



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy and enjoyable week we have had at school. Our Sports Day was a real highlight, with children showing fantastic determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was especially lovely to welcome pupils from Kings Nympton and to see friendships being strengthened as the children competed and supported one another. Thank you to all the families who came along to cheer the children on and help make the event such a success. Our Year 6s were absolutely fantastic, supporting pupils from across the school throughout the day, showing kindness, encouragement and empathy!

Swimming at Bow has been wonderful this week and provided a welcome opportunity for children to stay active while enjoying some respite from the heat. It has been fantastic to see pupils developing their confidence in the water, improving their swimming skills and encouraging one another throughout the sessions. We look forward to the final session next week.

Another highlight was Fireball Volleyball yesterday, which all classes had the opportunity to take part in. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills, working together as a team and taking part in friendly competition. It was wonderful to see pupils of all ages getting involved with such enthusiasm, encouraging one another and demonstrating great determination throughout the day.

Thank you to Mr Walter for all of his organisation to make these events happen successfully and to the whole team for their support.

The hot weather has certainly been a talking point this week, and the children have coped brilliantly with the high temperatures. We have made the most of shaded areas and adapted activities where needed, following Government guidance and our own severe weather procedures. The forecast suggests that temperatures will be cooler next week, and so children should return to wearing their normal school uniform from Monday.

We said goodbye to Mrs Harris today who has been working alongside Mrs Bournier. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely, cooler weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 29.06.26

<p>Weekly deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Early birds – 3pm Friday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time. Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. <p>Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & Year 6 PE Kit Year 4 Swimming at Bow
<p>Tuesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit Year 5 Joy of Movement Workshop with Exeter City Gardening club with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm
<p>Wednesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit Year 4 Forest school afternoon Burger Takeaway night
<p>Thursday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 1, Year 2 Year 3 PE Kit Cricket club with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 6 Surfing Residential
<p>Friday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2, Year 6 PE Kit Year 6 Surfing Residential Woodland Robins in the Nursery Year 4 Forest school afternoon (PE kit) Year 5 Cake Sale

Diary dates UPDATED



This academic year

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

July

2nd/3rd – Y6 Surfing

7th – Transition day

10th – Colour run

20th – Year 6 End of Term
Performance 6pm

21st – Leaver's Assembly

21st – Final day of term

August

Summer Holidays

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.

Burger night



Wednesday 1st July
3.30pm-6.30pm

Order via email, pay via gateway

All served in a brioche bun with chips, salad and coleslaw.

Mains

- Beef burger **£6.50**
- Breaded chicken burger **£6.50**
- Veggie burger **£6.00**
- Winkleigh Whopper (Beef burger, cheddar, onion rings, bacon, salad) **£9.00**

Toppings: Bacon, cheese, onion rings, garlic mayo, burger sauce **£1.00 each**

Sides:

- Chips **£3.00**
- Cheesy chips **£3.50**
- Onion rings **£3.00**

Desserts

- Chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce **£3.50**
- White chocolate and raspberry cheesecake **£3.50**
- Mini fruit pavlova **£3.50**



The Woodland Federation

Summer Holiday Club 2026

at Winkleigh Primary School

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Email: admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk for more information!

Dates:

- Monday 27th July
- Tuesday 28th July
- Wednesday 29th July
- Thursday 30th July
- Monday 17th August
- Tuesday 18th August
- Wednesday 19th August
- Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August
- Tuesday 25th August
- Wednesday 26th August
- Thursday 27th August



Trips & activities

Year 5 – London – War Rooms & National Gallery



Trips & activities

Year 6 – London Residential



Trips & activities

Year 3 – Camping Residential



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the nursery, the children have been very busy and engaged in lots of exciting learning experiences.

We have been learning all about sunflowers. The children explored how sunflowers grow, what they need to stay healthy, and even looked closely at their seeds and petals. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking lots of thoughtful questions and enjoying creative activities linked to our topic. See below for a song we have been singing.

We have also been practising for sports day, and the children have been fantastic. They have been developing their running, balancing, and team skills, as well as learning the importance of taking turns and cheering on their friends. We are very proud of their positive attitudes and growing confidence.

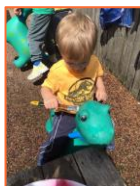
With the recent warm weather, the children have been coping extremely well with the heat. They have done a wonderful job remembering to drink plenty of water, wear their hats, and take breaks in the shade. We have also incorporated more water play and quieter activities to keep everyone comfortable and happy.

A reminder:

Make sure children arrive each day with everything they need for their day in the nursery. This includes spare clothes, wipes and nappy bags. Even if children are using the toilet they may have the odd toileting accident. Thank you.
Well done to all the children for another brilliant week!

Thank you for your continued support.
The Nursery Team

I'm a Little Sunflower (to I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little sunflower, tall and bright
Turn my face to the sun's warm light
When it's cloudy, I bend down low
When the sun comes out, I grow and grow!



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

Owls have had a brilliant week in school this week! We have continued with our topic - Space and our world - and have been learning about the difference between day and night. We have also spent a lot of time playing in the water trays this week, trying to keep cool!

In Drawing club, we have read the book 'Snow White in Space', where Snow White meets 7 aliens and has to escape from the villain, Mortilda. The children have enjoyed coming up with their own characters, settings and creating imaginative way to trap the robot army!

In maths, we have been exploring maps. We have created maps of familiar locations to us and used them to get to destinations. We have also used maps whilst reading the book 'The Gruffalo', showing the different locations that are discussed in the story.

