



# Winkleigh Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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# A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break, as always they have come back refreshed and ready to learn, We have an exciting term ahead with lots of exciting activities planned.

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time exploring Kents Cavern. They discovered fascinating rock formations, learned about prehistoric cave dwellers, and even experienced the thrill of total darkness inside the caves! As always, their behaviour was impeccable! Well done Year 3.

Today, our Year 5 and 6 students took part in vital Defibrillator Training, led by Jay's AIM. They learned essential lifesaving skills, including how to use a defibrillator in an emergency. A huge thank you to Jay's AIM for this valuable session—our children are now more confident in helping others when it matters most.

This week we welcomed Mrs Down back after her maternity leave, it is lovely to have you back with us. We also said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Elworthy who had her first baby today. Congratulations!

Just a reminder that on Thursday 13th March we are welcoming in Kirsty Way who is a double European trampoline athlete, she will be spending the whole day in school working with the children and talking about her journey. Please bring any sponsorship forms and money in by Monday 10th March. All funds raised are split between school and the athlete. We are looking forward to an exciting day. (Page 10)

Thank you to Mrs Bourner from Winkleigh and Mrs Drake from Bow who organised a collaborative staff meeting focused on Geography. Staff from Winkleigh, Kings Nympton, Hatherleigh and Bow worked together to look at geography books, the curriculum and approaches to delivering key skills and knowledge. It was great to be able to spend time discussing and sharing expertise across the schools. Teachers looked at strengths in how geographical understanding and fieldwork are taught.

We are thrilled to announce that Winkleigh Parish Council is running a writing competition for our students! This is a wonderful opportunity for our young writers to showcase their creativity and talent. We encourage all students to participate – please see the attached flyer for details (Page 9)

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

# MOTHERS DAY CREAM TEA

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025



## Mother's Day Cream Tea

*Inviting: Mums, Grans, Significant females*

*Friday 28th March*

*In school from 2.15pm*

**£4.50**

- \* Homemade scone
- \* Jam & Clotted Cream
- \* Tea or Coffee
- \* A biscuit for the children

*Please pre-order your  
cream tea on the  
gateway by Wednesday  
19th March*

*Please note, cream teas are  
pre-order only.*

*We will be unable to provide  
a cream tea on the day.*



# DIARY DATES

W/C 3RD MARCH 2025



## **NEW** **Daily Deadlines**

- ♦ *Lunch Deadline 8.00am on the same day.*
- ♦ *All Sorts Deadline 8.30am on the same day.*
- ♦ *Early Birds Deadline 3.00pm the day before.*

Please continue to email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) to make any amendments for the above.

Monday 3rd March

- ♦ **Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am**
- ♦ **3.30pm Children released to their parents/carers—Owls and Year 1 via the side gate near the main reception entrance, everyone else from the main playground gate.**
- ♦ **Year 3 Football Festival Exeter City—Those involved have letters**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 3, Year 5**
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Craft Club with Mrs Stapley
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Djembe Drum Club with Miss McLean – **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 4th March

- ♦ **KS1 Girls—Exwick Sport Hub—Those involved have letters**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6**
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club with Emmylou

Wednesday 5th March

- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 4**

Thursday 6th March

- ♦ **World Book Day - Children to dress up as favourite book character**
- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6**
- ♦ 12.00pm-12.30pm Year 3 & Year 4 Running Club
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5 & Year 6 Running Club
- ♦ 3.30pm-4.30pm Multi Sports Club Year 1 to Year 6

Friday 7th March

- ♦ **PE kit today: Year 5**

Emails sent this week: Year 4 Spellings, Owls Rosemoor Educational Visit, Year 1 Exmoor Zoo Educational Visit, Year 3 Spellings, Thursday—Yr5 and Yr6 Running Club (Spring 2025—Half Term 2), Thursday—Yr3 and Yr4 Running Club (Spring 2025—Half Term 2), Year 1 Phonics—Spring Term 2, Year 6 Harry Potter PG/12 DVD Permission, Year 6 Home Learning, Cancelled Session—Djembe Drum Club Monday 3rd March 2025, School bus—Year 3 Football Festival—Monday 3rd March 2025, Girls football festival at exwick—4th March 2025, Winners Beech and Hazel



# THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



## Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break.

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed the story '*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*'

From this the children have constructed bridges for the goats to cross, created their own terrifying trolls and cut out their own puppets.

The children have been retelling the story beautifully in their own words.

Below is a song we have been singing.

Have a wonderful weekend. The Nursery Team

***Billy Goats Like Grass so Green Song (Sing to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'.)***

***Billy goats like grass so green,***

***But the troll is very mean,***

***So the big goat makes a dash, Pushes troll, who makes a splash!***

***Billy goats like grass so green,***

***But the troll was very mean!***



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## Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term break.

This week we have looked at the book '*Jack and The Beanstalk*' as part of our Drawing club sequence. Our new vocabulary has been: disguise, booming, hastily, magnificent, furious, ginormous and ascend. It is wonderful to hear the children using the words we learn in drawing club as part of their everyday chatter in class, they are developing a wonderfully rich vocabulary.

In maths we have been learning about time and the children have enjoyed listening to a range of stories linked to this theme.

As part of our RE topic we are thinking about new life, growth and change, and the children have enjoyed searching for signs of Spring as well as planting beans which we hope won't grow quite as tall as Jack's beanstalk!



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## Year 1— Mrs Keast

Year One have been on a Curious Quest with some bugs this week. We read '*I Love Bugs*' by Emma Dodd. We have been very creative, designing our own bug catchers and writing instructions for building a big hotel. We have been working hard on our sentence formation and have been re-reading our writing to check it makes sense.

In Maths, we have been working on numbers to 50. We have been working out the number of tens and ones in a two-digit number. We have been looking at how much easier it is to count a larger number if the objects are placed in groups of ten.

In RE we have been learning about Holy Week and The Easter Story. We created our own Calvary Hill scenes and thought about the key events in Holy Week.

Next week we are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday. We have some fun book-based activities to enjoy.



## Year 2—Mr Slocombe

Year 2 have had a great first week back. On Monday, we welcomed Holly to our class to discuss her role as a nurse. We are beginning our sequence around Significant Nurses of the past in History and it was brilliant to be able to find out more about nursing today.

In Science, we began our unit about plants by planting our own cress seeds in pairs, we look forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks.

Maths saw us learning more about fractions. We have recapped our learning about part-whole models, before learning about recognising and finding halves.

In English, we have been looking at our new text of *Stuck!* by Oliver Jeffers. This involved sequencing the objects from the story before learning more about adverbs and their role in the text.

I am looking forward to seeing what everyone is dressed up as for World Book Day on Thursday!

Have a great weekend!





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## Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

Year 3s had a great week this week. They had an exciting and educational trip to Kent's Cavern. They were fascinated by the incredible rock formations and the underground caverns they explored during the guided tour. They learned about the geology of the caves, including how stalactites and stalagmites are formed over thousands of years. The highlight of the day was handling some replica skulls from the caves previous inhabitants and some real artefacts that were used by them tens of thousands of years ago. They really showed what excellent learners they were and came back with a wealth of new knowledge that they built on previous learning. They have begun a new teaching sequence on The Great Fire of London, a chronological recount of the fire. They will use this additional research and their trip to the caves to write their own chronological report of the cave, from its beginning to its present day.



## Year 4—Mr Walter

It has been great to welcome Year 4 back following half term! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break.

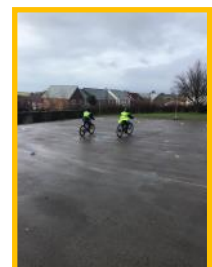
This week, we have been busy exploring our new teaching sequences. In science, we investigated how we hear vibrations linking to our topic of sound. In history, we enjoyed using some of the loaned items from Tiverton Museum to link with our 20th century leisure activities and in RE we discussed key vocabulary linking Christianity and Easter.

In English, we have created our own independent writes about our selected gemstone characters linking with our learning of Blue John. Whereas in maths we have continued to convert fractions between improper and mixed number fractions to allow us to show the different representations.

Well done to everyone who completed the level 1 Bikeability course on Wednesday! We had some great feedback from all! Level 2 for next year is already being arranged.

Next Thursday, is World Book Day! We are looking forward to seeing the amazing creativity of the costumes. Additionally, we will be collecting in any Sport for Champions sponsorship forms and money. Thank you to all handed in so far.

Have a great weekend!



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## Year 5— Mr Saltearn

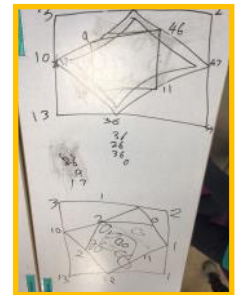
A fantastic first week back in Year 5. In English, we have started our new sequence and book, '*Cloud Busting*'. We have started to read the book and have been writing our own recount poems about what has happened so far in the book. On Thursday, we wrote our own Haikus about different seasons and then about a character that we have read about in the book so far.

In Maths, we have been working in random groups and thinking about our reasoning and critical thinking. We have looked at different challenges and the children have enjoyed working with different people and investigating why something is happening. The children have enjoyed the creative way of recording their findings.

In History, we have started our new sequence on Vikings and have started to build a timeline of key events.

In PE, we have been practicing our bowling in cricket and applying our skills into a game situation.

Have a great weekend Year 5.



## Year 6—Miss McLean

Year Six have thrown themselves into our new sequences across the curriculum, especially our English. The children have been looking forward to starting the Harry Potter sequence and have enthusiastically been writing some howler letters.

In maths we have started the half-term with geometry. We have recapped using a protractor and finding missing angles in a right angle, on a straight line and in triangles.

We have started learning about the Shang Dynasty in history, making links back to the Bronze age which they learnt about in year 3. We also spent our first History lesson learning about the Shang Dynasty kings and tried to order them as accurately as possible. In science, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance and in RE we will be answering the question 'Why do Hindus try to be good?'

Thank you for supporting your child to access and complete the home learning that is starting this term, it really will support them in the run up to the summer term!

Have a great weekend!





# CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION



## Winkleigh Parish Council Community Awards 2025

### CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION

Write your own story about 'Magical Devon' in up to 500 words!



We don't mind about perfect spelling and grammar, just let your imagination fly and have fun.

If you enjoy pictures, you can illustrate your story too. Why not think about the incredible place in which we live and include imaginative people, creatures or animals too. Perhaps you can imagine something magical that takes place here, you can cast a spell with your writing.

You may choose to write something original with a plot, characters and language. Write a story you would love to read!

The competition is open to children aged 11 or under. Entries launched 24/2/25 submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Email your entry to [clerk@winkleighpc.org](mailto:clerk@winkleighpc.org) or submit them in a special posting box that you will find in Winkleigh Post Office and Community Centre. **You can also get an application form from school and hand it in to them.**

Please include the name and contact details of an adult with whom we can get in touch to invite the shortlisted entries to the display and awards ceremony at the Community Fair 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Entries cannot be returned so please keep a copy. The judge's decision is final.

Prizes of book vouchers will be awarded to the winner and runners up and all entries will receive a certificate of merit.

The prizes will be awarded by Guest Speaker TBC.

The winning entry will be published in the Distinctly Winkleigh magazine and all entries will be displayed on the Winkleigh Parish Council Website

# FUNDRAISING



On Thursday 13th March 2025 we will welcome Kirsty Way as our Sports for Champions athlete.

Every child has been given a sponsorship form to try and help raise funds which will be split between the federation (60%) and the athlete (40%). The whole school will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in a fitness circuit with Kirsty Way. She is a European champion in double mini trampolining (DMT). This is a fantastic opportunity for a lot of children to learn about a sport they otherwise might not get to engage with and hear the story of an athlete on their journey to try and achieve success. Kirsty has strong links with other aspects of gymnastics and will spend time with each class throughout the morning.

The form given explains more information regarding the event itself and some rewards available for certain amounts of sponsorships. A child will still be able to participate in the event without sponsorship. Our previous events funds have helped us purchase new equipment like goals and basketball hoops as well maintaining our playgrounds and subsidising trips and events throughout the academic year.

Sponsorship forms are to be returned to school with the collected sponsorship money by Monday 10th March to allow for the information to be collated. If for any reason this sheet has been lost, then the sponsors name and amount can be written on a piece of paper.

Donations can be made in a couple of ways:

Cash donations can be brought in a sealed, named envelope alongside the sponsorship form by the 10th March.

Online donations can be made through the crowdfunding link by following the QR code on the sponsorship form <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winkleigh-primary-schoolfundraiser>

Please note, no money will be transferred through school gateway!  
Thank you for your continued support.





# AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

4TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 4TH APRIL 2025



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Mild Chicken Curry & Rice	Honey Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Golden Veggie Fingers	Cheese & Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Veggie Slice	Veggie Balls in a Tomato Sauce	Vegan Veggie Fritters
<b>Served with</b>	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Pasta, Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake with Sauce	Oat & Sultana Cookie
Week One: 4 Nov   25 Nov   16 Dec   20 Jan   10 Feb   10 Mar   31 Mar					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Butcher's Sausages & Gravy	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Veggie Nuggets
<b>Served with</b>	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Green Beans or Coleslaw Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Homemade Carrot Cake	Homemade Shortbread Biscuit
Week Two: 11 Nov   2 Dec   6 Jan   27 Jan   24 Feb   17 Mar					
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Fish Pie	Sausage Roast Sage & Onion Stuffing	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Frittata	Cheesy Wheels & Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn & Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta	Margherita Wrap
<b>Served with</b>	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas or Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Arctic Roll	Iced Chocolate Cake	Fruit Jelly	Flapjack	Pip Organic Ice Lolly
Week Three: 18 Nov   9 Dec   13 Jan   3 Feb   3 Mar   24 Mar					
<b>SOUTH WEST</b> <b>norse</b> <span>swnorse.co.uk</span>					

You can order lunch till 8am on the same day.  
KS1 children are all entitled to free school meals.



# Wraparound Care for 2 to 11 year old's

Flexible before and after school care available  
Monday to Friday during term time, with  
breakfasts and snacks provided as well as fun  
activities and games.

Everybody is welcome, from nursery to year 6.

## Early Birds:

Breakfast club from 7.45am to 9am everyday

With breakfast £5.30 per session

Without Breakfast £4.30 per session

## All Sorts:

After school club from 3.30pm to 6pm

3.30pm-4.30pm - £5.30

3.30pm - 5.00pm - £7.95

3.30pm - 5.30pm - £10.60

3.30pm - 6.00pm - £13.25

(After the Enrichment Club)

4.30pm - 5.00pm - £2.65

4.30pm - 5.30pm - £5.30

4.30pm - 6.00pm - £7.95

All sessions must be booked by 8.30am on the day via the Gateway

Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted



## **All Sorts After School Club 3.30pm - 6pm**

**Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm - 6pm. £5.30 per hour. We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the child's preference. For example, art and crafts is always a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request. All sessions will include some outdoor play when possible. Snacks are available for those children staying after 4.30pm (except Thursday when we eat what we cook)**

Book on the gateway via the clubs section

**Monday  
Construction  
Club**

**Tuesday  
Music &  
Movement**

**Wednesday  
Arts &  
Craft**

**Thursday  
Cooking**

**Friday  
Fun &  
Games**



# ADVICE FOR PARENTS



## Reporting Absences

To report your child absent please do so by telephoning the school and choosing Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.  
You can also report an absence through the Gateway app.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



## 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



### Advice and guidance

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





Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Winkleigh Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to  
[admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk)