



# Winkleigh Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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# A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the beautiful weather this week. With the sun shining and temperatures rising, we have been taking full advantage by moving lessons outside whenever possible. Whether it's reading under a tree, or exploring nature in science, outdoor learning has brought a fresh energy to the school day.

We are incredibly proud of Mr Slocombe, who completed the London Marathon on Sunday in some very warm conditions. Running such a long distance is a huge accomplishment in itself, but doing so in support of a fantastic cause makes it even more special. Mr Slocombe ran in aid of the North Devon Hospice, raising both funds and awareness for their vital work. We know how hard he trained for this, and the whole school community joins us in saying a massive well done!

A big shout-out to our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils, Sienna, Olivia, Mya, Josh, Finn, and Blake, who represented our school at the QE Tournament on Monday. The team put in a series of brilliant performances, showing great skill, determination, and sportsmanship. They battled their way to the finals, where they narrowly missed out on the top spot to Landscore in a very close game. We're proud of the way they played and how they supported each other throughout. A huge well done to the whole team!

On Monday, children from Year 2 upwards took part in an exciting Cricket Engagement Day, led by coach Martin Brice. Many of the children remembered Martin from the sessions he ran with us last year, and it was fantastic to welcome him back. The day was packed with fun drills, games, and skill-building activities designed to boost confidence and interest in cricket. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork, and it was lovely to see so many trying their best and encouraging each other. Who knows, we may have some future cricket stars in our midst!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

# DIARY DATES

W/C 5TH MAY 2025



## Daily Deadlines

- ♦ *Lunch Deadline 8.00am on the same day.*
- ♦ *All Sorts Deadline 8.30am on the same day.*
- ♦ *Early Birds Deadline 3.00pm the day before.*

Please continue to email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) to make any amendments for the above.

Monday 5th May

- ♦ Bank Holiday—School Closed
- ♦ **GATEWAY DEADLINE—VE Day 80 Contribution**

Tuesday 6th May

- ♦ **Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am**
- ♦ **3.30pm Children released to their parents/carers—Owls and Year 1 via the side gate near the main reception entrance, everyone else from the main playground gate.**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6**
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club with Emmylou
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter

Wednesday 7th May

- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 4**

Thursday 8th May

- ♦ **By 9AM—Bag2School**
- ♦ **VE Day 80 Celebrations**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6**
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Football Club Y2-Y6 with Primary Sport (Those involved have received letters)
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Rounders Club with Mr Slocombe

Friday 9th May

- ♦ **8.45am-9.30am Family Breakfast & Open Morning**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 5**

Emails sent this week: Family Breakfast—Extended, VE Day Afternoon Tea, Owls Bickleigh Railway, SATS, Year 6 Cricket at Hatherleigh,

# THE LEARNING ZONE

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## Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

This week, our nursery class has wriggled into the exciting world of *Superworm*! We've had a fantastic time exploring this fun and rhyming story by Julia Donaldson, which teaches us all about friendship, kindness, and being helpful.

The children have had a marvellous time outside looking high and low for Superworm!

We've seen lots of teamwork this week—just like Superworm's friends working together! We're so proud of how kind and helpful the children have been to one another.

We have also been painting our summer term self portraits which is a great opportunity to look at the progress the children have made since their spring term portrait. They really are such super artists!

Have a wonderful weekend. The Nursery Team.

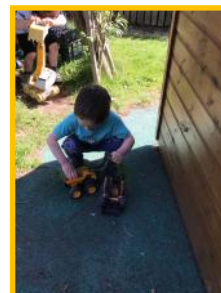
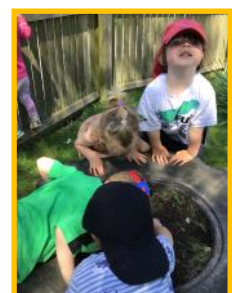
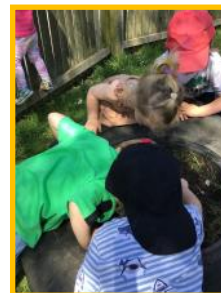
**REMEMBER- Trainers are needed everyday! We do love to go on the running track and up to our top garden.**

Have a wonderful weekend. The Nursery Team

A song we have enjoyed this week:

### **Wiggly Woo!**

*There's a worm at the bottom of my garden  
And his name is Wiggly Woo  
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden  
And all that he can do  
Is wiggle all day and wiggle all night  
wiggle, wiggle, wiggle with all of his might!  
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden  
And his name is Wiggly Woo!*



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## Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

Owls have worked so hard at all they have done this week and it is wonderful to see them becoming so independent in their learning.

Our Drawing club book this week has been *'The Naughty Bus'* which the children have loved. They have enjoyed retelling the story in their own words, designing and making their own 'naughty buses' and coming up with lots of mischievous ideas for their stories.

In maths, we have been looking at odd and even numbers. The children have sorted numicon based on whether it is odd or even, looked at odd and even patterns and found doubles numbers. ***I wonder if you can find any odd or even numbers around the house this weekend Owls?***

Please can we ask that children come to school with sun hats if the lovely weather continues next week. Can we also remind parents that message wallets need to be brought to school each day please.





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## Year 1— Mrs Keast

This week in our Curious Quest we have been reading *The Perfect Pet* by Fiona Robertson. We have written about our own perfect pet and have used 'because' to explain our reasoning. We have also written a letter and a list as part of the week's writing.

In Maths, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Any opportunities to do this at home would be really beneficial – counting coins is particularly good for this. We have also been learning to make equal and unequal groups – using the natural resources in the garden. At the end of the week we have learned about arrays.

In RE we have been learning about Jewish artefacts. We saw some video clips of the artefacts being used. We also had some real artefacts to view in the classroom. Everyone was interested in the dreidel game and enjoyed spinning the wooden pieces!

Please can everyone remember to bring a sunhat and wear sunscreen before school when we have hot days. We are encouraging the children to drink plenty and seek shade when outside. It has been lovely this week to use the outdoor area for lots of our learning opportunities.



## Year 2—Mr Slocombe

What a wonderful week in Year 2 - both in terms of weather and learning!

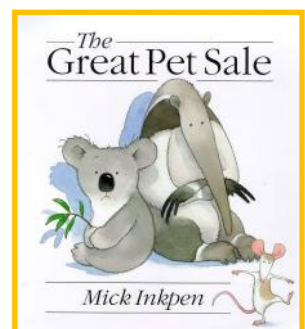
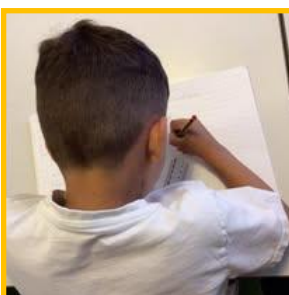
English has seen us continue our sequence based around the weather, learning about weather idioms; using multi-clause sentences; and using repetition as a strategy for cohesion.

In maths, we have focused on money. We have thought about selecting coins appropriately, making the same amount and spending our money in the pet shop!

Meanwhile, in geography, we learnt about different elements of the weather, tying our learning across the curriculum together.

In art, we learnt about the context of the 1940s, creating our own Jackson Pollock inspired artwork.

Have a super long weekend and I will see you all on Tuesday.



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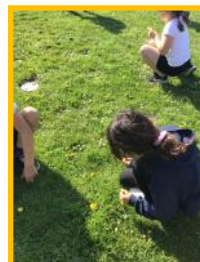
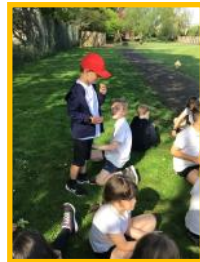
## Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

The year 3s have been working hard this week, despite the glorious heat! They have been working on developing descriptive vocabulary to describe flowers.

In maths they have continued their work on capacity and volume.

Cricket on Monday was very popular and we will continue this in class PE lessons.

The children have been learning about flowers in science and have constructed an investigation to look at what makes plants grow...or not!



## Year 4—Mr Walter

It has been a lovely week in the sunshine in Year 4. This week, we started by enjoying our cricket workshop with Martin Brice from the Devon Cricket Foundation. This was a taster day to learn new skills and games to develop our striking and fielding understanding.

In English, our focus this week has been on adverbials. We have explored the myth associated with the demi-god Maui. Throughout the week, we have been carefully deciding which adverbials to use to describe the action using where, when and how. We have also been reading carefully to find and use fronted adverbials appropriately.

In maths, we have completed the first half of our decimal sequence. We have used place value charts to represent our decimal numbers and gattengo charts to show how we can divide by tenths and hundredths whilst making connections with fractions that we have learnt previously. We have also started to practice our times tables in a timed format for the multiplication check in June. Any additional practice at home would help massively.

The warm weather we have had this week linked with our learning in geography about the different climates in North America. We compared the average rainfall, temperatures and sunlight hours between various cities across the continent. Whilst also comparing to our climate in the UK.

Finally, in art we used magazines and newspapers to create our own collage. We explored the importance of placement when thinking up a design and the way layering can help to build texture.

Enjoy your long weekend!



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## Year 5— Mr Saltearn

It has been fantastic to welcome back year 5 after their residential last week and all the challenges they faced and over came. The team work, resilience and kindness they showed through the week was amazing.

This week we have continued with our English sequence on Tuesday and the children have started to draft their opening to their own newspaper report on the book. We have been busy looking at how we can make our writing more cohesive and have been working in teams to edit and improve our writing adding more detail and varying our sentences and vocabulary.

In Maths, we have been learning about angles around a point and along a straight line and have taken advantage of the sunshine to take maths outside to complete a treasure trail. The children worked in pairs to find missing angles and complete the challenge of finding all the letters.

In Science, we have been learning about the different planets and ensuring we can remember the order of them, we created our own sentences to help us remember the planets. We have also learnt about the geocentric and heliocentric theories.

On Monday, the children enjoyed the cricket workshop and had a chance to practice some different skills and apply them into different games.

Have a great weekend Year 5.



## Year 6—Miss McLean

Year 6 have enjoyed making the most of the lovely weather this week! On Monday, they took part in a fantastic extra PE session with a focus on cricket.

We have spent some time in maths and English lessons this revising our learning throughout the year. The children have kept a positive attitude throughout this and have enjoyed some teamwork tasks.

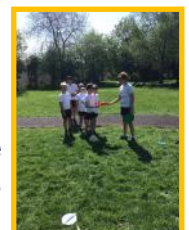
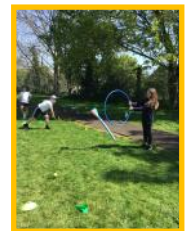
In science this week, we learnt about the functions of blood. The children had many insightful questions about what blood is and how it works. We learnt about red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma and the function of each part.

In geography, we used atlases to find given places on a world map based on the longitude and latitude coordinates. There was a brilliant show of resilience in this lesson as it's a tricky skill to learn!

In art, the children created some mood boards to support them in creating their final piece. Each child has chosen a media they would like to work with based on the art sequences they have completed since Year 1.

Finally, in PSHE we started our 'Being my Best' sequence by considering the children's aspirations for their futures.

Have a great weekend!





# COMPETITION



## CREATIVE COMPETITION

Use your creative skills to inspire positive action for the planet

WRITE, DRAW, RECORD A SONG, PAINT, BUILD, MAKE ... YOU CHOOSE



### YOUR BRIEF

**We want to see your creativity shine to inspire our community in taking positive action for the planet.**

You get to decide what you create. You could record a song, write a poem, create a piece of art or write a story. Or maybe you want to make something in three dimensions. The choice is yours.

### FREE TO ENTER

INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, CLASS & AGE WITH YOUR ENTRY  
& HAND IT INTO SCHOOL ON **30 APRIL**

WIN PRIZES & THE CHANCE TO EXHIBIT YOUR CREATION  
AT CATKIN BLOOMS IN MAY



# SUMMER CAMP



£25 full day    £12.50 half day  
10% sibling discount available per day

## SUMMER CAMP at Winkleigh Primary School

Mr Walter &  
Mr Slocombe



### Sports

Take part in a variety of sporting activities. Developing skills through drills and games.



### Crafts

Explore various crafting projects and activities using different techniques.



### Fun

Activities will include age specific and engaging sessions throughout the day.



e-mail

**holidayclub@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk**

For primary school children  
(academic year 2024-25)  
Children welcome from other  
schools.

Full Day: 8:30am - 4pm  
AM Session: 8:30am - 12:30pm  
PM Session: 1pm - 4pm

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# BAG2SCHOOL

THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025



## Bag2School



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

**Thursday 8th May 2025 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 **8th May 2025 at 9am**

Men's, ladies' and childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding all accepted.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

Thank you!

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# AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

22ND APRIL 2025— 25TH OCTOBER 2025



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake & Crusty Bread (v)	Lentil Roast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes (v)	Golden Veggie Goujons & Chips (v)
Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Beetroot Brownie	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
Week One: 21 Apr   12 May   9 Jun   30 Jun   21 Jul   15 Sept   6 Oct					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Mac n Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Fillet Bites & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Vegemince Cottage Pie & Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada & Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Chocolate Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
Week Two: 28 Apr   19 May   16 Jun   7 Jul   1 Sept   22 Sept   13 Oct					
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake & Garlic Bread (v)	Plant-based Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheesy Pinwheel & Chips (v)
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream	Blueberry Cupcake	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Oatcake with Orange Wedges	Vanilla Crunch Bar with Apple Wedges
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Week Three: 5 May   2 Jun   23 Jun   14 Jul   8 Sept   29 Sept   20 Oct					
*Available Daily: Fresh Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives					

You can order lunch till 8am on the same day.  
KS1 children are all entitled to free school meals.



# Wraparound Care for 2 to 11 year old's

Flexible before and after school care available  
Monday to Friday during term time, with  
breakfasts and snacks provided as well as fun  
activities and games.

Everybody is welcome, from nursery to year 6.

## Early Birds:

Breakfast club from 7.45am to 9am everyday

With breakfast £5.30 per session

Without Breakfast £4.30 per session

## All Sorts:

After school club from 3.30pm to 6pm

3.30pm-4.30pm - £5.30

3.30pm - 5.00pm - £7.95

3.30pm - 5.30pm - £10.60

3.30pm - 6.00pm - £13.25

(After the Enrichment Club)

4.30pm - 5.00pm - £2.65

4.30pm - 5.30pm - £5.30

4.30pm - 6.00pm - £7.95

All sessions must be booked by 8.30am on the day via the Gateway

Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted



## **All Sorts After School Club 3.30pm - 6pm**

**Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm - 6pm. £5.30 per hour. We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the child's preference. For example, art and crafts is always a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request. All sessions will include some outdoor play when possible. Snacks are available for those children staying after 4.30pm (except Thursday when we eat what we cook)**

Book on the gateway via the clubs section

**Monday  
Construction  
Club**

**Tuesday  
Music &  
Movement**

**Wednesday  
Arts &  
Craft**

**Thursday  
Cooking**

**Friday  
Fun &  
Games**



# ADVICE FOR PARENTS



## Reporting Absences

To report your child absent please do so by telephoning the school and choosing Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.  
You can also report an absence through the Gateway app.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.





Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Winkleigh Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to  
[admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk)

Holiday Activities Food Programme in Devon

<https://eequ.org/devonhaf>