

A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back this week, I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. The children have come back refreshed and have been working very hard with their learning, it has been lovely to see what they have been up to.

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Kents Cavern, we received some lovely feedback from their tour guide: ***I just wanted to say thank you so much for visiting us yesterday, they were very well behaved. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.***

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children were selected for a coding morning on Thursday, they had great fun and learnt some new skills. Below are some comments from the children:

Ben B

"I thought it was amazing because you got to build robots out of Lego and then program them to race and battle. I really enjoyed the battle part and planning how we were going to make our robot win."

Daniel F

"I thought it was really fun because we got to work as a team to complete a task and try and guess what the other teams would do."

Chloe H

"I liked doing the races because you could program the robot with an iPad. We also got points for winning the race. We decided to put bigger wheels on the back of our robot after testing different designs. When we did the battle, we put a club on our robot to knock other ones over."

We are very excited that local authors Mr and Mrs Lee will be joining Owls and Key Stage 1 for World Book Day. Please visit their website for more information <https://www.greatoakfarm.co.uk/> They will be bringing signed copies of their book; Percy the Pipistrelle Bat. If you would like your child to purchase one please send in an envelope with £6.99 clearly labelled with your child's name. Don't forget all children can dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day.

We've rearranged the class Sharing Assemblies to occur during March, all the dates are on the website Upcoming Events calendar. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to share our learning with you.

Thank you to those of you who have booked our Mother's Day Cream Tea, we still have some places left so if you would like to join us, please pay via the Gateway. This event will be happening in the hall, Cream Teas will be served and you will have the opportunity to sit down and enjoy this with your child/children. It is open for Mums/ Grandmas/ aunts or special people in your children's lives. We look forward to seeing a many of you there as possible. Full details on page 10.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 27TH FEBRUARY 2023



Saturday 25th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for booking School Meals, Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 6th March</i>
Monday 27th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tempest Photographer—Class Photos ◆ PE lessons today: Year 5 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Cooking Club (Year 5 & 6) ◆ 3.30pm-5.30pm Two Rivers Music Tuition
Tuesday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline: Instalment Payments for Year 5 Skern Lodge and Year 6 London Residentials</i> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 4, Year 6 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Football Club (Year 3 to 6)
Wednesday 1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Girls Football Club (Year 3 to 6)
Thursday 2nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ World Book Day—children invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book ◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 2, Year 3 ◆ Lunchtime Gardening Club (Year 4, 5 & 6) ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Multi Sports Club (Year 3 to 6) ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club
Friday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament <i>(those involved have received an email)</i> ◆ <i>Deadline: Mother's Day Cream Tea pre-orders</i> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 2, Year 5, Year 6 ◆ 9.15am-10.30am Nursery Stay & Play ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Multi Sports Club (Year 1 & 2)

Emails sent this week: Owls Phonics 20/2/23. Owls Show & Tell. Bus Arrangements Due to No Art Club. Year 1 Little Wandle 20/2/23. Head Lice—Y2. ADVANCE NOTICE—Glow in the Dark Dodgeball. World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March. Year 5—Dartmoor Otters and Butterfly Sanctuary Educational Visit. Year 1—Exmoor Zoo Educational Visit. CHANGE OF DATE—Dartmoor Otters and Butterfly Sanctuary Visit. Skern Lodge—Instalment Reminder. London Residential—Instalment Reminder. Gardening Club—Thursday Lunchtimes. Year 5 /6 Tag Rugby Tournament. Glow in the Dark Dodgeball with Primary Sports. Piano. Year 6 Girls' Football Tournament at Exwick Sports Hub. Nursery Session Booking Form. Phoneme Cards Sent Home 23/2/23. Year 5 Spellings. KS1 Snack.

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Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

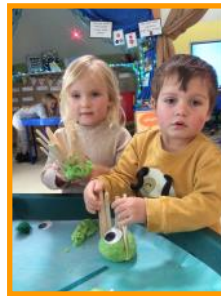
It was so lovely to see the children after the half term break and to hear their holiday news!

This week we have enjoyed the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have had a super time building bridges, making trolls, telling our own version of the story—which included some very scary troll voices! I am sure the children will be able to tell you the whole story themselves over the weekend.

Next Thursday is World Book Day so the children are welcome to come into Nursery dressed up as a character from their favourite book and bring in their book to share with the other children. If your child is not in school on a Thursday feel free to send them into Nursery with their favourite book any day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to class after half term. They have all come back so eager and ready to learn.

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed making, tossing and of course eating pancakes with our expert pancake maker Mrs Brook! The children have listened to stories about the traditions of pancake day, as well as enjoyed fictional stories from both here, and further away in Kenya. We have talked about the similarities and differences between life here and life in Africa and looked at where both are on a map. The children wrote lists of all the ingredients Mr Wolf needed to make his pancakes using phonics mats to help them sound out their words carefully.

Phonics mats will be sent home with the children next week for them to also use in their writing at home. In maths, the children have practised using ten frames. They have looked at number patterns and have worked on counting on from 5 to find totals.

In PSED this week the children talked about the special people in their lives. We thought about how we all look after one another in our families and discussed little things we could do to look after and help one another. The children practised laying tables for dinner, reading books to one another and drawing pictures for family members and friends to show how special they are. ***Perhaps they could help to lay the table at home this weekend?***

Next week we will be thinking about planting and growing. We would love it if the children could bring in a picture of something they have grown at home, a photograph of some flowers growing in their garden or a story about plants and growing that they would like to share with their friends.

Have a lovely weekend Owls and don't forget to look for signs of Spring all around you.



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Year 1—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Keast

We have eased back into Spring Term with enthusiasm! In English this week we began our new English sequence based on the book 'Creature Features – Dinosaurs' by Natasha Durley. We have been discussing our views and opinions of the book in our table groups. Then we looked at alliteration and adjectives later in the week. On Friday we focused on the 'hook questions' used in the book and came up with some of our own.



In Maths we have begun learning about length and measurement. We have been developing our oracy skills by discussing and comparing heights and lengths of dinosaurs. Then we had a go at measuring using cubes. Lots of practical tasks to begin the half term!



Can you have a go at measuring something at home?

In History this half term we are learning about The Great Fire of London. We have discussed what we already know before beginning to find out about how London was a very different place in 1666. We talked about Tudor houses and how they were built of different materials to modern-day houses. We have also begun to learn a song about 1666 which we hope to share with you at our class sharing assembly.



This week in Science we have been learning about the human body and labelling body parts. We will be finding out about our five senses next week.

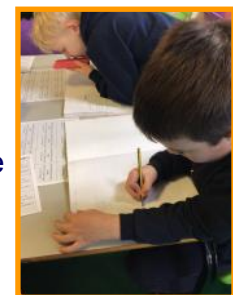
Year 2—Miss Jones



It's been a busy first week back after half term with lots of learning happening in class. In English we have been continuing to explore areas of grammar relating to our teaching sequence including a revision of sentence types, past tense verbs and expanded noun phrases. We then moved on to apply what we have learned so far in a shared write, with each day focusing on an area of grammar or spelling that has been taught in class. In Maths we have explored multiplication through arrays before writing matching repeated addition and commutative number sentences. We then began to explore division practically which we will continue going into next week. We began our new sequences in the foundation subjects and started out elicitation tasks.



In History we began to learn about the significance of Florence Nightingale and considered the differences in cleanliness in hospitals then and now. In RE we have started to think about the importance of the Easter story to Christians and will look into how different countries have Easter traditions.



In Science we have started our new plants topic and consolidated what we learned last year in Year 1. We will be planting our own beans in a bag to observe over the next few weeks and link this to our learning about germination and the life cycle of the seed.



Finally in DT we are starting a new topic about roly poly toys. For our elicitation task we looked at some example toys and considered how they are similar and different. Have a great weekend everyone.

