



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces as the children returned from half term on Monday. Classes settled brilliantly back into school life and have been working hard.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and children to our brand-new Woodland Robins Toddler Group this week! The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and chatter as our youngest visitors enjoyed a morning of singing, nursery rhymes, and creative crafts. The children particularly loved joining in with the action songs and exploring the themed activity stations, which encouraged imagination and play. A big thank you to Mrs Stapley for all her hard work in organising such a lovely session. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone again next week for more fun and learning together.

This week, Mrs Rowcliffe began her Forest School sessions with Year 2. The children are very excited to get outside and explore nature as part of their learning. Year 1 had a fantastic time last term—building dens, identifying mini-beasts, and learning about the changing seasons—so we're sure Year 2 will enjoy their adventures just as much. It's a brilliant opportunity to develop teamwork, curiosity, and confidence in the great outdoors.

Yesterday was our History Day which was another big highlight! Year 1 had a wonderful time stepping back in time to learn about The Gunpowder Plot. They even had a special visit from Guy Fawkes himself, who answered all their curious questions about his infamous plan and life in 1605. The children were fascinated and asked brilliant questions, which really helped bring their history topic to life.

Year 3 had a fantastic day out in Exeter on Wednesday. They explored the magnificent Exeter Cathedral, learning about its long history and impressive architecture. Afterwards, they enjoyed a delicious lunch at Pizza Express, a real treat! The train journey there and back added to the excitement, with some of the children experiencing rail travel for the first time.

Year 5 also had a brilliant visit to Morwellham Quay today, where they were transported back to Victorian times. The children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including dressing up in Victorian clothing, exploring the historic mine, and learning about life as a Victorian child. It was a fascinating experience that really deepened their understanding of the period.

Thank you to Mrs Bournier and Mr Saltearn for leading the trips and to all the adults who helped on the day. Both classes were exceptionally well behaved and represented our school beautifully—well done, everyone!

# Executive Headteacher's Update

Continued

Meanwhile, Years 4 and 6 welcomed visitors from the RNLI to discuss water safety, using the beach flags to help. As well as the important work of our lifeguards. Thanks to Mr Walter for organising this.

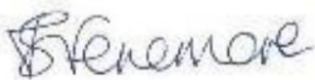
On Wednesday, we welcomed grandparents of our nursery children into school for a delicious roast lunch. Thanks to Kealley and Rachel once again for their hard work in the kitchen. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall. We will be hosting family lunches once again in the Spring Term; thank you for your support with these this term, it has been brilliant to see so many excited children and grandparents each Wednesday!

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Hot Chocolate Event yesterday, we raised over £60 which will go back into our school fundraising pot! We were delighted with the popularity of this event and have already arranged our next one!

Well done to everyone who has entered our school ambassador's scarecrow competition. What a selection! From minions to metal springs to camouflage!

Our Remembrance Art Exhibition is also able to be viewed at the church. Classes have worked hard on their art work with a range of poignant pieces on show. Thank you to Mr Slocombe and our art ambassadors; Rory and Isla for arranging this. If you have the chance to visit, it is well worth a look.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy tonight's fireworks if you can make it!



Mrs V Fenemore



## Wrap-around care changes:

Due to increased session bookings, Early Birds and All Sorts club can be booked until 3pm on the Friday of the week before to ensure that we are appropriately staffed. As ever, if any changes are required at short notice, give admin a call on 01387 83354.

Thank you for your continued support with our wrap-around care offer.

## General reminders:

- Children must be supervised by parents/carers at pick up and drop off. They should not run between staff cars or on the grass.
- Children should walk on the pavement into and out of school, walking any bikes/scooters in due to buses arriving/leaving.
- The car park is for staff parking only.

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 10.11.25

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| Weekly deadlines | <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> |
| Monday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE kit: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li> <li><b>Dance workshops – Owls-Year 4 (PE kit required)</b></li> <li>Christmas craft club (KS2) with Mrs Bourner 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Christmas craft club (KS1) with Mrs Keast 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tuesday          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear red for Remembrance Day <i>(if a PE day, red themed sportswear will be perfect!)</i> (Cash donations for the Royal British Legion)</li> <li>PE today: Year 3, Year 4</li> <li><b>KS2 Skateboarding – Year 3, Year 5 (PE wear required)</b></li> <li>Gardening club (KS2) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 Visit to War Memorial 11am</li> </ul>                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE kit: Year 4, Year 5, Year 6</li> <li><b>KS2 Skateboarding – Year 4, Year 6 (PE kit required)</b></li> <li>Woodland Robins (Toddler &amp; Baby group) session in the school hall 10-11.30am</li> <li>Year 1 Tiverton Museum Toys Visit (in school)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thursday         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3</li> <li>Choir club (KS2) with Miss McLean 12-12.30pm</li> <li>Christmas cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Dodgeball club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Friday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE today: Owls, Year 5</li> <li>Virtual book fair begins</li> <li>End of Remembrance Art Exhibition</li> <li>Year 3 Cake Sale</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Diary dates

## This half term

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

### Upcoming events

Wb  
10.11.25

10.11.25 KS1 Dance workshops  
11.11.25/12.11.25 KS2 Skateboarding workshops  
11.11.25 Y1/2 Visit to War Memorial 11am  
12.11.25 Y1 Tiverton Museum Visit (in school)  
14.11.25 Virtual book fair begins

Wb  
17.11.25

17.11.25 M&M Productions – Snow White Performance  
18.11.25 KS1 Visit to Kings Nympton – Sporting event  
**18.11.25/19.11.25 Parent's evening (postponed from before half term)**  
20.11.25 Hot chocolate event  
21.11.25 Y4 Cake sale

Wb  
24.11.25

Wb  
01.12.25

01.12.25 Y4 Chocolate workshop (in school)  
05.12.25 Christmas Family breakfast and open morning  
05.12.25 Nursery Christmas crafts stay and play  
05.12.25 Santa run

Separate Christmas flier with December events.



# Christmas at Winkleigh Primary School

Details will follow



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas family  
breakfast & Christmas  
classrooms open morning  
8.45am



Gateway  
payment

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Santa Run  
£2 to enter  
Tree group slots throughout  
the day



Gateway  
payment

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Christmas stay  
and play  
9am



Cash  
payment

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Singing – Years 3 &  
4 in the village



## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner &  
Christmas Jumpers

Nursery, Owls, Year 1 &  
Year 2

Gateway  
payment



## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner &  
Christmas Jumpers

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 &  
Year 6



Gateway  
payment

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 performance to Key  
Stage 2 and invited  
guests



## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Owls & Nursery Christmas  
Performance 2.30pm  
Programme – 50p

Snowmen at Sunset



Ticketed

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Christmas  
Performance 2pm  
Programme – 50p

The Christmas Rose

Creche  
available



Ticketed

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas jumpers every  
day



## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas games & raffle



Gateway  
payment

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 Trip - Jolly  
Christmas Postman  
performance



From 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Postbox





# Christmas

## at Winkleigh Primary School



### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol Service  
2pm All Saints Church



### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Talent Show



### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Class Christmas Parties

*Each child to bring a small  
plate of food to share*



### Christmas Raffle & Grand Prize Draw

The children in Year 6 started this term busily writing letters to many local and national businesses asking for donations for our Grand Prize Draw.

We've had a fantastic response to the children's letters and have already received an amazing selection of prizes; from tickets for fun days out to vouchers!

#### Entry Details

£2 per entry, you can buy as many entries as you like.

Prizes will be numbered. We will draw a name entry out of the hat, then draw a prize number, and match the winner to a numbered prize.

A payment request will be set up to purchase your entries.

