise a half, a third and a quarter and find a fraction of a set of objects. Next week we will move on and begin our unit of learning about time. Any opportunities to tell the time at home will be beneficial!

In science we have learned about food chains and what the words 'producer' and 'consumer' mean. We thought about which local animals are within a food chain and how energy is transferred as part of the process.

In PSHE we have been preparing for our NSPCC visit next week and we watched their assembly video. We talked about trusted adults and how every child has the right to be safe. This week in developing our running and throwing skills. This will prove very useful as we head towards Sports Day later in the term!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week the children have enjoyed creating their own poems based on a series of artworks as part of our English sequence. In maths, they have enjoyed using clocks to investigate time, and have worked on telling the time using both digital and analogue clocks. We will continue with this theme next week, so any opportunities to practise over the weekend would really help your child. Both music and RE have been thoroughly enjoyed this week with the children acting out stories from The Bible and learning a selection of call and response songs in music. In art, the children have enjoyed beginning to create their own insect sculptures using wire. They are looking forward to using modroc next week to add detail and structure to them. If your child could possibly bring an old t-shirt into school on Monday this will help to ensure school uniforms are protected. Have a lovely weekend Year Three, and please remember to learn your spellings ready for our spelling test on Monday.



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week, Year 4 have successfully completed their learning sequence on *Clockwork*. The children have edited and redrafted their own stories, carefully considering structure to build tension and engage their readers. We have now begun a new poetry unit using the book *Poetry for a Change*. This week we have been exploring the meaning of change while also practicing the performance of a range of poems from our anthology.

In Maths, we have moved on to money, applying our understanding of decimals to convert between pounds and pence in real-life contexts.

Our Geography lessons have centred on comparing rural Devon with cities in North America, encouraging thoughtful discussion about similarities and differences. Focussing on the terrains, climate, languages and land area. In Science, we have been extending learning from our recent trip to Stover by accurately using classification keys to identify invertebrates.

Finally, we have begun practising field events in preparation for next term's Sports Day.

Have a good weekend all!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have enjoyed another successful week, full of publishing, illustrating and a trip!

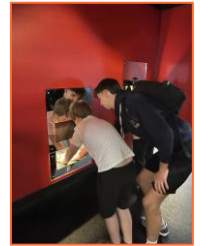
On Tuesday, we had a fantastic day at We the Curious in Bristol, exploring several scientific concepts. We took part in workshops and explored the setting.

English has seen us finalise our publications of *Where my wellies take me*. We have been working hard on illustrating, sequencing, selecting poetry and writing our final drafts. These have been fantastic pieces of work which have taken lots of time and care. We are very proud of the work that has been produced.

Maths has involved finishing our position and direction sequence before beginning our decimals unit. We have been exploring complements to 1 and adding and subtracting decimals across 1.

This has been drawing on our prior learning related to decimals in Year 4 and what we already know about addition and subtraction.

In art, we have been producing our final pieces of wax resist, using fabric and considering how paints interact with wax.



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

We are extremely proud of the way that Year 6 have tackled their SATs tests this week. They should be very proud of their resilient attitude, maturity and knowledge shown. Well done Year 6, your hard work has paid off! Have a lovely, restful weekend!



# Bag2School



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

**Tuesday 19th May 2026 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 19th May 2026 at 9am. (Items may be left after school the day before)

Men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts are all accepted.

NO duvets, blankets, NO pillows or cushions, carpets, rugs or mats, NO soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, NO school uniforms with or without logos, NO corporate clothing or workwear, NO textile cut offs or materials, NO soft toys, NO furniture or large items and NO batteries please.

Thank you!

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wear something bright? bold?  
spotty? odd socks? crazy hair?  
hat? superhero cape?  
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**dare to be different day**  
friday 22nd may 2026  
£1 per child

Payment by cash in a  
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childs teacher on the day  
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School Account: 22077944  
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