



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, some of our Year 5/6 children attended the first of a four-week drama workshop at Hatherleigh School. The children represented Winkleigh extremely well, demonstrating confidence, teamwork, and creativity. The feedback we have received has been excellent, and they are already very excited about returning for the next session.

Unfortunately, our Year 3/4 intra-sports afternoon had to be cancelled due to the wet weather. We will share a new date with you as soon as it has been confirmed.

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Slocombe, visited the school this week and spent time reviewing our safeguarding procedures. She also spoke with our Key Stage 1 children about how they keep themselves safe, both in and out of school, and was very impressed with their thoughtful and confident responses. Well done to all of our Key Stage 1 pupils for representing the school so positively.

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mr Richards, who has been our PGCE student in Year 4. We thank him for his hard work and commitment. We wish him every success in his future teaching career.

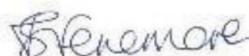
We have also been pleased to welcome Miss Nursaw and Miss Harris as student teachers to the school. We are proud to support student teachers as they develop their skills and begin their teaching journeys.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our hot chocolate event after school today. It was lovely to see so many families attend, and all money raised will go towards supporting our school trips and residential experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 19.01.26

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>Recorder club (KS2) with Miss McLean 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li><li><b>Year 5 gardening today – wellies required</b></li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gardening club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 3, Year 4</li><li>MED Theatre workshop (those involved have received letters) at Hatherleigh</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 5 Family Lunch 12.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2</li><li><b>Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am</b></li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>Whole school science day – Wonderstruck. <b>Dress as scientists!</b></li><li>Dental outreach visit in school – Year 2</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE Kit: Year 1, Year 4</li><li><b>Forest school (Wellies required) - Year 3</b></li><li><b>Year 6 Cake Sale</b></li></ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

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

### Upcoming events

Wb 26.01.26	26.01.26 FOWs Meeting 2pm in school 27.01.26 Garden day 28.01.26 Y1/2 Multiskills event at QE 28.01.26 Year 4 Family Lunch 29.01.26 Boccia Event (Those involved have received letters) 30.01.26 Open morning 10am-12noon for prospective families
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 13.02.26 FOWs Dare to be Different non-uniform day

# Open Morning

For prospective families!



Come and see our amazing environment and meet the senior leadership team!

Learn more about our approach, curriculum and extensive enrichment programme.

**Places available for  
0 – 11 years**

We can't wait to meet you!

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

10am-12noon

*If you cannot make this date, we are very happy to offer bespoke tours at any time, please contact [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) to book!*

# Woodland Robins

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

**Wednesday 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 Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been learning all about dinosaurs, and it has been roarsome fun!

They explored different types of dinosaurs, talked about how they lived, and even discovered what we believe to be a dinosaur egg in the sand tray! Much excitement all around!

The children also enjoyed role-play, setting up a doctors' surgery where they carefully looked after dinosaurs and people. This encouraged caring behaviour, communication skills, and lots of imaginative play.

It's been a wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity, and prehistoric fun!

Below is a song we have been singing.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team

**I'm a Giant T. Rex Song** (Sing to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot'.)

I'm a giant T. rex dinosaur!

I wouldn't fit through,

Your classroom door!

When I'm getting hungry,

Hear me roar!

Eat-ing meat,

I'm a carnivore!



# Class news

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

Owls have had a great second week back. We have continued to look at dinosaurs, and have started to categorise them under “carnivore”, “herbivore” and “omnivore”, thinking about a dinosaurs features and how this relates to what they eat.

In PSHE we have been thinking about ourselves, our bodies, and how medicine makes us feel better.

We have also continued our drawing club journey by reading Dinosaur Time by Michael Foreman.

The children have loved creating their own characters and thinking about where they will “go” and who they will “meet”.

We have had children being “chased by raptors”, using “codes” to get help from Numberblocks, and “codes” that make the sky turn purple!

It has been wonderful to see their imagination being sparked by the freedom to create with no limits.



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

What a lovely week in Year 1! In Maths, we continued our learning on place value within 20. The children enjoyed using resources and manipulatives to understand that numbers like 13 are made up of 10 and 3. In Art, we explored primary and secondary colours and used our knowledge to create beautiful rainbows, mixing colours and getting creative.

