



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. We were certainly very lucky with the weather, and I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy some time outdoors with family and friends. The children have all returned to school enthusiastic, positive, and ready to learn, and it has been wonderful to see such a strong start to the new half term.

Unfortunately, the sunshine did not continue into this week, and we were disappointed to have to cancel our Rounders Festival due to the wet weather.

Our Writing Hook Days were a fantastic success and provided an exciting start to our new writing units. The effort that the children and families put into creating costumes was incredible, and it was lovely to see so many imaginative outfits linked to the themes. These memorable experiences help to inspire the children's writing and provide a rich context for learning. Thank you to everyone who supported their children in preparing for these special days.

A huge thank you to Mr Slocombe Snr, who kindly gave up his time to visit Year 5 and talk to the children about World War II. He delivered a fascinating presentation and shared his extensive knowledge about the importance of Winkleigh during the war, particularly the role of the airfield. The children were captivated by the stories and information he shared and asked some excellent questions. To fully immerse themselves in their learning, the children came dressed as evacuees, and the classroom was transformed into a train carriage. It was wonderful to see history brought to life in such an engaging way.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a cricket festival at Hatherleigh this week. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the event. They thoroughly enjoyed developing their cricket skills and taking part in a variety of activities alongside children from other schools.

Our Year 4 pupils embarked on the second residential visit of the school year with a trip to Bristol. As always, the train journey was a particular highlight and added to the excitement of the adventure. During their visit, the children explored We The Curious, where they enjoyed a range of interactive science exhibits, visited the historic SS Great Britain, and took in the impressive views from the Clifton Suspension Bridge. They also had the opportunity to see many of Bristol's famous landmarks and learn more about the city's rich history and culture.

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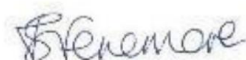
## Executive Headteacher's Update continued

The evening meal at Za Za Bazaar was another highlight of the trip, with the children enjoying the wide variety of food on offer. Throughout the residential, the children showed great independence, resilience and maturity. They embraced every activity with enthusiasm and made the most of every opportunity presented to them.

It was a truly fun-filled residential and one that will create many lasting memories. Most importantly, the children were a real credit to the school. Their behaviour, manners and positive attitudes were praised wherever we went, and they represented our school community exceptionally well. Mr Slocombe, Mrs Rowcliffe, Mr Walter and I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying the children and sharing these experiences with them. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and the way they supported one another throughout the trip.

As we move further into the half term, there are many exciting learning opportunities and events ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements and successes with you in the coming weeks.]

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 08.06.26

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>Year 1 &amp; Year 6 PE Kit</li> <li>Admin Team training day. The telephone will not be manned, please email as these will be checked throughout the day.</li> <li>Year 4 Swimming at Bow</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit</li> <li>Year 5 Joy of Movement Workshop with Exeter City</li> <li>Gardening club with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owls, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owls, Year 1, Year 3 PE Kit</li> <li>Cricket club with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>Year 3 Climbing and Camping residential</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2, Year 6 PE Kit</li> <li>Year 3 Climbing and Camping residential</li> <li>North Devon Cricket event at Instow – those involved have received letters</li> <li>Woodland Robins in the Nursery</li> </ul>

# Diary dates UPDATED

## This academic year

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



June	July	August
15 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 War Rooms & National Gallery Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Surfing	Summer Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 London Residential	7 <sup>th</sup> – Transition day	
17 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh	10 <sup>th</sup> – Colour run	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – Father's Day breakfast	20 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 End of Term Performance 6pm	
Wb 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sport & Culture week	21 <sup>st</sup> – Leaver's Assembly	
25 <sup>th</sup> – Fireball volleyball	21 <sup>st</sup> – Final day of term	
26 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day		
29 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow		

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,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back into the nursery this week. They have settled back into routines really well, and it's been lovely to see them reconnect with their friends and familiar activities.

### Back into Routine

The children have done a fantastic job getting back into our daily routines. From group times to tidying up, they are remembering expectations and showing great independence.

### Sunflower Planting

This week we enjoyed planting sunflower seeds. The children learned about what plants need to grow, including sunlight, water and care. We're excited to watch them grow over the coming weeks and will be encouraging the children to help look after.



**This term we will be exploring a range of exciting topics, including:**

- Holidays and travel
- Gardening and growing
- Weather and seasonal changes
- Summer themed activities



These themes will be explored through stories, creative play, outdoor learning and hands on experiences.

### Reminders

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor play, including a coat or sunhat depending on the weather.  
Sunscreen applied on warmer days  
Don't forget to label all belongings.

Thank you for your continued support.  
We're looking forward to a fun and busy term ahead!



# Class news

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

Owls have had a very busy first week back! We have moved onto a new topic - Space and our world - and have started by learning about Earth.

In Drawing club, we have read the book Beegu, all about an alien that struggles to make friends. The children have enjoyed creating their own aliens, building rockets and creating clothes to keep Beegu warm. The children have been taking great care with their handwriting!

In PE this week, we have continued daily Leap into Life sessions and have been focusing on ball skills. We have been learning how to stop a ball by trapping it with either our hands or our feet.

In maths, we have been recapping sharing, doubles and making patterns. We have played space-themed doubles games and used multi-link cubes to create patterns.

Have a lovely weekend!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Welcome back to Year 1 after a sunny half-term break! Our Hook day introduced the children to our new English text, Wanted: The Perfect Pet. The children enjoyed talking about their own pets and the pets they would love to have. They took part in lots of fun activities, including describing different animals, following instructions in an agility course, interviewing their classmates and designing their own perfect pets.

In Maths, we continued learning about Position and Direction, using language such as left, right, forwards and backwards while giving and following instructions in practical activities.

In History, we began our new topic, Seaside holidays in the past, comparing photographs and artefacts from the past with our own experience of going to a seaside and looking at what a holiday by the seaside might look like today..

In RE, we explored the story of David and Goliath as part of our learning about Judaism, focusing on courage, faith and perseverance.

In PE, we continue to develop our athletics skills with support from Year 6 pupils as we prepare for Sports Day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.



## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

We began the week with our hook day for 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and had great fun completing a range of activities linked to the text. We started by thinking about spa treatments and what a mammoth might enjoy. There were some creative ideas and then we had a go at making our spa designs using construction resources. We learned about mammoths and wrote a fact file about them. We made some good links to our previous learning about habitats and adaptations in science. The afternoon involved lots of creative activities including painting and drawing our own mammoths as well as enjoying the bubble mixture outside!

In maths we are completing our sequence about time. We learned about the number of hours in a day and minutes in an hour.

Science this half term covers plants and we began our sequence by talking through the key vocabulary and planting some seeds of our own. We will be keeping a close eye on them over the next week or so, hoping to see some changes as they germinate and grow.



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

The children in Year Three are already thoroughly enjoying the new book linked to our English teaching sequence 'The day the crayons quit.' On our hook day on Tuesday they wrote some fantastic letters from various different classroom objects, and enjoyed taking part in a treasure hunt thanks to the very elusive eraser! In maths, the children have begun their new topic of statistics. During this topic they will be looking at the many different ways that data can be represented. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying their first netball lesson this week in between the rain showers! They have all been excited to begin our new History topic this week too, and enjoyed using the books to find out more about the Roman civilization. The children are all very excited about our camping trip next week. We are hoping the rain will subside by then but please do keep a close eye on the forecast in order to ensure the right clothes are packed!



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

Year 4 have had an exciting and productive start to the new term, beginning with a very successful Myth Atlas Hook Day; thank you to everyone for the fantastic effort with costumes, which really helped bring the day to life. The children enjoyed creating their own mythical creatures, thinking carefully about whether they were good or evil and took part in a fun game of "Pin the Eye on the Cyclops" before planning their own myth stories. In Maths, we have begun learning about time, including understanding the difference between analogue and digital clock. If you could challenge your child to find examples of time shown in different ways at home. We are also preparing for the upcoming Times Tables Check next week, so any extra practice would be very helpful. In Science, we have started exploring the digestive system, while in History we are learning about the Anglo-Saxons.

Finally, the highlight of our week was our fantastic residential visit to Bristol, full of memorable experiences. I am sure a lot of us would still be exploring the science museum now if we could!

Have a lovely weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have had an exciting start to this half term with a journey from London Waterloo to North Tawton as wartime evacuees! We were joined by Phil Slocombe, former Royal Marine, who explained more about life during World War Two, with a particular focus on the vital role that was played by Winkleigh.

This kicked off our new history and English sequences, seeing us learn about Winkleigh at War and Carrie's war respectively. There were lots of fantastic outfits and it was lovely to see the enthusiasm and excitement around our new sequences.

Tuesday also involved our first workshop with the Exeter City Joy of Movement project. This was a fantastic experience and we are looking forward to the other upcoming sessions.

Meanwhile, we have been learning about forces in science, building on what we already know from Year 3 and extending our learning.

Have a lovely weekend.



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 started their week with a hook day linked to the text Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick. The children got stuck into the day by listening to the opening section of the book before gathering some natural resources to build their own rafts. They then had the opportunity to test their rafts out and find out whether they could survive a storm.

In maths, the children have started a project-based sequence based on 'futures' where they will learn to work with money in contexts such as wages, salaries, mortgages and bills. This will give them opportunities to consolidate their mathematics knowledge from throughout the year such as the four operations and finding percentages of a number.

The children have also started their final foundation subject sequences; more information about these can be found on the Year 6 curriculum page of the school website.

Have a lovely weekend!



# The Woodland Federation **COLOUR RUN**

**Friday 10th July 2026 from**

**11:45am - 3pm**

**@Winkleigh Primary School**



- £5 entry for the run/walk
- £5 for 10 tokens to be used on various table games, fayre activities and bouncy castles
- Cake stall, bbq and Sam's Cider
- Hamper voucher draw £2.50 a ticket (pre-sale coming soon)
- Raffle on the day

*Pre-payment can be arranged for the tokens and race entry with cash payments taken on the day.*

*Thank you for all your kind donations & sponsors so far!*

*See the Facebook event for more info*

Pre sale tickets £10/ £15 with food available to purchase through parish hall website or £15 on the night

# ★ RACE NIGHT ★



**SATURDAY 27TH  
JUNE**

**KINGS NYMPTON PARISH HALL**

**DOORS OPEN 6PM  
FOR BBQ + BAR  
1<sup>ST</sup> RACE 7.30PM**

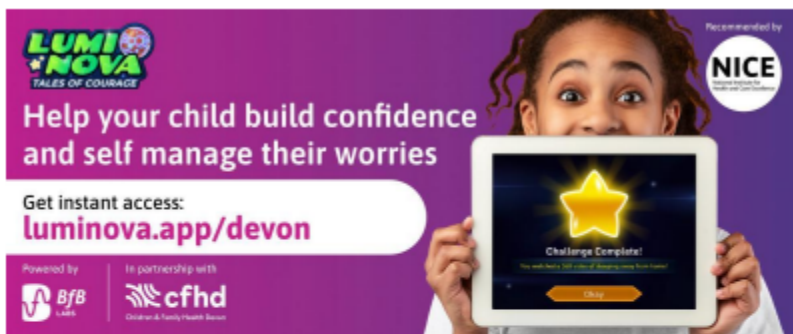
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**FULLY LICENSED BAR  
BBQ  
BEST DRESSED PRIZES**

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**9 races  
(BETS CASH ONLY)  
Own a horse**

## Lumi Nova: Helping young people manage their worries



**LUMI NOVA**  
TALES OF COURAGE

Help your child build confidence  
and self manage their worries

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Powered by **BfB** Childs In partnership with **cfhd** Children & Family Health Devon

Recommended by **NICE**  
National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Challenge Complete!  
You've earned 100 coins of Courageous Goodness!

Play

Dear parent / guardian,

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**.

### What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

### Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova is ideal for children who may:

- Lack confidence to try new things
- Seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- Find it hard to concentrate
- Have concerns with sleeping or eating
- Have angry outbursts
- Have negative thoughts about what's going to happen
- Be avoiding everyday activities, e.g. going to school, seeing friends
- Become irritable, tearful or clingy

### How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started.

<http://luminova.app/devon>

Yours Sincerely,

Mental Health Support Team in schools