



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Mother's Day events today. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces at the range of gifts on offer; there will be some very lucky mums this weekend! A huge thank you to Mrs Rowcliffe for the time that she has spent ordering, wrapping and organising all of the gifts. Our Mother's Day Cream Tea this afternoon was also very well attended. It was lovely to welcome so many mums, grans, aunts and significant females into school to enjoy a delicious homemade cream tea. Thank you to Sue Turner, Mrs Stapley's mum for providing over 100 scones!

This week, classes have been taking part in their termly assessments. This information will inform our Spring Term reports and the opportunity to discuss these will be available at our upcoming parents' evenings. More information will follow next week and we look forward to welcoming you into school for these important meetings with teachers.

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Kents Cavern yesterday. They loved exploring the caves, learning more about the stalactites and how people lived in the Stone Age. As always, their behaviour was impeccable and I know that Mrs Bourner was very proud of all of the knowledge that the children had retained from sequences this year including learning about tectonic plates, rock types and pre-historic life! Well done Year 3!

On Wednesday, our Year 4 pupils visited QE in Crediton as part of our PE package. They took part in orienteering activities throughout the day, showing teamwork, resilience and sporting attitudes. Once again, Mr Walter, Mr Craker and Mrs Hooper were impressed with the behaviour of Year 4.

We also welcomed families of our Year 1 children into school on Wednesday for a delicious roast lunch. As always, Kealley did a fantastic job and the atmosphere in the hall was lovely as children shared conversations and lunch with their families.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 16.03.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li> <li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <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>Flute club (KS2) with Miss McLean 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Running club (KS2) with Mr Walter/Mr Slocombe 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>PE Kit: Year 5, Year 6</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>Year 2 – West Town Farm Educational Visit</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 6</li> <li>Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am</li> <li>Owls Family lunch</li> <li>Year 5 Decider Workshop</li> <li>Year 4 – Energy from Waste Educational Visit</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Owls/Year 6 National Child Measurement programme</li> <li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5</li> <li><b>Pizza takeaway night</b></li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Year 2, Year 4</li> <li>Wear red for the air ambulance – £1 donation</li> <li>Year 1 – Exmoor Zoo Educational Visit</li> <li>Y3/4 Football match at Hatherleigh – those involved will receive letters</li> </ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

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

### Spring 2

Wb  
23.03.26

24.03.26 Owls Rosemoor visit

25.03.26 KS2 Cross country – Monkleigh

24.03.26/26.03.26 Parent's evening

26.03.26 Primary sports Cross country event

27.03.26 Nursery Easter Crafts Stay & Play

Wb  
30.03.26

30.03.26-01.04.26 Year 5 Skern residential

01.04.26 Year 4 visit to Kings Nympton – sporting event

02.04.26 Cross country event at Kings Nympton

02.04.26 Family breakfast

# Diary dates UPDATED

## This academic year

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### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Y5 Skern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Family breakfast
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kings Nympton Cross Country event
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Easter Holidays (Good Friday)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Staff training day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Return to school & Winkleigh Bake off & writing hook day

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – May Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Stover Trip
- Wb 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs & Breakfast
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Family breakfast, open morning & Nursery Stay and play
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Aquathlon KS2
- 20<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Infant Music Festival
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dare to be different FOWS fundraiser
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Owls Bickleigh Railway Centre trip
- Wb 25<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Staff training day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Return to school & writing hook day
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Bristol
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Athletics at Lanscore
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Camping
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 London
- 17<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh
- Wb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sport & Culture week
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Fireball volleyball
- 29<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Surfing
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Transition day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Colour run
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Leaver's Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Final day of term

### August

Summer Holidays

# Pizza night!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**3.30pm-6pm**



Fresh, homemade pizzas and sides available!

*Order via gateway – 15 minute time slots available*

Pepperoni Pizza.....	£7.50
Hawaiian Pizza.....	£7.50
Margherita Pizza.....	£7
Roasted Vegetable Pizza.....	£7.50
Chips.....	£3.50
Cheesy chips.....	£4.50
Garlic & herb dip.....	£1

# Great Winkleigh Bake off

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026**



Entries £1 each in the following categories:

- Technical challenge – Victoria Sponge (set recipe)
- Showstopper
- Four decorated cupcakes
- A bake involving chocolate

Entries in school by 9am on 21.04.26.  
Entries will be judged, before being  
**auctioned at 3pm** (hall/top playground)

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.