Closing date Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We will hold the prize draw in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be contacted by email after the draw and invited to collect their prize from the school office before the end of term.

### Christmas Games by Year 5 and Year 6

Working collaboratively in D&T lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 will devise, create, set up and run games for all the children in school to enjoy.

This will be a "pay to play" fundraising and enterprise event for Years 5 and 6. A payment request for £3.50 will be set up on gateway. The children will be provided with tokens to play in school.

### Christmas Dinner

Turkey or Vegetarian Roast

Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Gravy

Ice Cream and Biscuit

KS1: Free (50p donation gratefully received if possible) / KS2: £3



A warm, welcoming space for bumps, babies, and little learners to grow together.

**Wednesday mornings** (term time)



**10am-11.30am**

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.

*Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December – **Time change:** 9-10.30am*

# TONIGHT

## Fireworks

# WINKLEIGH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

BBQ, SAM'S CIDER BAR & DISCO

**WINKLEIGH SPORTS CENTRE**

**FRI 7TH NOV 2025**

GATES OPEN 6PM FIREWORKS 7.30PM

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# Art exhibition

## Remembrance



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**



**All Saints Church, Winkleigh**

**St James the Apostle, Kings Nympton**

Classes have been working hard on art work to commemorate the sacrifices made by many during the World Wars.

We are proud to present a Remembrance exhibition in our federation parish churches.

**The exhibition can be viewed at any time during the churches' usual opening hours.**

# Hot chocolate

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**3.30pm**



£1 Hot Chocolate

£2 Super deluxe hot chocolate *with cream,  
marshmallows and a flake*

***All proceeds into our school trips and residential fundraising  
pot.***

**Sold from the external kitchen door**



# Trips & Activities

## Year 3 – Exeter Cathedral & Pizza Express – 05.11.25

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Exeter by train! It was a fantastic day exploring the cathedral and enjoying Pizza Express!

Mrs Bourner, Mrs Rowcliffe, Mrs Williams, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Miali





# Class news

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

Dear Families,

It has been a joy to see the children after the half term holiday and hear all about their holiday adventures. They have certainly had fun in our newly organised classroom where we have dedicated more space to a 'home corner'. They have been coming up with different play scenarios involving recipes, shops and working in an office usually involving talking on the phone and taking messages!

This week in the nursery we've also been exploring the classic story Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell! The children have absolutely loved joining in with the repeated phrases, guessing which animal might be hiding in each crate, and talking about why each animal wasn't quite right for a pet.

We have compared animal sizes, counted how many legs each had, and sorted toy animals by colour and pattern. The children have enjoyed creating their own animal to display in the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team





# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Mrs Rowcliffe

The Owls have had a wonderfully busy week filled with excitement, curiosity, and hands-on learning. In maths, the children have been strengthening their understanding of number bonds to 10, using practical activities and games to build confidence and fluency. They worked brilliantly together and showed great perseverance.

As we approached Bonfire Night, the class explored the story behind the celebration, learning about fireworks, sparklers, and the traditions that make this time of year so special. A highlight of the week was a surprise visit from "Guy Fawkes" himself, who helped bring history to life in a fun and memorable way. The children were also fascinated by a collection of historical artefacts, including Victorian photographs, jewellery, and many other intriguing objects.

Handling these items sparked thoughtful questions and lively discussions, giving everyone a chance to experience history first-hand. Well done, Owls, for an inspiring and enthusiastic week of learning!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

It has been lovely to be back together to start this half term, we have updated the construction and role play areas to include an outer space area. Year 1 have moved to the cabin for all of their focused teaching and children continue to use the pod along with Year 2s for their independent work. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic Key Stage 1 environment with lots of resources for hands-on, practical learning. The children have settled back in well!