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Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Aside from our trip to Kents Cavern on Tuesday, we have still completed lots of fantastic learning! In English, we have begun our sequence around Grimm's fairytales. We considered Little Red Riding Hood, that we learnt about in Year 2, and re-told the story. We have also learnt the story of Hansel and Gretel, after we named as many fairytales as we could, rating how well we knew them.

During maths, we have learnt more about fractions. ***I wonder if you can explain the key terms numerator, denominator and unit fraction?*** We have thought about what the numerator and denominator represent and how we can identify fractions. We have started a lot of our new sequences this week with our initial elicitation tasks and I have been impressed with the children's prior knowledge.

We are looking forward to another exciting week next week, welcoming back student teachers Mr Jones and Miss Snell for another two week block. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday!



Year 4—Miss McLean

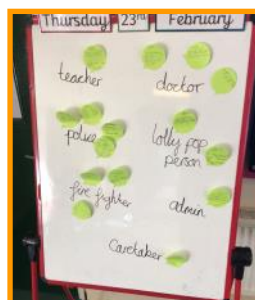
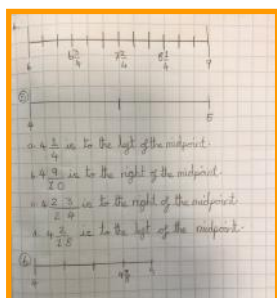
Year Four have had a fantastic first week back after half term! They have worked incredibly hard this week particularly in maths and English.

We have been exploring mixed numbers in maths this week to start off our learning on fractions. ***Can you remember what a mixed number is?*** We have been ordering and comparing them to create number lines. We have also recapped lots of key vocabulary such as proper and improper fractions.

In English, we have written a shared story 'Sapphire' based on our focus text 'Blue John'. It was great to see how many creative ideas the children have all had to share. We are now in the process of planning and editing independent stories following the same structure to show off our knowledge of direct speech, possessive apostrophes and similes.

We have started new sequences of learning in all other subjects, the cover sheets for these can be found on the Year Four page of the website.

Starting from Monday, the children can take part in our Times Tables Rock Stars competition by logging on at home as much as they can! Have a wonderful weekend!



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Year 5—Mr Walter

It has been lovely to welcome Year 5 back after half term. This week in English, we have been delving further into the text *Kensuke's Kingdom*. Reading the first four chapters, we have been exploring the use of tension and adventure that Michael Morpurgo has included and how that impacts the reader. In maths, our sequence for the start of this term is looking into percentages and decimals. So far we have used our previous knowledge of place value to help us identify equivalence between the tenths and hundredths columns.

In history and science, we have completed our elicitation on the Vikings and living things and their habitats respectively. Both sequences have already come up with inquisitive questions that we will research and answer throughout the term.

Before half term, Years 5 and 6 joined together for an in school netball tournament. Overall, this was a great success with the opportunity to use the techniques and skills learnt in PE, well done to all!

Have a great weekend!



Year 6—Mr Davis

I do hope you all had a lovely half term. We are now at the half way point in the year. On Monday, we held a class meeting to discuss the expectations for the coming half term and the beginning of the Summer term. We agreed that the hard work starts in earnest now so that we can look forward to the trips and treats that the children can expect after May. We also discussed the introduction of Bertie Botts Every Flavour Beans as a reward (or so they may think) for their hard work and effort in each lesson.

In English this week, we have continued the Harry Potter sequence by studying the end of the first book. The children have revised how to write cohesively and have started to plan their version of the end of the story from a different character's perspective.

In Maths, our next sequence of learning is Perimeter, Area and Volume. This week, the children have revised finding the areas and perimeters of rectilinear shapes. In Science, this terms sequence builds on the previous RE sequence and is called evolution and Inheritance. The children completed their elicitation this week and thought about how the two subjects may be connected.

In History, we will be learning about the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. Again, this week the children completed their elicitation and looked at how the dynasty started. In DT, linked to History, the children will be learning about Ancient Chinese puppet masters including how they were made, what they were for and how they are still used today.

