



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week at Winkleigh Primary School. We have been working hard and enjoying the sunshine! Let's hope it continues into the bank holiday weekend!

On Wednesday, we were visited by Tamsin Lee. Tamsin delivered an assembly to the whole school as part of our raising aspirations programme. She talked about her work as an author, answering questions from the children. Thank you to Mrs Lee for giving up her time to do this.

Our Year 3 and 4s visited QE yesterday as part of our sports package. The children played handball, developing teamwork and co-ordination skills. Mr Walter and Mrs Bourner were very impressed with their behaviour.

Some of our Key Stage 2 girls attended a World Cup Cricket event at Hatherleigh this afternoon! We look forward to hearing how they got on!

There has been a real buzz around classes this week, with everyone getting stuck into their learning for the Summer Term. Year 5 have been working hard on planning their own publications, they are looking forward to sharing them soon! Owls have been discovering more about Amelia Earhart, making and testing their own aeroplanes! Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 have been making the most of the weather, taking maths outdoors and finding fractions of amounts! Year 4 have also been using the garden to bring their learning in science to life.

We are also delighted to have been featured in a press release from Devon County Council regarding our nursery expansion grant. Read more here: https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/seven-devon-primary-schools-increase-their-early-years-provision/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo

Finally, we are hosting a fundraising curry takeaway night on Thursday 21st March. Please email Admin to make a booking. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely, long weekend! We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 04.05.26

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"> BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Gardening Club (Y2-6) with Mr Slocombe (3.30pm-4.30pm) Year 4 Football event – Those involved have received letters Years 4 & 5 – Mental Health Support Team – 10 a day workshops
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Year 4 Clarinet Club (KS2) with Miss McLean (12-12.30pm) Year 4 Stover Educational Visit
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Football Club (KS2) with Mr Jarad (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Robins Baby & Toddler Group 9am-10.30am PE today: Year 2, Year 6

Diary dates

This half term

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

Summer 1

Wb
11.05.26

KS2 SATs week – Y6 SATs breakfast
12.05.26 Year 5 We the Curious trip
15.05.26 Aquathlon event
15.05.26 Nursery stay and play

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
22.05.26 Owls Devon Railway Centre visit

Diary dates UPDATED

This academic year

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

Curry takeaway night!

Thursday 21st 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

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.

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear families,

This term, our learning focus is 'Travel and Transport'. The children have been exploring different types of transport, including cars, buses, trains, and emergency vehicles. Through play, stories, and creative activities, they are learning about how vehicles move, what they are used for, and the sounds they make. We have especially enjoyed imaginative play outside, where the children have been busy 'driving' and going on exciting journeys!

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.

Below is a song we have been singing in class.

If your child is in nappies or in the early stages of toilet training you need to make sure you have provided nappies, wipes and nappy bags.

Thank you

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team

My Car (Tune of- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

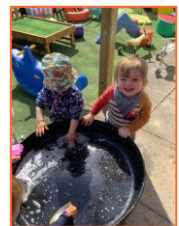
Driving, driving in my car

Driving near and driving far

Beep the horn, beep beep beep
Now the car goes fast—don't sleep!

Driving, driving in my car

Driving near and driving far.



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

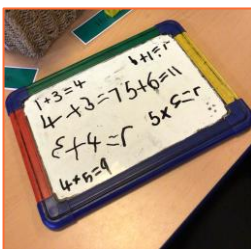
Owls have had a fantastic week! We have been continuing to learn about travel and transport, this week focusing on planes. Everyone has had a go at making their own paper airplane and the class enjoyed flying them outside!

In Drawing club, we have watched a clip of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* flying in the sky. The children have enjoyed coming up with their own characters and settings. They have also been drawing their own flying vehicles during adventure time, thinking up wonderful and exciting ways that their vehicles could fly.

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 zig-zagging through cones, concentrating on using opposite arms and legs and practising dodging our friends in a game of 'tag'.

In maths, we have continued to focus on numbers after 10, as well as adding. We have been singing number songs such as '10 green bottles', built towers and listened to stories which involve adding.

Have a lovely weekend!



Class news

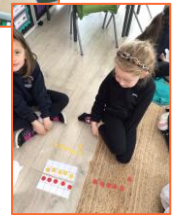
Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have enjoyed a lovely sunny week, making the most of outdoor learning across the curriculum. In art, we continued our collage sequence, learning about Henri Matisse and exploring organic and geometric shapes. The children loved going outside to find natural (organic) shapes and tracing them.

