



Weekly newsletter

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Friday 22nd May 2026



Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week to end this half term! It was lovely to see so many different outfits in support of FOWs today!

On Wednesday, Reception and Key Stage 1 hosted the Infant Music Festival. We welcomed children from Kings Nympton, Shebbear, Monkleigh, Hatherleigh and Bow Primary Schools. It was wonderful to listen to each other's performances, celebrate the children's hard work and confidence, and learn some new songs together. The children represented the school beautifully and enjoyed the opportunity to perform alongside other local schools. A huge thank you to Miss McLean for organising and leading such a successful afternoon!

Owls class had a fantastic day at the The Devon Railway Centre. The lovely weather made it even more enjoyable as the children spent the day exploring the site, riding on the trains and learning more about railways and transport from the past. They enjoyed a picnic together and had great fun trying out the different activities and play areas. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the trip and were a credit to the school.

Years 2, 5 and 6 also took part in NSPCC assemblies, which focused on speaking out, staying safe and identifying trusted adults that children can talk to if they are worried about anything. Workshops for gave the children the opportunity to explore these important themes in a sensitive and age-appropriate way through discussion and activities. The sessions encouraged children to understand their rights, recognise safe and unsafe situations and build confidence in asking for help when needed. The children engaged brilliantly throughout and asked some thoughtful questions.

Recycling workshops were also enjoyed by Years 1, 4 and 6, helping children learn more about caring for the environment and the importance of reducing waste. Owls class also welcomed a visit from Torrington Dental Practice, where the children learned all about good oral health and the importance of looking after their teeth.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Indian Takeaway Night, and a special thank you to Mrs Rowcliffe for preparing the delicious curries. We raised approximately £250 — a fantastic amount which will help support future activities and trips for the children. We hope you all enjoyed them!

It has certainly been a very busy and successful half term, and I think everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. The weather looks lovely, so we hope you all enjoy the sunshine and have the chance to relax and spend time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Have a lovely half term break! Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 01.06.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Early birds – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time. Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. <p>Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Gardening Club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm) Writing Hook Day Year 5 Exeter City Sport & Move Session (PE)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 4, Year 5 Year 5 Rounders Event at Winkleigh – Those involved have received letters. Parents welcome.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Cricket Club (KS2) with Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm) Year 4 Bristol Residential Yr 5/6 Cricket at Hatherleigh – Those involved have received letters
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Robins Baby & Toddler Group 9am-10.30am Year 4 Bristol Residential PE today: Year 2, Year 6

PE days

Summer 2

PE days for each class will continue to be included within the diary dates. Below details each class' PE days for this half term in line with any changes to class timetables. Children may also continue to wear their PE kit on days they are attending a sports club.

Reception: Leap into life every day, PE kit required on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Year 1: Monday & Thursday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6: Monday & Friday

Any changes to these days due to events and timetable changes will be detailed in the weekly diary dates.

PE kit

- Navy school-branded/plain hoodie
- Black trainers
- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Children may continue to wear black trainers everyday for track and break times.



Diary dates UPDATED

This academic year

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



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

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

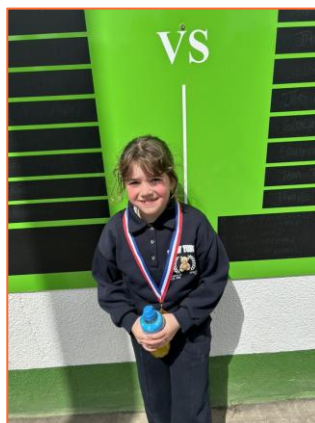
Refreshments included

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

Key Stage 2 – Aquathlon – 15.05.26



Hook days

We are holding our next curriculum hook days on Tuesday 2nd June for Reception to Year 6.



Class	New text	Non-uniform theme
Owls	Beegu	Something yellow!
Year 1	The Perfect Pet	Pets, animal lovers, vets, zoo workers etc.
Year 2	How to wash a woolly mammoth	Any animal or animal-related job role – e.g. vet, zookeeper, farmer, jockey, dog groomer!
Year 3	The Day the Crayons Quit	Colourful home clothes
Year 4	Myth Atlas	Mythical!
Year 5	Carrie's War	Evacuees
Year 6	Floodland	Survivor of natural disaster (e.g. old or oversized jumper, torn jeans/trousers, wellies or muddy trainers, fingerless gloves, bag of 'supplies' such as a compass, binoculars and rope, waterproof coat and trousers)

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children have continued to explore the exciting world of transport! We have been talking about different types of vehicles and used lots of size related vocabulary to describe them.