Have a lovely weekend!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

What a lovely sunny week we have had in Year 1!

We have enjoyed making the most of our outside space. In English, we began our new sequence on making slime. The children watched how slime is made and started to unpick what makes a good set of instructions. This will link to our Design and Technology learning next week, when we will make fruit salad and practise following instructions carefully.



In Maths, we explored the value of coins and notes through our role-play area.



In History, we learned about Grace Darling and her brave actions, linking this to the work of the RNLI today.

In Computing, we created simple commands using Scratch. In Science, we explored the school gardens to identify wild and garden plants.



We are looking forward to making and enjoying our fruit salads next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week we began our new English sequence on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have thought about sentence types and expanded noun phrases. We enjoyed the humour in the story and next week we will be thinking about designing and making sandwiches of our own in DT.



In maths we have completed our learning on statistics and are revisiting some area of learning before assessment week takes place next week.



In science we have been thinking about plants and their similarities and differences. We looked at some of the plants that we planted in class a few weeks ago and how they have changed in that time. We found some plants in our school garden and thought about what unique features they each have.

Next week we will be visiting Sam's Cider to learn about how the apples are harvested and turned into cider. This will link with our learning in history about food and farming.



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

The children have worked so hard this week and have battled on with their learning despite the heat! They have completed the teaching sequence around the book 'The day the crayons quit,' writing some very persuasive letters using personification. Well done Year Three, we have loved reading them. In maths, we have also come to the end of our fractions unit. The children have enjoyed working practically this week calculating fractions of quantities using a range of different resources. Our Science lesson this week has suited the weather perfectly as the children have been thinking about how to stay safe in the sun! Next week will be our NFER week. We will spend the afternoons working on our DT topic which the children are excited about! We said a very sad farewell to Mrs Harris this week. She started with us as a student, and leaves as a qualified teacher. We know the children will miss her and we wish her well in her new career. We hope everyone finds somewhere a little cooler to relax and refresh over the weekend!

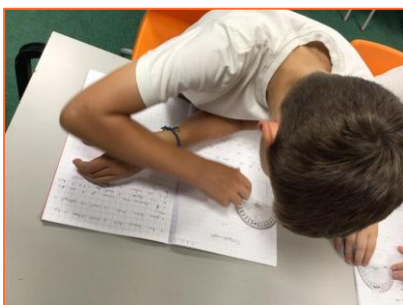


Year 4 – Mr Walter

- This week, Year 4 have shown fantastic resilience while working through the challenging weather conditions. They have worked hard to stay cool and demonstrated maturity by taking responsibility for protecting themselves.

In English, we have begun our learning sequence on Arthur and the Golden Rope, exploring connections to other stories and developing our inference skills further in preparation for the upcoming quiz week. In Maths, we have been building confidence using protractors to measure angles accurately and identify different types of angles and triangles. In History, we have explored the religions of the Anglo-Saxon civilisation and made predictions about the use of a range of artefacts linked with the archaeologist findings at Sutton Hoo. In Science, we developed our understanding of food chains and how animals gain energy as consumers. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Sports Day, thank you for your support. We also appreciate your help with transport for swimming and look forward to our final session on Monday morning next week.

Have a great weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have enjoyed another busy and exciting week of learning. In English, the children have been exploring the key themes of our class text, thinking carefully about the messages, characters and events within the story. They have shown excellent discussion skills and have begun making thoughtful connections between the text and the wider world.

The children also took part in Exeter Sport and Move, where they embraced a range of physical activities with enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to see such teamwork, resilience and positive attitudes building through the weeks.

Last week's trip to the Churchill War Rooms and the National Gallery was a real highlight. The children were fascinated by the historic setting of the War Rooms and deepened their understanding of the military's role during the Second World War. They asked insightful questions and engaged brilliantly with the exhibits. The National Gallery also provided a fantastic opportunity to appreciate and discuss a variety of famous works of art.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been enjoying their taskmaster maths lessons again this week and have enjoyed being able to take this learning outside to shaded, cooler parts of the school grounds. They have worked in small teams to complete a data collection task and a perimeter challenge.

They have shown some brilliant team work and innovative ideas.

In English, we have started our final sequence on the book Anatomy. The children have been interested to learn and revisit knowledge about the systems within the human body.

We have continued with our production rehearsals this week too; the children have enjoyed making some of the props needed for this. Your continued support in helping your child to learn their lines for this is very much appreciated! They are all looking forward to our performance in a few weeks' time.

Finally, well done to Year 6 for their organisation of sports' day alongside Mr Walter, they all took on their roles fantastically!

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

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Entries and token payments are still available via gateway for £5 each and that raffle tickets can be purchased and sold for £2.50 a ticket. Once again payments can be made via gateway or cash with sold ticket stubs.

WINKLEIGH FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 29th August

at Winkleigh Village Hall

OPEN TO ALL



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2.30PM

ENTRIES ON THE DAY 8.30AM-10AM

Schedules available from Catkin Blooms,

The Church porch or wanddgarden@gmail.com

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AT 3.30PM FOLLOWED

BY AN AUCTION OF PRODUCE AND RAFFLE

CREAM TEAS ~ PLANTS AND SEEDS STALL

We would really like to involve children from school and encourage them to create and enter one of the four classes.

- A fantastic beast made from natural materials.
- A drawing, painting or collage of a creature that lives in the garden.
- A decorated plant pot.
- A miniature garden in a standard seed tray.