In Geography, we learned about Sri Lanka and created fact files. The children loved smelling, feeling, and looking at some of the foods, spices, and tea produced on this island country.

In PE, we practised using tennis rackets and enjoyed passing the ball to each other.

In Science, we looked at the wide variety of mammals and discussed what makes them special.

In English, we continued our Curious Quest with the book *The Train Ride* by June Crebbin. On Wednesday, the children were sent home with login details for the Collins Online Library. If these did not make it home, please let us know and we will send new logins.

Thank you for your continued support!



# Class news

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two have been working hard on their writing this week, composing paragraphs as part of our sequence on non-fiction writing. We have been researching space and the solar system so that we are ready to create our final piece of independent writing next week.

In maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division. We have been learning how to use the multiplication symbol correctly within a number sentence. We have also begun to use arrays and organise items into equal groups in order to divide.

We have learned about human life cycles in science. The class enjoyed talking about how humans change throughout their lifetime and could identify some of the physical changes to our bodies.

The children have enjoyed accessing our continuous provision area, particularly the vets role play which has some fantastic real-life resources for us to use, thanks to Maisie's Mum!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year 3 this week, the children have continued to focus on the tale of Hansel and Gretel in English thinking about direct speech, conjunctions and past and present tense verbs. We will be putting these skills together next week to write our own stories. In maths, they have enjoyed learning different ways to divide and show their workings. Lolly sticks, place value counters and part whole models have all been used this week. What great maths Year 3, well done. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed researching the county we live in, thinking about why people might visit Devon, what famous people come from Devon and of course what visitors might eat. A rather heated discussion was had on scones and the 'correct' order of cream and jam! In PE this week, the children worked well together in teams thinking about how to plan and organise themselves to solve problems. We are very much looking forward to our Science day next Thursday and can't wait to see what everyone will come dressed as! Have a lovely restful weekend.



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week in English, we explored and compared the setting descriptions in the text Varjak Paw. We also had fun using dictionaries to find definitions of unknown words before writing a letter from a chosen character's perspective. In maths, we continued to embed our understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Our next steps will be securing informal and formal methods of both operations. We are looking forward to science day next week. In preparation we have focused on the symbols for electrical components that make a circuit before testing our own simple circuits, ensuring we draw our scientific diagrams accurately. In geography, we learnt about renewable and non-renewable resources, sorting them into the correct category. In RE, we also focused on discussion but this time our objective was describing the significance of water in Christianity.

Thank you for your understanding with our postponed football event alongside Year 3 this week. We will update with a new date in due course.

Enjoy your weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

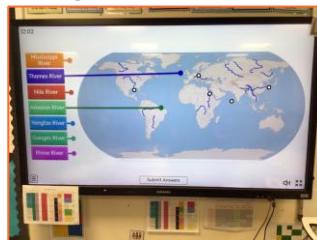
A great week in Year 5 this week! In English, we have been focusing on our book *The Lost Words* and have been creating our own poems based on an animal. We have been focusing on using a range of vocabulary and poetic devices.

In Maths, we have finished our sequence on multiplication and division and have been practicing our division skills using short division. Yesterday, we started our new sequence on fractions and have been multiplying unit fractions by an integer.

In Geography, we have been learning how to use an Atlas to find famous rivers around the world. We identified a river and used our new skills of using an atlas to plot the river on a world map and then create a fact file about them using the atlas as a base for knowledge.



Have a great weekend Year 5!



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been getting stuck into their shared writing towards the end of this week and have been making great use of the grammar features we have learnt about recently to create some well crafted story openings. Next week, they are looking forward to writing their independent pieces and creating their own characters and settings. In maths, we have been looking at decimals. The children have used their prior knowledge of place value, rounding, addition and subtraction to calculate with decimals. We discussed the importance of understanding the agreements that websites and apps set out before clicking accept on a pop-up in computing this week. The children were surprised to learn about the data that someone could be giving permission for others to access when clicking 'allow' in these situations. We hadn't all previously thought much about what data could be collected and for what reasons. Next week, we are looking forward to science day on Thursday. The children are invited to come dressed up as a scientist of their choice to celebrate the day.

As always, thank you very much for the continued support with reading, spelling and maths from home!



Have a lovely weekend!