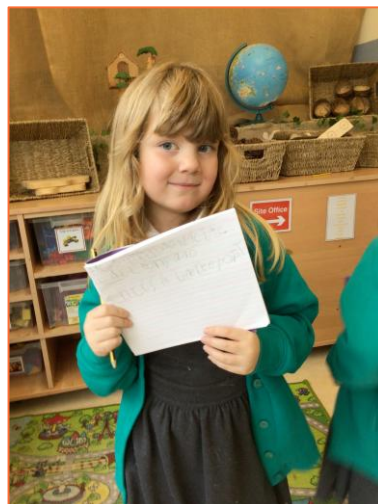
In Maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction learning sequence, strengthening our understanding of number bonds within 10 as well as adding number within 10. We even took our learning outside this week, using chalk to write and solve number sentences on the playground!

In English, we have continued our Curious Quests, taking inspiration from the book Oi! Frog! The children have thoroughly enjoyed inventing their own ideas and characters and creating some very funny rules and rhymes for where animals should sit!

Thursday was History day and year 1 had a special visitor from 400 years ago, Guy Fawkes! He told us about his failed plot to get rid of King James I, and how we all now celebrate this failed plan on the 5th November every year. The children thought carefully about questions to ask Guy Fawkes and helped him to retell the story in the correct sequence.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that reading books are changed on Tuesdays. Please ensure that books are returned to school so that we can exchange them for new ones. We do ask children to hand their message books in if they have a message, please remind your child if you have written a message as we do not check every book daily.

Thank you for your continued support.



# Class news

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Well done Year 2 on a great first week back following half term. This week has been full of focused learning and expereicens

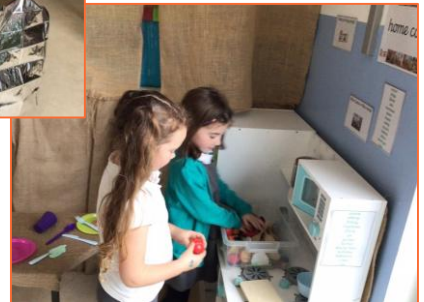
In English, Year 2 have been exploring the John Lewis “Man on the Moon” advert. We discussed the meaning of “heartwarming” and how emotions can be shown without words. The children enjoyed watching the video, sharing ideas, and describing how it made them feel — a wonderful start to our new writing focus.

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning to add two 2-digit numbers using column addition. Although this has been a challenge, the children have shown great perseverance, working hard to master the method. They've confidently applied their addition skills and number bond knowledge to solve problems.

We have adapted our Key Stage 1 learning environment to build on our wonderful continuous provision space in the conservatory. This area offers role play, small world, construction and writing opportunities, allowing the children to explore, learn, and apply their skills through independent activities, whilst maintaining focused teaching areas for both classes.

On Thursday the children enjoyed History Day and learned about Robert Falcon Scott as part of our 'Explorers' sequence. The afternoon included our first Forest School lesson which was great fun for the class to be outside enjoying our outdoor environment.

Have a lovely weekend.





# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

We have had a great first week back in Year Three this week, the highlight of which has to be our trip to Exeter on Wednesday. The children loved meeting up with their friends from Kings

Nympton to board the train at Eggesford and thoroughly enjoyed the train journey, even making friends with a local guide dog! They were a real credit to the federation during our tour of the Cathedral, asking some great questions, listening carefully to the history of the cathedral, and spotting all the different features. They were all definitely ready for pizzas at midday! On

Thursday we spent time thinking about our new history topic; The Ancient Egyptians. The children enjoyed learning about hieroglyphics and had fun trying to write their own names using these ancient symbols whilst creating their own cartouches. Our new English sequence -

Paddington, has been a real hit too, and linked nicely with our own voyage to Exeter on the train this week! Have a lovely weekend Year Three ready for dancing, skateboarding, and lots more fun next week!



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

I hope everyone enjoyed their half term! It's been lovely to see everyone return eager to learn and ready to take on the new term. In English, we've started developing our understanding of writing speech, learning how to use inverted commas correctly and exploring how dialogue can bring characters to life in our writing. In Maths, we've been making connections between the multiples of 3, 6 and 9 as part of our multiplication and division sequence. The children have

been working hard to spot patterns and strengthen their times tables knowledge. On Wednesday, we had a visit from the RNLI, who delivered an informative session on water safety. The children enjoyed learning how to stay safe near water and asked some brilliant questions.

This term, we have introduced a new weekly music club. We enjoyed listening to music from around the world, trying to guess where in the world it was from. Thank you Miss McLean for organising this for us. Whilst on Thursday we focussed on a history day with mystery objects to discuss. Throughout the term, we will continue with our daily reading, spelling and handwriting sessions. At home, children can keep practising using Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), Rollama, and Letter-join to support their learning in fun and interactive ways. Have a great weekend, stay safe and enjoy the fireworks for all who are attending.



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

It has been great to welcome Year 5 back after half term. In English, we have continued with our sequence about Kensukes Kingdom and have been focusing on becoming familiar with the text. We have read up to chapter 5 and this week have been creating our own poem as if we were lost at sea, thinking about how we can build tension and the vocabulary that we are choosing and how we can edit and improve our writing. We have also been thinking about the descriptions in the book and how they make us think about. In groups we listened to the descriptions from the book and tried to create what we imagined the island to look like on paper. In Maths, we have been converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions, the children enjoyed being outside and using our class to make improper fractions and convert them to mixed number fractions. On Thursday, we enjoyed our History day, asking questions about mystery objects and we even got to experience Victorian PE. This linked brilliantly with our trip to Morwellham Quay today – pictures will be included within next week's newsletter.

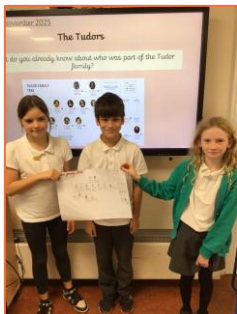
Have a great weekend Year 5.



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

This week in English, we have been getting to know our new text *The Northern Lights* by Phillip Pullman. The children have used some of Phillip Pullman's writing techniques to have a go at writing their own fantasy setting descriptions based on a real place. We have started our first sequence on fractions in maths this week. The children have been using their prior knowledge to look at equivalent fractions and write them in their simplest forms. We also started new sequences in all of the foundation subjects. More information about these can be found on the school website on the cover sheets for each subject. On Thursday, we had a history day learning about the Tudor period, our history focus for this half term. The children learnt about the Tudor monarchs and worked in groups to create a Tudor family tree. They also spent some time building a model of a Tudor house.

Have a lovely weekend!



# FOWs Disco

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## CHRISTMAS DISCO

*Fri 5th DEC 4 - 5:30PM*

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN  
Meal bags. Tuck. Tattoos

£2 entry on the door  
Bring your child's water bottle please

School staff and FOWS will be supervising.  
no need to stay with your child.

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# Disco

## Disco Meal Bag £3.50

This will include:

Hot Dog (Pork sausage from Winkleigh Butcher)

Drink

Packet of crisps

Small packet of sweets

Please pre-book by sending £3.50 per child into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child/children's name and class on.

Alternatively, you can pay by BACS, but please also accompany the BACS payment with an email to [f.o.w.s@outlook.com](mailto:f.o.w.s@outlook.com) to say which child/ren the payment is for (FOWS Account number: 22077944 Sort code: 54-21-14).

The deadline for ordering the meal bags is **WED 26<sup>th</sup> NOV 2025.**

We will hold a list at the tuck shop and ensure everyone has their bag.

Please pay £2 on the door for entry.

If you'd like your child to have any additional sweets (20p or 50p), crisps (50p) or a tattoo (30p), please let your child have additional money.

*Vegetarian sausages available, please make a note with your payment if you require a vegetarian sausage.*

MEAL BAGS & SEPARATE HOT DOGS ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT