



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine. With the weather improving, the children are enjoying more time outdoors, please make sure your child / children have sun cream and hats.

There has been a great buzz around the school this week, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children to learn, compete and be inspired.

Some of our Year 4 children proudly represented the school at the Exeter City tournament. They showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see their confidence as they competed, and most importantly, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience, well done to all involved!

All of Year 4 also enjoyed a brilliant day at Stover, taking part in a range of field studies activities. The children were engaged, curious and enthusiastic about their learning outdoors. Their behaviour, as always, was excellent and they were a real credit to the school.

Back in school, we have continued our aspirational assembly programme and were delighted to welcome visitors from Exeter College yesterday. They spoke to the children about future opportunities, aiming high and encouraging them to think about their goals. The children listened beautifully and asked some thoughtful questions, showing maturity and interest.

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children, we know they are ready and look forward to welcoming them in for bacon rolls at 8:15am.

Please could I kindly ask you to be considerate of our neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up times. Recently, driveways have been blocked which has meant residents are not able to get out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 11.05.26

<p>Weekly deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li> <li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.</li> <li>Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li> </ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk">admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 – SATs Breakfast – 8.15am – All Year 6s</b></li> <li>PE today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6</li> <li>Rounders Club (KS2) with Mr Slocombe/Mr Craker (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> </ul>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 – SATs Breakfast – 8.15am – All Year 6s</b></li> <li>PE today: Year 3, Year 4</li> <li>Gardening Club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> <li>Year 5 We the curious Educational Visit – Drop off 7.30am / collect 5.30pm</li> </ul>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 – SATs Breakfast – 8.15am – All Year 6s</b></li> <li>PE today: Year 4, Year 5</li> <li>Clarinet Club (KS2) with Miss McLean (12-12.30pm)</li> </ul>
<p>Thursday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 – SATs Breakfast – 8.15am – All Year 6s</b></li> <li>PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3</li> <li>Football Club (KS2) with Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm)</li> </ul>
<p>Friday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland Robins Baby &amp; Toddler Group 9am-10.30am / Nursery Stay and Play – Summer themed</li> <li>PE today: Year 2, Year 6</li> <li>Aquathlon KS2 – Those involved have received letters</li> </ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

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

### Summer 1

Wb  
18.05.26

18.05.26 NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y4, Y5

19.05.26 FOWs Bags to school

20.05.26 KS1 Infant Music Festival

21.05.26 Recycling workshops

21.05.26 Curry Takeaway Night

# Diary dates UPDATED

## This academic year

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



June	July	August
1 <sup>st</sup> – Staff training day	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Surfing	Summer Holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Return to school & writing hook day	7 <sup>th</sup> – Transition day	
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Bristol	10 <sup>th</sup> – Colour run	
10 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Athletics at Lansdown	21 <sup>st</sup> – Leaver's Assembly	
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Camping Residential	21 <sup>st</sup> – Final day of term	
15 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 War Rooms & National Gallery Trip		
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 London Residential		
17 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh		
22 <sup>nd</sup> – Father's Day breakfast		
Wb 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sport & Culture week		
25 <sup>th</sup> – Fireball volleyball		
26 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day		
29 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow		

# Curry takeaway night!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

3.30pm-6.30pm



Fresh, homemade curries and sides  
available!

Order via email, pay via gateway

Chicken tikka masala.....	£7
Sweet potato & chickpea.....	£6
Butter chicken.....	£7
Onion bhaji (x3).....	£1.50
Chips.....	£4
Naan bread.....	£1.50
Poppadom (x3).....	£1.50
Mango chutney/mint raita/kachumber salad.....	£2



# Stay & Play



## Summer crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Winkleigh – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
9.15-10.30am

Come and join us to explore our settings  
and enjoy summer crafts with your child.

£2 per family



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

## Year 4 – Exeter City



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## Year 4 - Stover



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## Year 5/6 – Girls' cricket



# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week we have continued our theme of transport, with a special focus on buses. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story 'Naughty Bus' (by Jan and Jerry Oke) laughing at the mischievous adventures of the little bus and talking about where buses can take us.

As part of our maths learning, the children rolled a dice and carefully counted the correct number of people to place into the bus. This helped develop their counting skills, number recognition, and one-to-one correspondence while making learning fun and interactive.

The children also enjoyed discussing different types of transport, sharing their own experiences of travelling on buses, and using imaginative play during our transport activities.

The children have also enjoyed singing 'The wheels on the Naughty bus...' Maybe over the weekend ask them to sing this with you.

Reminders:

As the weather is becoming warmer, we kindly ask for your support in keeping children safe in the sun.

Apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at nursery

Provide a sunhat for outdoor play

Ensure your child brings a clearly labelled drinks bottle

It is very important that all items are labelled, including hats, bottles, and any additional clothing.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursey Team



# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

Owls have had a very busy week! We have been continuing to learn about travel and transport, this week focusing on trains. We have looked at steam trains, electric trains and also bullet trains which are used in Japan!

In Drawing club, we have watched a clip from *Wacky Races*. The children have enjoyed creating their own cars, coming up with a trophy for the winners and drawing a mascot. There have been some wonderful drawings this week and it has been great to see the hard work that the children are putting in to their sentence writing.

In PE this week, we have continued daily Leap into Life sessions and have been focusing on moving with speed to show agility. We have been coming up with different ways to move, freezing and holding our positions. The children have shown great control of their body movements.