In RE, we continued learning about Judaism, focusing on how Jewish people worship. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of multiplication and division, with a focus on arrays, creating rows and columns both inside and outdoors.

In English, we explored the cumulative structure of *Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave*, sequencing ideas and writing using noun phrases. In

Science, we learned about the four seasons in the UK, linking to Geography where we focused on England, its capital London, and famous landmarks, supported by our text *Katie Goes to London*. Have a lovely weekend!



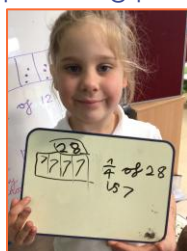
Year 2 – Mrs Keast

In English we have been completing our sequence on "Tell me a dragon" and have created our own dragon poems. We have thought about using adjectives to describe our dragon and using commas and possessive apostrophes correctly. We have all been set a new target for our written work which we can focus on over the course of the term.

Maths this week has been focused on fractions. We learned how to write fractions and what the numerator and denominator mean. We have been working out how to split shapes and quantities into halves, quarters and thirds.

In science we learned about desert habitats and how plants and animals adapt to suit their environment. We enjoyed learning the 'adaptation song' and know why camels are so well adapted to live in a sandy desert environment.

In art we learned about the artwork of the 1920s and focused on Paul Klee's *Castle and Sun*. This piece of art was produced in 1928 and is an abstract cityscape. We had a go at creating our own cityscapes using pastels, rulers and 2D shapes.



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine, with PE on the field on Tuesday and a day playing handball at QE on Thursday where they displayed amazing teamwork skills and resilience. They enjoyed learning and competing in a new sport and we were so proud of everyone. In English, the children have thought about similes and alliteration linked to our class text *'The big book of blooms.'* We are continuing to focus on handwriting and spelling in English, so any support you could give at home with this would really help your child. In maths, we have moved onto a short sequence related to money. If there are opportunities to play with money, spend money or count money over the weekend, your support would be greatly appreciated. Coins and money are not something children experience as much in the 'real world' now since many of our transactions take place online or via card, so any experience of handling real coins is really valuable for their learning. In Science this week the children enjoyed learning about seed dispersal and thought about the different ways seeds are transported. In RE, they enjoyed retelling and acting out the story of The Good Samaritan. Have a lovely long weekend Year Three. Let's hope the sun continues to shine!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week, Year 4 have continued to engage enthusiastically with our class text *Clockwork*. The children have been focusing on using similes to enrich their paragraphs and effectively build tension, alongside developing dialogue between characters to enhance their writing.

In Mathematics, we have moved on from consolidating our understanding of decimals and place value. We have begun applying this knowledge to different contexts, linking decimals with money and exploring rounding to equivalent values.

In Geography, the class compared the climates of North America, examining differences in average temperatures, levels of precipitation and daylight hours across the continent. In Science, the children explored the school garden to identify a range of habitats and the living things that depend on them.

On Thursday, we enjoyed visiting QE to take part in a handball event with Year 3. All teams performed brilliantly, progressing to the knockout stages despite challenging windy conditions. Well done to everyone involved.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

We have had another great week in Year 5! It has been fantastic to see the progress that we are making this term, particularly in our handwriting and presentation. In English, we have been practising writing and planning for our independent writing next week. We are focusing on a journey around Winkleigh, thinking about all of the things that we would encounter!

Maths has seen us finish our sequence around shape, measuring and drawing angles and solving problems involving missing angles! We have been challenging ourselves to complete the reasoning and problem solving questions.

During science, we modelled heliocentric and geocentric models, learning about the differences and exploring the different viewpoints. We have had lots of excitement about our upcoming trip to London and we are delighted to be able to offer this. Please note the change of PE day for next week to **Tuesday** instead of Wednesday. Have a lovely, restful weekend, let's hope the weather stays dry for the bank holiday!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have continued to work hard in maths this week on their algebra sequence. They have practiced forming equations and solving 1- and 2-step equations to find a missing number.

In English, we have revisited how to form the different tenses as well as how to correctly punctuate parenthesis. The children have enjoyed our shared writing stage of the sequence and shared some brilliant thoughts about how to keep the reader engaged in our story.

The children are all very keen to get started on their independent art projects this half term. They have all planned their piece and have created a mood board in their sketch books to support them in gathering ideas.

Finally, well done to all the children who took part in the cricket event at Hatherleigh this afternoon. I know Mr Walter was very impressed!

Have a great weekend!



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Our next **Bag2School** collection
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.

Thank you!

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