We talked about:

Big aeroplanes that carry lots of people
Small planes that carry just a few passengers
Long wings and short wings

Where would we go on an aeroplane- somewhere hot or cold?

Key Vocabulary:

We have been encouraging the children to use:

Big / Small
Large / Tiny
Long / Short
Tall / Little
Heavy / Light

Try this at home:

Here are some ideas to support learning:

Spot different vehicles and talk about their size
Line up toys from smallest to biggest
Compare objects: Which is longer? Which is shorter?
Read transport themed books and describe what you see
See below a song we have enjoyed in class.



Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd June.
The Nursery Team

The Train Journey (Sing to the tune of 'London's Burning'.)

Pack your suitcase, pack your suitcase,
Buy your ticket, buy your ticket,
Choo, choo! Choo, choo!
Hop aboard now, hop aboard now!

Off we go now, off we go now,
Moving quickly, moving quickly,
Choo, choo! Choo, choo!
We've arrived now, we've arrived now!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

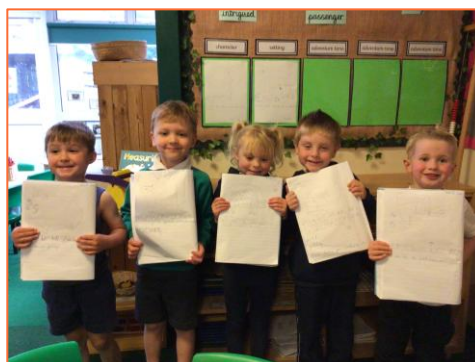
In Drawing Club, we have read the book *Naughty Bus*, created our own obstacles and had lots of fun using our imaginations to design our own Naughty Vehicles. The children showed fantastic creativity and loved sharing their ideas with their friends.

In maths, we have finished our shape topic and have moved on to grouping and sharing. We have been working together to share objects into equal groups, using practical resources and teamwork to help build our understanding.

We have also enjoyed making our own suncatchers using colourful tissue paper and the silhouette of an underwater creature. The classroom looked beautiful when the sunlight shone through them!

Alongside this, we have spent time outdoors enjoying the warmer weather, taking part in lots of imaginative play and practising our speaking and listening skills with our friends. We are so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown this half term.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful holiday!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

In Year 1, we enjoyed taking some of our learning outside in the lovely warm weather. In Maths, we finished our learning on fractions and began a new unit on position and direction. We explored language such as left, right, forwards and backwards, and especially enjoyed giving our partners instructions on where to move. This links closely with our computing unit, where we are programming Bee-Bots using the same directional language.



In English, we started a new sequence based on the animation Bertha and the Great Paint Job. The children loved describing the characters and factory setting before writing about a big machine malfunction. In Geography, we concluded our learning about the United Kingdom by exploring Northern Ireland and even trying some traditional Irish dancing. In Science, we investigated how trees change through the seasons, while in RE we learnt about Shabbat and why it is special in the Jewish faith.



Our stick insect, Ivy, is growing quickly, and our lettuce seeds have begun to sprout!



Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week we enjoyed taking part in the Key Stage 1 Music Festival on Tuesday afternoon. There were some lovely singing voices and dance moves on show! We also had a visit from the NSPCC and Buddy. They talked about how the charity helps children to speak out and stay safe.

We have completed our non-fiction sequence on weather. This week we wrote our own non-fiction text and glossary. We look forward to our next sequence 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' after the half term break!

In maths we are learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. We learned to tell the time to the nearest quarter hour and discussed how each clock digit represents 5 minutes of time within an hour. We will continue our learning on time after the half term break. Any real-life opportunities to tell the time at home would be valuable!

We completed our art sequence this week, moving on in time to artwork of the early 2000s. We talked about Damian Hirst and focused on his 'spin artwork' before having a go at creating our own versions.

Wishing everyone a lovely warm half term break!

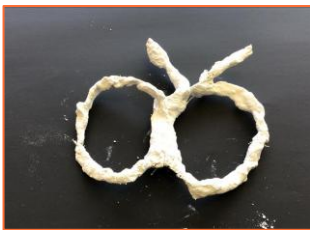


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Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

This week in Year Three the children have worked enthusiastically to create their own sculptures based on the work of French born artist Louise Bourgeois. They have enjoyed sculpting using wire and Modroc. It has been lovely to hear them complimenting and helping one another with newly acquired techniques.

In Maths and English, the children have competed their sequences on time and poetry. They have worked so hard to learn new writing techniques based on a series of different artworks. Please continue to support your children with learning how to tell the time over the half term break building upon what we have done at school. It was lovely to finally see some sunshine on Thursday and the children enjoyed spending time in the garden area; weeding, searching for bugs and planting. Let's hope the sun continues to shine during the half term. Have a lovely week Year Three.



Year 4 – Mr Walter

It has been a very busy and productive week in Year 4 as we begin to wrap up our learning across the curriculum. In English, the children have been planning and writing poems using prepositions to describe changes in the world, with a focus on creating varied stanzas and experimenting with rhythm. In Maths, we have been comparing, estimating and rounding amounts of money, applying these skills to real-life contexts.

In Science, we were impressed by the fantastic "Habitat Hero" information sheets, highlighting the importance of protecting animal habitats, including the impact of urbanisation, deforestation and global warming. In PE, we have started recording results in preparation for Sports Day in June.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a visit from the Devon recycling team, where pupils made their own paper. In Art, we created landscape collages with striking silhouettes. Finally, it was lovely to see the creativity on Dare to be Different Day. Have a wonderful half term - we look forward to our exciting hook day (Myth theme) and residential next term!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

It has been a great half term in Year 5. We have been working hard on our writing, presentation and stamina. This week, we have published our sports research pages in the style of *Sportopedia*. We have loved finding out more about sports and inventing our own games too!

Maths has seen us learn more about decimals this week. This has involved adding and subtracting across decimals, including those with different numbers of decimal places.

On Thursday, we spent time in the garden, enjoying the beautiful sunshine! We have been finishing off our learning sequences with our assessment tasks, explaining what we have learnt about Earth and Space, sustainability and evaluating our final prints in art.

Have a super half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 2nd June as evacuees!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have worked hard to finish their foundation subject sequences this week. On Monday they talked about the human heart and learnt to name the parts of the heart. They also discussed the role of blood in our bodies and the components that it consists of.

On Tuesday, they worked on time zones and contour lines. They took on some time challenges to work out the differences in time zones before creating their own contour maps using cardboard.

The children had the opportunity to work on their final art projects on Thursday. They have enjoyed taking ownership and having the freedom to make their own choices about the artists and style of work that they wanted to replicate.

Finally, on Wednesday afternoon, the children were great role models to visiting schools from the local area for our infant music festival. They modelled kindness and respect throughout the afternoon.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of primary school!



The Woodland Federation **COLOUR RUN**

Friday 10th July 2026 from

11:45am - 3pm

@Winkleigh Primary School



- £5 entry for the run/walk
- £5 for 10 tokens to be used on various table games, fayre activities and bouncy castles
- Cake stall, bbq and Sam's Cider
- Hamper voucher draw £2.50 a ticket (pre-sale coming soon)
- Raffle on the day

Pre-payment can be arranged for the tokens and race entry with cash payments taken on the day.

Thank you for all your kind donations & sponsors so far!

See the Facebook event for more info

Pre sale tickets £10/ £15 with food available to purchase through parish hall website or £15 on the night

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Dear parent / guardian,

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova is ideal for children who may:

- Lack confidence to try new things
- Seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- Find it hard to concentrate
- Have concerns with sleeping or eating
- Have angry outbursts
- Have negative thoughts about what's going to happen
- Be avoiding everyday activities, e.g. going to school, seeing friends
- Become irritable, tearful or clingy

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started.

<http://luminova.app/devon>

Yours Sincerely,

Mental Health Support Team in schools