In maths, we have moved on to shape and have been manipulating them to create pictures and patterns.

Have a lovely weekend!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

This week in Maths, we have concluded our work on multiplication and division where we looked at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and sharing groups of objects equally. We have now begun our new topic on fractions. We have started by looking at halves, noticing that fractions are always made up of equal parts. In English, the children completed their independent stories based on our book *Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave*. They were very proud to share them with the class and it has been lovely to see their creativity shine through, along with their increasing confidence and writing stamina.



In Geography, we have been learning about Wales, focusing on its capital city, Cardiff. The children also enjoyed practising some Welsh words, which they found great fun.



In Science, we enjoyed using our observational skills to spot signs of the changing seasons outside. The children were excited to notice these changes in our environment and discuss what they could see.



In PSHE, we have been talking about our morning routines and why they are important in helping us to have a positive start to the day. In Art, we deepened our understanding of collage and shape. The children enjoyed cutting, tearing and sticking both geometric and organic shapes, building on their creative skills.

Just a reminder that our PE days this term are Mondays and Thursday. Have a lovely restful weekend!

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week in English we began reading the non-fiction text 'Weather'. We learned about the main types of weather and what some of the weather-related vocabulary means. We focused on the glossary and defining the key words such as droplets, drought and gale. In maths we continued with fractions. We learned about unit and non-unit fractions. We also enjoyed accessing some of the fraction games online including fruity fractions and firepit fractions.

In science we thought about all the habitats we have been learning about. We considered which plants and animals inhabit the different environments and planned a comparison.

Wednesday afternoon's quiz was a highlight, we enjoyed thinking about what we have been learning this half term and applying our knowledge in the Kahoot! Quiz. Some great discussions could be overheard when deciding which answer to select.

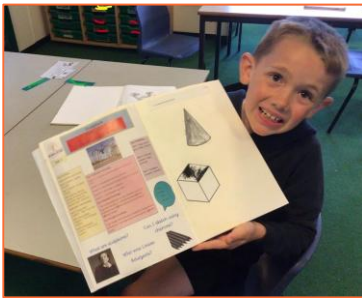
In PE we have been focusing on athletics and developing our running and throwing skills. This will prove very useful as we head towards Sports Day later in the term!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own fact files linked to our fantastic class text; *The Big Book of Blooms*. We think we may have to create our own class fact book from their wonderful work this week! Next week, we will be moving on to learning about poetry in English. As part of our RE work this term the children have been learning about stories from the Christian book of The Bible. They have enjoyed acting out the story of The Good Samaritan and have thought about feelings related to this. In Geography, the children have compared landscapes in Poland to those in The UK, looking at similarities and differences between the Tatra mountains and The Lake District using geographical vocabulary to compare and contrast. Next week our maths work will move onto the theme of time. Any opportunities to look at clocks, talk about time, or think about how long certain things take to do such as baking a cake, or brushing teeth, will really help them with their learning next week.



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

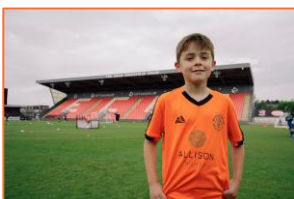
Although it has been a short week, it has certainly been a busy and productive one for the children. In English, we have been planning and independently writing our own versions of *Clockwork*, focusing on building tension through the characters' feelings in the mysterious town of Glockenheim.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, learning how to sort, compare and order them. The children have been using the terms ascending and descending with increasing confidence.

Our trip to Stover on Wednesday was a real highlight. It provided opportunities to share our understanding of our Science sequence, helping us explore the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. We were especially proud to hear that we discovered some rare insects during our pond dipping session!

Finally, in Geography, the class took on the role of travel agents, writing persuasive pieces to attract visitors to landmarks across North America.

Have a great weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have been busy publishing their own versions of *Where my wellies take me* this week. We have been focusing on writing and redrafting the narrative. Next week, we will be publishing them, selecting appropriate poems and illustrating our texts. We are very proud of the progress Year 5 have made during this sequence! Maths has seen us begin our position and direction unit, focusing on plotting co-ordinates and solving problems finding missing co-ordinates.

During PSHE, we had a visit from the Mental Health Support Team who discussed their 10-a-day strategies. These are designed to give children ideas for healthy lifestyle habits that can be developed. This was in response to the survey taken during the Autumn Term

We have been working hard on our Around the World and Spelling quizzes each week, with many of us scoring more each week! Well done Year 5, have a lovely weekend!



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have produced some brilliantly written adventure stories in English this week linked to our sequence on *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *the Race Against Time*. They have chosen some well thought out settings and plots to show off all of the punctuation and grammar features that they have learnt throughout the year.



In maths, we have been revising key knowledge from the sequences that we have covered throughout the year including: fractions, statistics, shape and the four operations.



On Wednesday afternoon, we spent some time revising key knowledge linked to punctuation and grammar by taking part in a team scavenger hunt. The children all worked well together to recall what they know.

We were visited by Exeter college on Thursday afternoon; the children showed great interest in the assembly. They have started to have some conversations about what they aspire to do once they finish school.

Finally, the children have all been encouraged to have a fun but relaxing weekend before a busy week next week!



# Bag2School



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has been arranged for

**Tuesday 19th May 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 19th May 2026 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.

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