

## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderfully busy and festive week!

Year 3 delivered their beautifully handmade Christmas cards to local businesses. The children were full of smiles as they shared their festive messages, and many shop owners commented on how thoughtful and polite they were. Well done Year 3.

Year 4 had an unforgettable morning at the chocolate workshop, where they learned all about the journey from cocoa bean to chocolate bar. They loved getting hands-on with the chocolate-making process and tasting their creations. We were also delighted to welcome class 2 from Kings Nympton, who joined Year 4 for the session. The children mixed brilliantly, working together in groups and enjoying the experience as one big team.

Our Festive Stay and Play on Friday was another highlight of the week. It was wonderful to see so many families joining in with crafts, activities, and seasonal fun. The nursery was full of laughter, glitter, and busy hands creating Christmas masterpieces.

Our Nursery and Reception children also had a magical treat when storyteller Clive Pig returned to school. They sat wide-eyed and completely captivated as he brought his stories to life with lively actions, voices, and plenty of humour. It was a truly enchanting morning for our youngest learners.

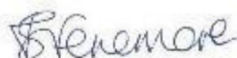
Thank you to everyone that attended our family breakfast. We served over 180 breakfasts, raising over £500 for our fundraising pot, which is an absolutely fantastic amount! It was lovely to see so many families enjoying time with children in classrooms.

Friday was also the day of our Santa Run, and although the weather was far from ideal, the children's enthusiasm shone brightly. They wrapped up warm, donned their festive hats and costumes, and completed the course with huge smiles. Staff also joined in the fun with some fantastic costumes of their own — a wonderful show of school spirit. Thank you to Mr Walter for organising a great event.

We rounded off the day perfectly with the FOWS Christmas Disco. The children danced, laughed, and enjoyed an evening of festive music and fun. A big thank-you to the Friends of the School for organising such a well-loved event and for all the hard work that went into making it special.

We are very pleased to report that we raised £251.35 for the Royal British Legion. This was the largest amount raised by a single organisation in the district. We are very proud of this and thank you all for your kind donations.

Kind regards



Mrs V Fenemore

# Santa run fun!





# Diary dates

## Upcoming week



Week beginning: 08.12.25

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li><li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</li><li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</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 today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li><li>Years 3 &amp; 4 Carol Singing</li><li>Spring Term enrichment club bookings open</li><li><b>No Enrichment Clubs this week</b></li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE today: Year 3, Year 4</li><li>Nursery, Owls &amp; Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE kit: Year 4, Year 6</li><li>Woodland Robins (Toddler &amp; Baby group) session in the school hall <b>9-10.30am</b></li><li>Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner</li><li>Deadline for Christmas Raffle Ticket purchases</li><li>Spring Term enrichment club bookings close</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3</li><li>Owls &amp; Nursery Christmas Play – 2.30pm (Siblings may also be collected after but <b>bus changes must be communicated in advance with the admin team</b>)</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE today: Owls, Year 5</li><li>Key Stage 1 Christmas Play – 2pm (Creche available, must be booked in advance) (Siblings may also be collected after but <b>bus changes must be communicated in advance with the admin team</b>)</li></ul>



# Diary dates

## This half term

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



### Upcoming events – Spring Term 2026 (provisional dates)

Wb 05.01.26	05.01.26 Welcome Back to School 09.01.26 Year 5 Cake Sale
Wb 12.01.26	14.01.26 Year 6 Family Lunch
Wb 19.01.26	21.01.26 Year 5 Family Lunch 22.01.26 Whole Federation science day 23.01.26 Year 6 Cake Sale
Wb 26.01.26	27.01.26 Garden day 28.01.26 Y1/2 Multiskills event at QE 28.01.26 Year 4 Family Lunch
Wb 02.02.26	02.02.26/03.02.26 Year 5 Bikeability 02.02.26 Year 2 Exeter City Football Festival 04.02.26 Year 3 Bikeability 06.02.26 Whole Federation Art day with EmmyLou 06.02.26 Staff Cake Sale
Wb 09.02.26	09.02.26/10.02.26 Year 6 Bikeability 10.02.26 Online safety day 13.02.26 Family breakfast & Nursery stay and play 13.02.26 Art Exhibition in All Saint's Church begins

# Enrichment clubs

## Spring Term 2026

Booking from Monday 08<sup>th</sup> December, closes midnight Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Enrichment clubs will begin in the week beginning 05<sup>th</sup> January.

There will be no clubs in the weeks beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March or 30<sup>th</sup> March (except for football club). Please return bus schedule changes as soon as possible.

### Full term

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Gardening club with Mr Walter / Mr Slocombe</b> Open to Years 2-6 20 pupils maximum Enjoy the opportunity to take part in gardening in areas around the school, with a range of activities. 10 weeks, £3 per session, £30 for all.
Thursday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Football club with Mr Jarad</b> Open to KS2 pupils 25 pupils maximum 12 weeks, £3 per session, £36 for all

### Spring 1 only

Monday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Recorder club with Miss McLean</b> Open to KS2 pupils 10 pupils maximum 6 weeks, £3 per session, £18 for all
Thursday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Story club with Mr Slocombe</b> Open to Years 1-3 20 pupils maximum 5 weeks, £3 per session, £15 for all <b>(No club on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January)</b> <i>A range of activities linked to texts including artwork, role play, creativity.</i>

### Spring 2 only

Monday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Flute club with Miss McLean</b> Open to KS2 pupils 10 pupils maximum 4 weeks, £3 per session, £12 for all
Monday 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Running club with Mr Walter / Mr Slocombe</b> Open to KS2 pupils 20 pupils maximum 4 weeks, £3 per session, £12 for all





# Christmas Grand Prize Draw



We are very grateful to all of the following businesses for the kind donation of prizes to our  
**Christmas Grand Prize Draw!**

£2 per entry via the gateway.

- Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur park (2 complimentary entry)
- Exeter City Football (£25 Voucher)
- Exeter Chiefs (2 tickets)
- RHS Rosemoor (Voucher)
- Seven Stars (£50 Voucher)
- The Kings Arms (£30 Voucher)
- Arla Cheese (Hamper)
- Scribbleton (Voucher)
- Graylings, North Tawton (£20 Voucher)
- Plymouth Argyle (2 tickets)
- Joules Sandwich Bag
- Homeleigh Garden Centre (Cream tea for two)
- Trago Mills (£20 Voucher)
- Tesco hamper
- The Plough, Torrington (Voucher)
- Hockings Ice Cream (2 litre tub voucher)
- Devon Plant
- Instant Images (£25 Voucher)
- Kitchen @ 25 (Hamper)
- The Nook (Cream tea for two)
- Devon Railway Centre
- The Bookery
- River Dart (Guest pass for four)
- Sarah's Bakes and Treats (Homemade treat)
- Bow Garden Centre (Cream tea for two)
- Timber Tek (Golf for four people)
- Farmer Luxtons (Cream tea for two)
- The Mad Butcher (£25 Voucher)
- Woolley Animals farm entry (Voucher)
- Wildwood Escot family ticket
- The Waie2Play (Voucher)
- Southwest Fixings Ltd (£30 Voucher)
- **And many more!**

Well done to our Year 6s whose fantastic letters have secured some brilliant prizes!

For your chance to win, enter before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Draw will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December and winners will be notified via email.



# 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



# Christmas art competition

**Enter by**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1 A4 page per entry.**

**50p per entry**

**Judging categories:**

**Nursery & Reception**  
**Key Stage 1**  
**Key Stage 2**





# Hot chocolate & cookies!



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Following the KS2 Carol Service



£2.50 Super deluxe hot chocolate & Christmas  
cookie *with cream, marshmallows and a flake*

£3 Christmas Caramel super deluxe hot  
chocolate & Christmas cookie *with cream, marshmallows  
and a flake*

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

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

**Wednesday mornings** (term time)



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*





# Class news



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

Dear Families,

This week in the nursery we've been learning all about penguins! The children have enjoyed exploring how penguins waddle, slide, and care for their eggs. We talked about where they live, what they eat, and how they stay warm in icy places.

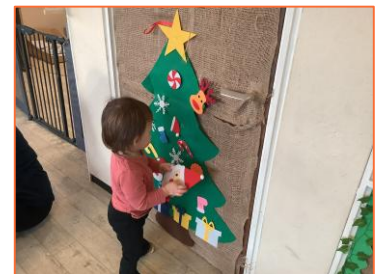
We also shared the wonderful story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, which the children loved. It helped us think about friendship, kindness, and of course—penguins!

In our creative area, the children made penguin pictures and outside they enjoyed discovering penguins in the ice and helping them to break free!

The children have been practising their songs for our school performance, and they are doing brilliantly.

We can't wait for you to hear them.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
The Nursery Team





# Class news



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

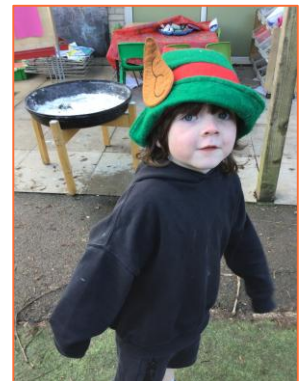
The Owls have had a wonderfully festive week!

Our classroom has been buzzing with Christmas magic as the children pretended to be Father Christmas, delivering presents and posting cards around their very own imaginary Christmas villages. Their creativity has truly shone through!

The role-play post office has been a huge hit. The children have loved writing letters independently to Santa, carefully stamping, sorting, and delivering them just like real postal workers. We've also been very busy making lots and lots of beautiful paper snowflakes – if we can't have the real thing, we'll make our own winter wonderland!

It's been a joy to see their imaginations grow and their confidence in early writing flourish.

Thank you for supporting all the Christmas fun!







# Class news



## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

In Year 1 this week, the children were very excited to begin our new Curious Quest, inspired by Julia Donaldson's *The Christmas Pine*. This beautiful story helped us step straight into the festive spirit. Our focus in Writing has been using adjectives, and the children enjoyed thinking carefully about how to describe their own Christmas trees and magical winter forests.

In Maths, we began our new teaching sequence on shape, and the children loved getting hands-on by finding, building and exploring with 3D shapes.