# Wednesday Wraparound Care COOKING CLUB



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February –  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**New Recipes!  
Cooking something different every  
Wednesday for 6 weeks!**

**Macaroni Cheese, Sticky Toffee Pudding,  
Mrs Illman's Cookies,  
Cottage Pie, Spaghetti Bolognese,  
Iced Raspberry Mousse**

**Book your child in via the Gateway App  
(3 nights before or if you miss the deadline, email admin)**





# Stay & Play



## Easter crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Winkleigh – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

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

£2 per family



# Year 4 – Orienteering QE

Year 4 had a fantastic day at QE in Crediton on Wednesday. They took part in orienteering activities throughout the day, showing resilience and sporting attitudes. We were lucky to have some dry weather! Well done Year 4!



# Year 3 – Kents Cavern



# Class news

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

Dear Families,

This week we have been talking about our families and the people who care for us. With Mother's Day approaching, the children have enjoyed sharing stories about their mums, grandmas, and special people in their lives. We discussed how families can look different and how everyone grows and changes as they get older. The children explored how they have grown from babies into confident learners, and we talked about the things they can do now that they couldn't do when they were younger.

### Activities We Enjoyed

- Mother's Day Crafts: The children made special cards for the important people in their lives.
- Family Discussions: We talked about who is in our families and what makes each family special. Including our pets!
- Growing Up Timeline: Looking at baby photos and talking about how we have changed as we grow.
  - Story Time: Reading stories about families and caring for one another.
  - Group animals and counting how many we have, making sure we say one number name per animal!

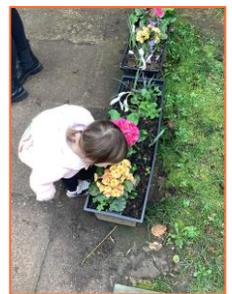
### Celebrating Home Learning

At our nursery we value the important role families play in supporting children's learning and development. We love hearing about the wonderful achievements children make at home. If your child has had a special achievement such as learning a new skill, showing kindness, or trying something new please share it with us. Celebrating these moments together helps us build a fuller picture of each child's development.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Have a wonderful weekend.



The Nursery Team

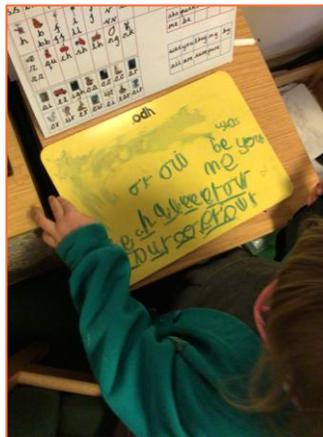


# Class news

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

Owls have had a great week. We continued our exploration of all things "growing". We have explored how to care for our environment to encourage animals and plants to grow, and answered some of our own questions from the beginning of the term such as "do we grow?" During Drawing club this week, we have been reading the story "the magic porridge pot". The children have thoroughly enjoyed the magic of the porridge river sweeping through the town and as a result creating their own magical characters. We have ended up with drawings of magic monkeys, a magic pig called "snaxs", hedgehogs, wizards and ducks! After patient waiting, we noticed this week that our magic bean has finally sprouted green leaves, so now we must tend to it and observe how it grows. During maths we have returned to looking at the composition of numbers to 6-9 in depth, in specific using different manipulatives, part-whole models, tens/tens frames and dot plates to cement our knowledge of number bonds within 10. We have got outside lots again this week, and the children even created their own "hotel".

What a great week!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have had another brilliant week. The children especially enjoyed taking some of their learning outside and making the most of the intermittent sunshine.

This week the children completed their NFER assessments and showed great resilience and determination. Well done, Year 1! We also finished our Design and Technology learning sequence on shadow puppets. The children deepened their understanding of light and shadows and learned how shadows are formed. Our learning journey concluded with the children designing and making their own shadow puppets, which we performed in our very own shadow puppet theatre. There were some wonderfully inventive storylines.

This linked nicely with our Science learning about the sense of sight, where we explored how light helps us to see. The children also experienced being blindfolded and relying on their partners to guide them safely.

In PSHE, we talked about responsibilities and how to look after our class insects once they hatch.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for lunch on Wednesday — the children loved it! We are all very excited for our Exmoor Zoo trip next Friday.]

A gentle reminder to please return home readers and Polar Bear books each day.

Have a lovely weekend.



# Class news

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two have worked hard this week on their reading and maths assessment quizzes. The quizzes have challenged the children to read and answer questions independently, applying their comprehension skills.

The afternoons have been spent on the design technology unit of learning, designing and making a moving toy. The children began the unit by looking at wheels and axles and how these can be seen in a variety of everyday objects, including pizza cutters, wheelbarrows and hamster wheels! Then children thought about existing toy designs and how they could use those to influence their own design ideas. The children designed a moving toy and then created them using the resources in class. The final stage of the process was to discuss the toys and what changes they could make to further improve them. The children enjoyed this unit of learning, particularly the practical aspect, creating their toys using wooden wheels and axles.

Next week we all look forward to our trip out to West Town Farm on Tuesday. Please see the class trip letter for more information and keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

Year 3 have demonstrated amazing resilience this week whilst undertaking their NFER tests. Well done to everyone!

The afternoons have been filled with lots of fun practical activities from investigating magnetism, tasting and evaluating biscuits, designing their own biscuits and of course making and testing their own bakes on Friday!

We had a fantastic time at Kents Cavern on Thursday where the children bravely explored the caves, enjoyed a woodland trail, and found out more about life during The Stone Age time through handling a range of different artefacts, both real and replica. There were some great questions from the children and plenty of enthusiasm for finding out more throughout the day.

Well done Year Three on your amazing behaviour as always.

Have a well-deserved rest this weekend.



# Class news

## Year 4 – Mr Walter

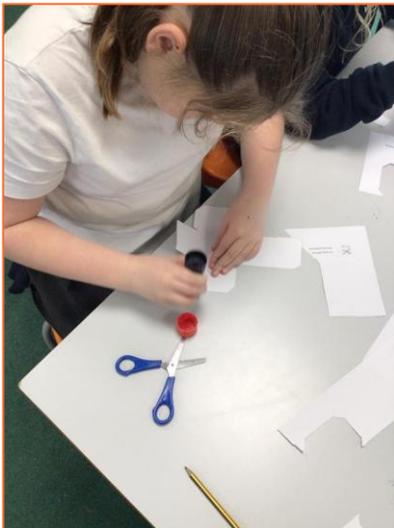
Year 4 have worked extremely hard to complete all of their assessment quizzes throughout this week.

In the afternoons we have focused on this term's D&T project to meet the design brief of making your own box to store items in. We have been discussing the key vocabulary of the sequence detailing the meanings of words such as prototype, aesthetic and consumer. We have explored the differences between lids which could go on a box and the durability of each design. Following this, we used nets of shapes to put them together while folding accurately. Before, making our final structures we designed our nets to choose and evaluate the differences of our prototypes.

Finally, we enjoyed our opportunity to attend QE on Wednesday to take part in an orienteering event. Taking part in various activities to find markers, follow directions and read maps.

Everyone worked fantastically well throughout to work in small groups in each given challenge.

Thank you everyone who came to the Mother's Day cream tea, have a fantastic weekend.



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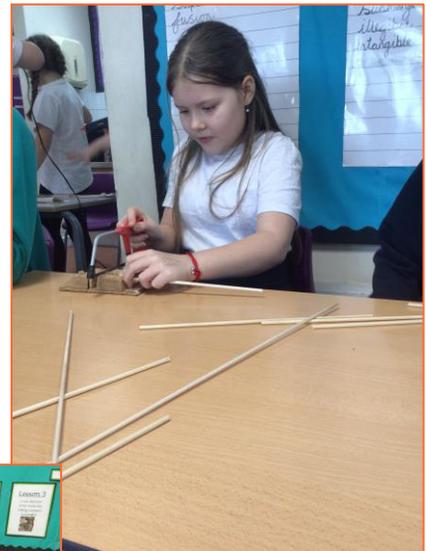
## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A busy week in Year 5 this week. The children have been tackling their quizzes this week and have shown some fantastic resilience and determination throughout the week whilst tackling them. In English, we have started to look at our new book *Cloud Busting* and have been thinking about what cloud busting could be whilst having a go ourselves. It was fantastic to hear the poems that the children brought in this week and shared with the class. We have been creating our own simile poems about how it feels to leave school on a Friday.

In Maths, we have been finding the area of compound shapes and have finished our sequence on area and perimeter and will be moving on to statistics next week.

This week has been D&T week and the children have been working collaboratively to design and construct their own kites that weather permitting we can test early next week.

Have a great weekend Year 5.



# Class news

## Year 6 – Miss McLean

In English this week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed starting the Harry Potter sequence. On Monday, our classroom transformed into The Great Hall where each child was sorted into one of the four houses by The Sorting Hat. They children have also acted as publishers after finding out that the first 12 people that J K Rowling took her book to decided not to publish it. We held a class discussion to decide whether some pages from the first chapter were worthy of publishing.

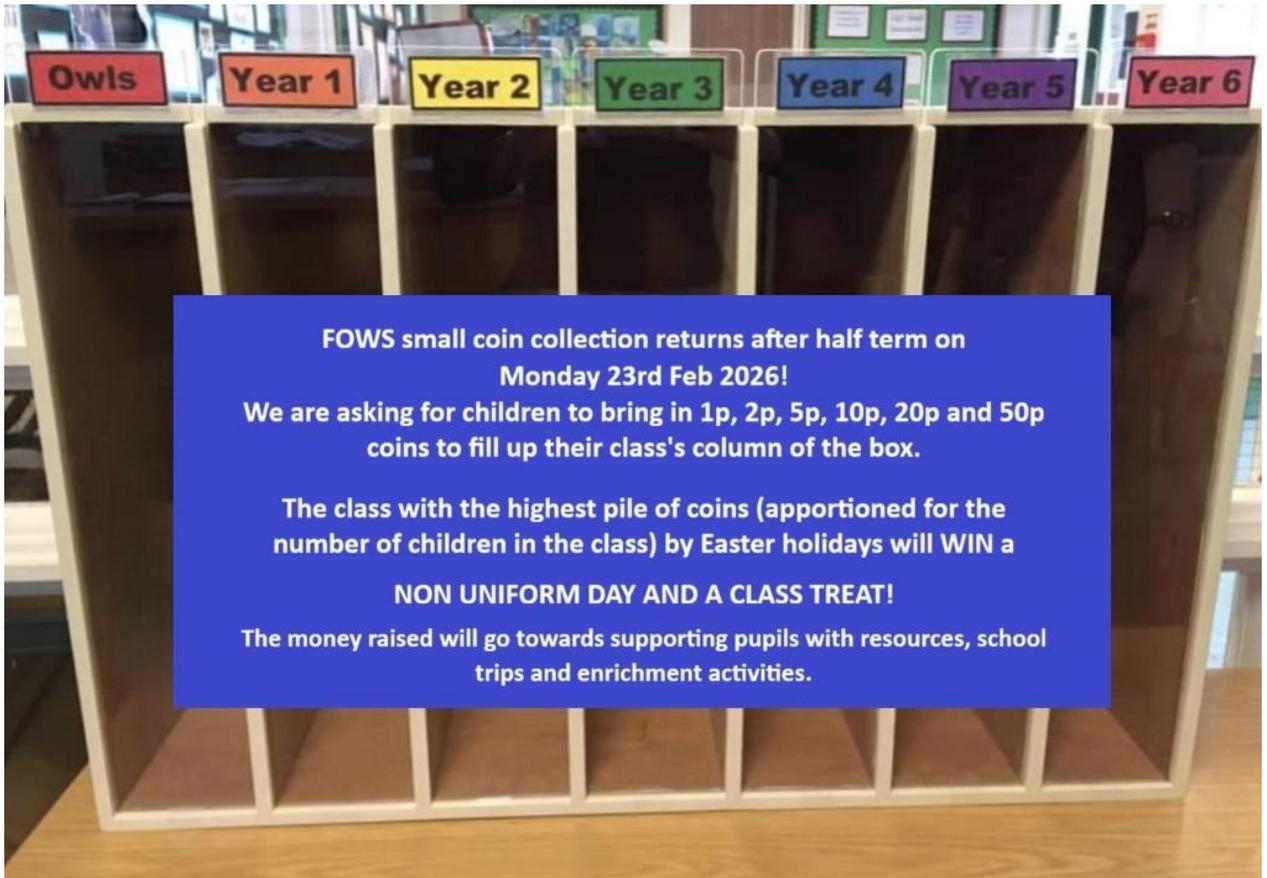
In the afternoons this week, the children have been working hard on their D&T project of making torches. The week began by looking at a range of torches and identifying the differing purposes they have. We also practiced building working circuits with switches in. The children then moved on to designing their torch before having time to make them.

Some brilliant, creative designs have been followed to make some fantastic looking torches. Finally, the children tested and evaluated their torches to see how well they met the design specification.

Amongst all of the above, the children have shown incredible resilience and determination when completing their practice SATs papers this week! Well done Year 6, have a well-deserved rest this weekend!



# FOWs Fundraising



**FOWS small coin collection returns after half term on Monday 23rd Feb 2026!**

**We are asking for children to bring in 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p coins to fill up their class's column of the box.**

**The class with the highest pile of coins (apportioned for the number of children in the class) by Easter holidays will WIN a**

**NON UNIFORM DAY AND A CLASS TREAT!**

**The money raised will go towards supporting pupils with resources, school trips and enrichment activities.**

# FOWs Fundraising

**FOWS Easter holiday challenge**

**Grow a £2**

Look out for a letter coming home in children's bookbags soon!

**Easter goodie prizes for the children who raise the most money in each class from growing their £2**

**Raising money towards enrichment activities, school trips and equipment for the pupils of Winkleigh primary school**