

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we have had in school!

Owls Class had their very first trip to Quince Honey Farm this week, and what a lovely day they had! The children enjoyed learning all about bees and honey, exploring the farm and, of course, tasting some delicious honey! It was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our Year 6 pupils, Billy and Gregor, who accompanied Owls Class on their trip. Once again, they showed just how much they have stepped up to support our younger children. They were fantastic role models and were so helpful and caring throughout the day. Thank you and well done!

Year 4 also had a fantastic day out at The Eden Project. They had the opportunity to explore the amazing biomes and discover more about plants, habitats and our natural world. The children enjoyed seeing plants from different climates, finding out how the environment can be protected and taking part in activities that helped bring their learning to life. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn outside the classroom, and as always, we were incredibly proud of their super behaviour.

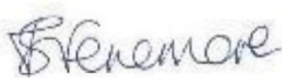
Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Service. A special thank you to Mrs Down for leading such a lovely service and helping us to celebrate Harvest together as a school community.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our local food bank. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help support families in our local community.

It was also lovely to see so many families at our Toddler Group this week. It is wonderful to see the group continuing to grow and to welcome new faces, as well as seeing familiar ones returning each week. Our Toddler Group is such a lovely opportunity for little ones to play, explore and make new friends, while families can enjoy a chat and get to know one another. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a happy and welcoming morning. We look forward to seeing even more of you in the coming weeks!

Well done to all of our children for another fantastic week. We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend!

Kind regards,
Mrs V Fenemore



Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 12.10.26

Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- All sorts – **3pm Sunday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)*
- Early birds – **3pm Sunday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)*
- 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

- Year 4, Year 5 PE kit
- Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)

Tuesday

- Year 1, Year 6 PE kit
- Ukulele club (3.30-4.30pm) with Miss McLean (Years 3-6)
- Gardening club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mr Walter (Years 2-6)

Wednesday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit
- Craft club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mrs Stapley (Years 1-3)

Thursday

- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit
- Woodland Robins Toddler & Baby Group (9.00-10.30am)
- FOWs Bags for School

Friday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
- Stephen Shield Cross Country Competition (Running club)

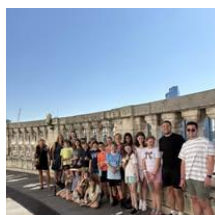
Saturday 7th November

9.30am-12noon

Visit Winkleigh Primary School!

What we offer:

- High quality, engaging learning environments
- Ofsted 'Strong Standard' in all areas of Under 2's provision
- Nurturing provision
- Tailored and adaptive teaching
- Broad and ambitious curriculum
- Extensive enrichment opportunities through trips, visitors, residentials.
- A strong sense of belonging and community
- Places available for children aged 0-11 years





Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Owls Quince Honey Farm



Year 4 Eden Project



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children enjoyed a wonderful adventure inspired by Michael Rosen's much loved story We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

We began by listening to the story together, joining in with the repeated phrases and actions. The children's enthusiasm shone through as they chanted the words and acted out each part of the journey.

During our activities, the children took part in a bear finding game, using positional language such as under, behind, next to, and on top of to describe where the bears were hidden. They worked together to hide and seek the bears, showing great teamwork and communication skills.

It was a week full of imagination, creativity, and language development and we all agreed that our bear hunt was a big success!

Below is a song we have been singing.

Celebrating Home Learning

At our nursery we value the important role families play in supporting children's learning and development. We love hearing about the wonderful achievements children make at home.

If your child has had a special achievement such as learning a new skill, showing kindness, or trying something new please share it with us. Celebrating these moments together helps us build a fuller picture of each child's development.

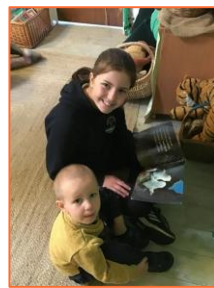
Have a wonderful weekend,
The Nursery team



Teddy Bear Hunt Song

(Tune of 'The Farmer's in His Den')

We're looking for a bear,
We're looking for a bear,
Can you see him anywhere?
We're looking for a bear!
He's hiding over there,
He's hiding over there,
Wave hello and show you care
We found our teddy bear!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

What an incredible week of learning and discovery we have had in Owls Class!

We are so incredibly proud of the children for their behaviour on our first school trip to Quince Honey Farm! They were absolutely brilliant, showed wonderful listening skills, and represented our school beautifully.

Our role-play area has been transformed into a wild safari park, complete with a safari jeep and a campsite! The children have had fantastic fun putting on their explorer hats, driving through the savannah, and setting up camp under the stars.

In our physical development sessions, we focused on isolated movements and body stability. We practiced pretending to be tiny seeds growing into tall trees, stretching our branches, and gently swaying in the wind without losing our balance.

This week, we introduced several new sounds and a very important word. Please practice these at home:

New sounds: ck, e, r, and u

New tricky word: I (Remember, tricky words are words we can't easily sound out, we just have to learn them by sight!)



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

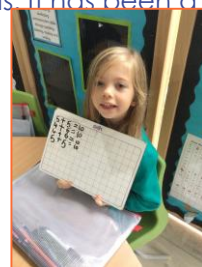
Year 1 began the week with a new Curious Quest! Watching an episode of Button Moon transported us to another world, inspiring us to invent characters, planets and views through our homemade telescopes. The children enjoyed creating and then writing about their imaginative ideas.

In Maths, we began addition and subtraction within 10, exploring whole amounts and their parts. Practical resources helped us find different parts of a whole and record these as number sentences.

In Art, we started planning our own outdoor sculptures, remembering the shapes and materials we have explored.

In RE, we discussed ways Christians worship, reflecting on what we saw inside All Saints Church in Winkleigh.

In PE, we practised moving through space while bouncing a ball. In Gymnastics, we created and performed simple sequences combining travelling, balances, jumps and rolls. It has been a busy week of learning and creating.
Have a lovely weekend, everyone!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

In Maths, we have started our addition and subtraction topic. We have been using facts we already know, such as number bonds to 10, to help us find number bonds to 100 and exploring how adding tens can help us solve problems.

In English, we are now in the final week of our No Bot journey! The children are completing their independent writing, redesigning the story with their own exciting twists and adding lots more detail. We have been thinking carefully about sentence structure, vocabulary and how to make our stories interesting for the reader. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine!

In Science, we continued our Three Little Pigs investigations by testing our wooden roofs and exploring the properties of wood as a building material.

We have also been designing our Christmas cards. These will be sent home for parents to scan and purchase using the QR code provided. We hope you love their festive creations!

As always, thank you so much for your continued support, Year 2!



Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

What a fantastic week we have had! In English, we have been working hard on our final writes based on Lord of the forest. We have included speech and powerful verbs in our narratives to bring them to life.

In Maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction sequence by using number lines to help us add and subtract from a number.

In Science, we did our own investigation! We have been looking at the permeability of different rocks by putting them in water and observing what happens. In music, we have been using instruments to add different elements to our song. In PE we have been playing different tag games for our tag rugby sequence.

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 3. We are looking forward to another exciting week and continuing to build on all the fantastic learning taking place in our classroom!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

In English this week, we planned and wrote our independent persuasive letters to the man (Senhor) in The Great Kapok Tree, encouraging him to leave the tree and the rainforest untouched. In Geography, we interpreted data from graphs to compare the weather in the Amazon rainforest with the UK.

This learning linked perfectly with our exciting trip to the Eden Project. We became rainforest rangers, identifying plants that could be used for shelter, food and drink. It was wonderful to share our knowledge and even see a real kapok tree growing there.

In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of the column method, using it to add and subtract 4-digit numbers with increasing confidence and accuracy.

We have also enjoyed learning how to sequence the days of the week in Spanish and were delighted to visit the church to take part in the Harvest Festival celebrations.



Have a great weekend.



Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

This week, we have continued to work hard across the curriculum. In English, we are finishing our work on The Lost Words and publishing our own nature poems before moving on to our next unit.

The children have enjoyed using descriptive language and creating some fantastic pieces of writing. In Maths, we are coming to the end of our addition and subtraction unit, where everyone has worked hard to improve their number knowledge and confidence when solving calculations. In Science, we planned a practical investigation and created hypotheses, thinking carefully about what we thought might happen and why. In PE, we have continued developing our basketball skills, with a focus on shooting and improving accuracy. In Art, the children completed their final designs and painted their clay tiles, and we are very pleased with the finished results. In RE, we compared different styles of Christian music and discussed the effect they can have on people. In PSHE, we continued our learning about relationships by exploring what it means to be assertive and how this can help us communicate clearly and respectfully. A reminder that children should not bring toys into school unless they have been specifically asked to do so. Toys can easily become lost or broken and can sometimes distract children from their learning. We would appreciate your support in helping us keep personal items at home. Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been independently writing in English this week to produce a monster versus hero narrative based on the structure of Beowulf. The children have used their great imaginations to write descriptively. They have also made great use of semicolons and hyphenated adjectives.

In maths we have tackled long division with great resilience. The children have worked on remembering and using the written method in division calculations of up to 4 digits and some with remainders too!

In geography this half term, we have been learning about the OS mapping system. This week, the children had the opportunity to plan their own eco-town and place it onto a map. They used OS symbols with a key to show all the eco-friendly aspects of their new town.

Finally, thank you to our sustainability ambassadors who accompanied Owls on their trip on Tuesday, the staff and children were all very grateful for your support throughout the day!

Have a lovely weekend!



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Thursday 15th October 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 **15th October 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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