In Science, we looked closely at natural and man-made materials, which linked brilliantly with our History learning about Toys from the Past. The children were fascinated to notice how toys have changed over time, especially with the introduction of man-made materials such as plastic.

We are all getting very excited to perform our Christmas play next week and we have been singing and humming our Christmas play songs at every possible opportunity throughout the week.

Next week, Year 1 will be visiting All Saints Church in Winkleigh to support our learning in RE about why Christmas is important to Christians. During the visit, the children will be encouraged to look for any changes in the church since their last visit during the Harvest period, noticing how the church is prepared and decorated for the Christmas season.





# Class news



## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week in English, Year Two have been working on their own heart-warming stories, based on the John Lewis advert, man on the Moon. They have been thinking about ways to show kindness in their story as well as using adjectives to add description and interest.

In maths they have been learning about shapes and specifically the names for 2D shapes. They have also looked at symmetry.

In D&T the children have completed their sequence on fridge magnets, evaluating their final piece.

The children enjoyed learning about Felicity Aston in our history lesson, they were particularly interested to learn that she had studied at The University of Exeter. There was some great discussion about her and the other explorers we have learned about this half term.

Year Two have also been working hard on their Christmas performance and look forward to sharing it with you next week!





# Class news



## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week the children have worked so hard on their writing, using conjunctions prepositions and adverbs to create some fantastic sentences linked to our class text 'Mog's Christmas Calamity.'

In maths, we have continued to work on multiplication and division, looking at how to record our work and answer questions in different ways. They thoroughly enjoyed creating their own movies as part of our computing topic this term thinking about how to structure their stories, create their characters and what makes a good animation. We have some budding future artists and animators amongst the class I think! Well done on another busy week of learning Year Three.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

Year 4 have had an exciting and enriching week! As part of our Mayan history topic, the children took part in a fantastic chocolate workshop. They explored the early uses of chocolate, discovered how the Mayans created their traditional drinks, and learned about the fascinating ways cocoa beans were once used as currency. The workshop really brought our history learning to life and sparked lots of brilliant questions and discussions. In English, we have been fully engaged in our new sequence based on The Snow Globe. The children have enjoyed exploring the story in depth, particularly focusing on how the characters' emotions change throughout the narrative. Maths has seen us continue our work on finding the area of rectilinear shapes. The children have been building their confidence in calculating area by counting squares whilst developing their understanding of changing the orientation. It was also lovely to welcome so many of you this morning and throughout the day or the Santa & Reindeer Run! The children looked fantastic in their festive outfits and had a wonderful time taking part. We hope you all have a great weekend!







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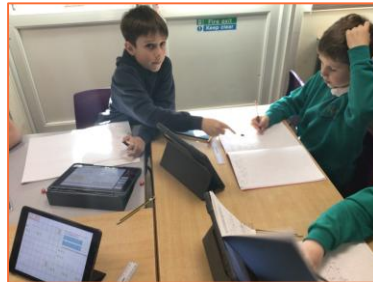


## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

In Year 5 this week, the children have been working on their writing using our book Kensuke's Kingdom as a base, we have been using commas to ensure clarity in our writing. We have been punctuating writing about the book and have been using adding commas into lists. We have also been using our knowledge of the island to create detailed instructions for Michael about how he could build a beacon, including time connections, adverbs and challenging ourselves to use a range of vocabulary.

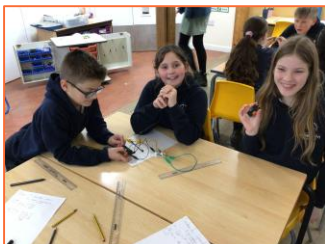
In Maths, we have been adding fractions and practicing finding common denominators. We have been learning about Victorian children and how Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnardo helped to change children's life.

Have a great weekend Year 5!



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 looked fantastic today in their Christmassy outfits for the Santa Run! They all took part with such enthusiasm, thank you to Mr Walter for organising another successful event and to parents for coming in to share this with your children! In English this week, we have started reading the book My Secret War Diary. The children have loved getting to know the character Flossie and engaging with the 'lift the flap' parts to read her secrets. We have continued our maths sequence on fractions this week, learning how to multiply and divide fractions by integers and fractions. Next week we will finish this sequence and recap some key learning of the four operations. In science, the children had a go at building some electrical circuits and experimenting what happened when a new electrical component was added to the circuit. In history, we have looked at some aspects of everyday life for rich and poor people during the Tudor period. The children have done some research on this and created brilliant booklets to display their findings. Have a great weekend!





# Illness



## 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



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#### Advice and guidance

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





# Connecting moments



## **For the information of SEND parents- Introducing a new peer support group – Connecting Moments**

Connecting Moments is a new digital peer support group for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

This is a safe, welcoming space to:

- Connect with other families
- Share experiences and ideas
- Build supportive relationships

### **Topics include:**

School attendance and building positive relationships  
Taking my child out in the community and avoiding isolation.

Join the first session on 12 December 2025 at 10am online via Microsoft Teams. Future sessions will be shaped by your ideas and feedback.

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