



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had! The slightly cooler weather has certainly been welcome, and it has been another busy and successful week at school.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for taking the time to share your feedback and support us during the inspection process. We are also incredibly grateful for the many lovely messages of support and the thoughtful goodies we received. Your kindness and encouragement meant so much to the whole staff team and were greatly appreciated.

Our children truly did themselves proud. The inspectors were incredibly impressed by how confidently the children spoke about their learning, their experiences, and our school. They were thoughtful, articulate, and enthusiastic, and we couldn't have been prouder of the way they represented our school community.

We look forward to sharing the report with you once it has been published.

To round off the week, we had an amazing time at OA Surf. The weather was beautiful, and, as always, the children were fantastic. They showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork, making it a wonderful way to end another memorable week.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 06.07.26

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"> KS2 Wake Park Trip Reception 2026 Welcome Meeting 2pm with Mrs Betts (current Squirrels parents)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 PE Kit Year 5 Joy of Movement Workshop with Exeter City Transition day – Children will spend the day in their new classes with new teachers.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit Year 5 Forest school Burger Takeaway Night
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 3 PE Kit Year 1/Year 2 Beach Trip Cricket club with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Robins Colour run

Diary dates UPDATED



This academic year

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

July

20th – Year 6 End of Term
Performance 6pm

21st – Leaver's Assembly

21st – Final day of term

August

Summer Holidays

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.



The Woodland Federation

Summer Holiday Club 2026

at Winkleigh Primary School

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Email: admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk for more information!

Dates:

- Monday 27th July
- Tuesday 28th July
- Wednesday 29th July
- Thursday 30th July
- Monday 17th August
- Tuesday 18th August
- Wednesday 19th August
- Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August
- Tuesday 25th August
- Wednesday 26th August
- Thursday 27th August



Trips & activities

Sports day



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful week in the nursery enjoying the beautiful summer weather and making the most of our outdoor spaces!

This week, the children have been exploring water play activities outside. From pouring, filling, and experimenting with different containers, the children have been developing their fine motor skills, coordination, and early understanding of concepts such as volume and cause and effect. It has also been a fantastic way to keep cool whilst having lots of fun! We introduced a variety of resources including cups, jugs, funnels, and small world toys, encouraging the children to use their imagination and creativity. Some children even worked together to create their own mini water games, showing great teamwork and communication skills.

Alongside water play, we have continued to enjoy summer themed activities, **including:**

- Outdoor storytelling in the sunshine
- Creative crafts inspired by the season
- Role play in our playdough ice cream factory!

Important Reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle each day
 - Apply sun cream before arrival.
- Send your child with a hat and suitable clothing for outdoor play
- A spare change of clothes is helpful, especially during water play days.
 - Plenty of nappies, wipes and nappy bags.



Thank you for your continued support.

The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

Owls have had a very busy week! We have continued with our topic - Space and our world - and have learnt about other planets in our Solar System.

In Drawing club, we have read the book 'How to catch a star', where a boy, who loves stars, thinks of multiple ways that he could catch one for himself. The children have enjoyed coming up with their own characters, settings and creating imaginative ways to catch their own star!

In maths, we have revisited numbers to 10, focusing on subitising. We have been using tens frames to represent numbers to 10, sorted numbers into different groups and used dice to practise subitising.

We have also been practising following instructions this week, watching a step-by-step video on how to draw an alien. The children enjoyed doing this so much, that they spent the rest of the afternoon coming up with their own amazing alien designs!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

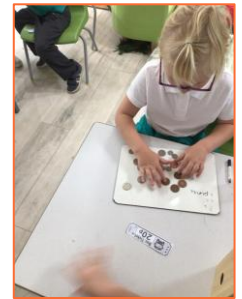
What a lovely, cooler week we have had in Year 1!

This week, we welcomed Ofsted into school and Year 1 were absolutely amazing. In English, we continued our learning on instruction writing, looking at the key features and creating lists of what we would need to make slime.

In maths, we concluded our learning on money and began our elicitation task for our new unit on time. In science, we observed our plants and tested the predictions we made about different growing conditions, thinking about what plants need to grow well.

In history, we learned about the RNLI and linked the brave actions of Grace Darling to the work of RNLI volunteers today. The children also created some lovely RNLI beach and water safety posters.

Have a lovely weekend.

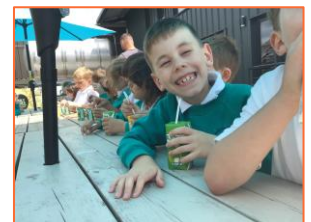


Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week we have been continuing our sequence on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have learned the key vocabulary from the story and learned how to use apostrophes to show possession.

In maths we have begun a new unit of learning on position and direction, using mathematical language to describe the location of objects and sequences of movement. We enjoyed using the beebots to create our own sequences of movement this week and have had lots of opportunities to verbally explain how the beebot has moved. In RE we learned about the lives of Mother Teresa and Dr Barnardo. We talked about the changes that they were able to implement and how they showed care and kindness to others. We also thought about their legacies, how and why they are still remembered today as significant individuals.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Sam's Cider on Wednesday afternoon. It was lovely to be able to walk from school and see how cider is produced. We learned about the whole process and enjoyed some apple juice and biscuits at the end! This linked to our class learning on food and farming and we had a great discussion back in the classroom about how some food and drink is now produced differently due to developments in technology. **A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Beardon for hosting us!**



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bournier

As always, Year Three have worked incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum this week. In maths they have enjoyed learning about angles and turns and have enjoyed searching for right angles and identifying obtuse and acute angles. *I wonder if you can spot any in your own house over the weekend?* In English they have begun working on our new teaching sequence 'The Paperbag Prince' which is set in a junkyard! The children have worked hard to describe what can be seen in the junkyard thinking about not only what can be seen but what it might feel and smell like. They have worked hard creating expanded noun phrases to describe. In History, the children have thought about the legacy left by the Romans, and in Science they enjoyed searching for, creating and learning about shadows. We are all very much looking forward to our Wake Park trip next week!



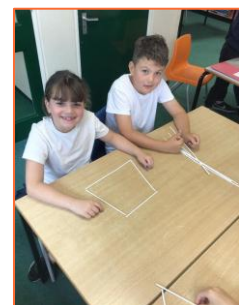
Year 4 – Mr Walter

-Year 4 have adapted brilliantly throughout the week and should be very proud of their efforts. In English, we have been developing our understanding of dialogue by extending conversations between two characters in an adventure story, while also practising the correct use of possessive apostrophes. In Maths, we have been identifying parallelograms and polygons and using the vocabulary of regular and irregular to describe different shapes.

In History, we continued our exploration of Anglo-Saxon artefacts created during previous residential visits to Escot. We researched their purposes and uncovered a wide range of fascinating facts about them. In PE, we enjoyed a basketball lesson, focusing on dribbling the ball at speed and changing direction with control. Alongside all of this, the children completed their quizzes with great maturity and determination.

We are looking forward to an exciting week ahead with the wake Park trip, transition Day and the Colour Run. Any cake donations, along with sold or unsold raffle tickets, would be greatly appreciated on the day.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have had another busy, and thankfully slightly cooler, week! The children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and have represented themselves brilliantly throughout the week. We are very proud of their attitude and resilience.

In English, we focused on planning our final piece of writing based on Carrie's War. The children worked hard to organise their ideas and prepare for their extended writing, showing excellent creativity and thoughtfulness.

In History, we continued our learning about World War II by exploring Winkleigh's role during the war. We discovered how Winkleigh Airfield played an important part in the war effort, with Lysander aircraft using the airfield to support special operations. It was fascinating to learn how our local area contributed to such significant wartime missions.

Our Design and Technology sequence built towards today's exciting cake sale. The children worked together to prepare, organise and showcase their creations, demonstrating teamwork, creativity and resilience. Thank you to everyone who supported the event—it was a wonderful way to celebrate the children's hard work and learning.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Gone surfing!



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

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Entries and token payments are still available via gateway for £5 each and that raffle tickets can be purchased and sold for £2.50 a ticket. Once again payments can be made via gateway or cash with sold ticket stubs.

WINKLEIGH FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 29th August

at Winkleigh Village Hall

OPEN TO ALL



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2.30PM

ENTRIES ON THE DAY 8.30AM-10AM

Schedules available from Catkin Blooms,

The Church porch or wanddgarden@gmail.com

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AT 3.30PM FOLLOWED

BY AN AUCTION OF PRODUCE AND RAFFLE

CREAM TEAS ~ PLANTS AND SEEDS STALL

We would really like to involve children from school and encourage them to create and enter one of the four classes.

- A fantastic beast made from natural materials.
- A drawing, painting or collage of a creature that lives in the garden.
- A decorated plant pot.
- A miniature garden in a standard seed tray.



#winkleighfair

winkleigh fair

FANCY DRESS

PARADE

Sunday, July 12 at 4:00 pm

 prizes for...

best dressed baby

best dressed child

best dressed family



What should I wear for fancy dress?

Sparkly shoes, a cape, a long, flowing dress, suit and tie - or if you prefer, dust off your favorite superhero or wizard costume and come along to our Winkleigh Fair kickoff!