Normal spellings and times table challenge home work will resume this week.

Have a lovely weekend!



YEAR 3 KENTS CAVERN

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2023



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Kents Cavern on Tuesday...

We handled some artefacts that are replicas of those found within the caves. The children learnt more about how Stone Age people lived and how their lives compared to ours today.

We then, journeyed into our cave after our appointed leader had reported that it was safe! The children (and adults!) enjoyed learning about the caves and how they were discovered. Some of the stalactites and stalagmites are incredible and we found out how long they would take to form – 17,000 years for one to connect and form one long stalactite/stalagmite!

After lunch, we explored the woodland trail and learnt about animals that lived during the Stone Age period! The children were, as ever, beautifully behaved, with our guide Elliot commenting on the children's focus and respect at the end of the day!



Y5&6 CODING DAY

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023



Selected Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a special Coding workshop...

Working in teams, the children constructed robots out of Lego, then programmed them to battle the other teams' robots! Lots of new skills were learned and great fun had by all.



MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023



Mother's Day Cream Tea

Inviting Mums, Grans, significant females to join their children for a special cream tea for Mother's Day

Join us in the school hall on
Friday 17th March,
from 2.30pm



£3.50 per cream tea, which includes a freshly home made scone with jam and clotted cream, served with your choice of tea or coffee, plus, a biscuit for your child

**Please pre-order your cream tea on
the Gateway by Friday 3rd March**

*Please note, cream teas are pre-order only.
We will be unable to provide a cream tea
on the day unless it's been pre-ordered.*

FOWS MOTHER'S DAY PRESENT SHOP

FOWS will be holding a shop in school on **Friday 17th March** for children to buy their own Mother's Day gifts.

There will be a selection of gifts on offer, all of which will cost £3.

If your child would like to buy a gift, please send the money into school on the day.

The teachers will be taking the children to the 'FOWS shop' during the day to choose their gifts.

(All proceeds will go to FOWS in supporting the pupils with new resources, trips and activities).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

ADVICE FOR PARENTS



UK Health
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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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

31ST OCTOBER 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023



Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Hunters Chicken (Homemade BBQ Sauce) & Rice)	Roast Chicken & Stuffing (Optional)	Westcountry Sausage (Pork) & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Crumble	Quorn & Vegetable Fajita with Rice	Leek & Potato Layer Bake	Gnocchi with Quorn Mince Ragu	Quorn Dippers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Potato Wedges	Peas	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Country Mixed Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Pancakes with sliced Banana & Honey	Apple Crumble & Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake topped with Toffee Sauce & Langage Farm Ice Cream	Homemade Chocolate Drop Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	31/10/22; 21/11/22; 12/12/22; 16/01/23; 06/02/23; 06/03/23; 27/03/23				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Quorn Curry & Tilda Rice	Cottage Pie (Beef)	Roast Gammon & Pineapple (Optional)	Organic Pork Meatballs & Wholemeal Pasta	Salmon Bites
Option 2 (v)	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato & Bean Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread	Vegetable Wellington	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Gravy	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Homemade Banana Muffin	Jam Sponge & Pink Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Cracknel
Jacket Potato	Cheese	Beans	Tuna	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	07/11/22; 28/11/22; 02/01/23; 23/01/23; 20/02/23; 13/03/23				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza Margherita	Tuna Pasta Bake	Roast Pork & Stuffing (Optional)	Lasagne (Beef)	Cod Goujons
Option 2 (v)	Plant Power Burger	Cheese Wheel & Potato Wedges	Veggie Roast	Singapore Style Noodles	Quorn Sausage
Sides	Sweetcorn & Herby Diced Potatoes	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Crusty Bread & Roasted Winter Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Flapjack	Apple & Custard Cake with Langage Farm Ice Cream	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Jammy Dodger Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Beans	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	14/11/22; 05/12/22; 09/01/23; 30/01/23; 27/02/23; 20/03/23				



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