



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Another fantastic and busy week at Winkleigh! World Book Day was an amazing success and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes around the school. The children clearly put a huge amount of effort into their outfits and it was lovely to see such a wide range of favourite book characters brought to life. The staff also joined in with the fun, dressing up around the theme of Julia Donaldson, which the children really enjoyed. It was lovely to have Kings Nympton join us virtually for a whole federation assembly.

Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of book-themed activities, sharing stories, discussing their favourite authors and celebrating the joy of reading together. Events like these are a great way to encourage a love of books and help children discover new stories and characters.

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents to our Year 3 family lunch. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us – we hope you enjoyed spending time with your children and sharing part of the school day with them. These opportunities to come together as a school community are always very special and greatly appreciated by the children.

Year 5 also took part in their second Decider workshop this week, delivered by the Mental Health Team. The session focused on supporting pupils to develop positive coping strategies, build resilience and understand ways to manage their emotions. The children engaged really well with the activities and discussions, and we look forward to the next session.

Thank you to everyone for another positive and enjoyable week at school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 09.03.26

<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"> Flute club (KS2) with Miss McLean 3.30pm-4.30pm Running club (KS2) with Mr Walter/Mr Slocombe 3.30pm-4.30pm PE Kit: Year 5, Year 6
<p>Tuesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm PE Kit: Year 3, Year 4 Year 4 – QE Orienteering Event
<p>Wednesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2 Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am Year 1 Family lunch Year 5 Decider Workshop
<p>Thursday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 3 Kents Cavern Educational trip PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5
<p>Friday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE Kit: Year 2, Year 4 Mother's Day Cream Tea (2.15pm) Mother's Day Shop

Diary dates

This half term

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

Spring 2

<p>Wb 16.03.26</p>	<p>17.03.26 Year 2 West Town Farm visit 18.03.26 Year 4 Energy from Waste visit 18.03.26 Owls Family Lunch 19.03.26 Pizza Takeaway night 20.03.26 Year 1 Exmoor Zoo visit 20.03.26 Wear Red for the Devon Air Ambulance - £1 donation</p>
<p>Wb 23.03.26</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Wb 30.03.26</p>	<p>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</p>

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.

Author Visit – Ellie Jackson



World Book Day



Pizza night!

Thursday 19th 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



Wednesday Wraparound Care COOKING CLUB



**Wednesday 25th February –
Wednesday 2nd 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)**



Mother's day shop

Mother's Day Gift Shop

We will be holding a Mothers Day Gift Shop in school on Friday 13th March.

There will be a lovely selection of gifts available for the children to choose from.

Each gift will be wrapped and ready to take home for £4

Please place your order and pay via the School Gateway by Friday 6th March.



All proceeds will go towards supporting the school for upcoming events and activities.

Mother's day Cream Tea

Mother's Day Cream Tea

Inviting: Mums, Grans, Significant females

*Friday 13th March In
school from 2.15pm*

£5.00

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

*Please pre-order your
cream tea on the
gateway by Friday 6th
March*

*Please note, cream teas are
pre-order only.
We will be unable to provide
a cream tea on the day.*





Stay & Play



Easter crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 26th March

Winkleigh – Friday 27th March

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

£2 per family



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the nursery we have been learning all about how we have grown and changed since we were born. The children loved talking about what they were like as babies and what they can do now. We discussed how babies need lots of help, but now we can do so many things independently i.e. putting on our coats, washing our hands and tidying up!

We shared baby photos and noticed:

- We were much smaller!
- We couldn't walk or talk yet.
- We needed bottles or help with feeding.

The children enjoyed comparing this to all the clever things they can do now. It was wonderful to hear them talk so confidently about their own growth.

We have also been building towers and comparing the heights of our structures using key vocabulary associated to size such as tall/taller/tallest/short/shorter/shortest and the same. Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of how much the children are growing in confidence, skills and independence every single day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

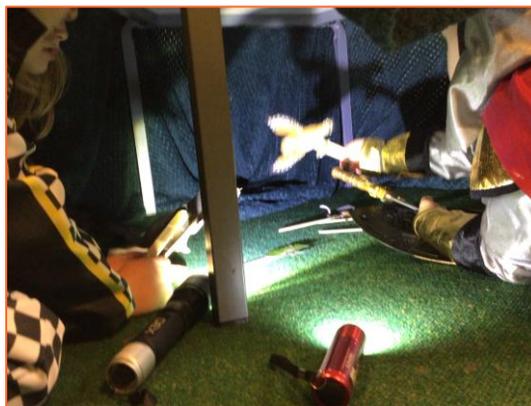
The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Miss Crosby

Owls have had a great second week back. We continued our exploration of all things “growing”, by looking at plant lifecycles, exploring how our bean is growing to record in our diaries, and investigating what changes we might see in “spring”. During Drawing club this week we have been reading the story “stuck”. The children have thoroughly enjoyed Floyd's attempts to get his Kite out of the tree, which get more and more outrageous. We have adapted our own characters and have ended up with drawings of mums, dads, sheep, and dinosaur aliens which have various objects stuck in the tree. We have learnt to be patient as we await the magic of our planted magic bean, and have learnt even though we cannot see what's happening it will still be growing! During maths we have returned to looking at the composition of numbers to 5 in depth, in specific using different manipulatives, part- whole models, tens/fives frames and dot plates to cement our knowledge of number bonds to 5. We have got outside lots this week, with all our unexpected sunshine - long may it continue!
What a great second week!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Another lovely week in Year 1! We have certainly noticed the warmer weather and are still patiently awaiting the hatching of our insect eggs.

In English, the children transferred the skills they have been practising with alliteration and adjectives to write a short poem about dogs. This prepared them well for writing their final poems about pets. We explored many different adjectives and thought carefully about our word choices, considering how we could include rhythm and rhyme in our very own poems.

In Maths, the children have continued to deepen their understanding of place value within 50. We particularly enjoyed using our Dienes blocks (tens and ones) to represent numbers from 0 to 50 and to help us visualise how numbers are made.

In History, we enjoyed learning about Samuel Pepys and how crucial his diary was in recording important events of the 17th century. We also really enjoyed listening to the Year 3 children share their writing about the Great Fire of London.

In Science, we looked closely at the five senses – touch, smell, taste, hearing and sight – with a special focus on the sense of smell. The children loved exploring the different scents in the investigation station in the pod and guessing what they might be.

We also had a lovely World Book Day. The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing their ideas with the class. They were very creative, inventing new characters that could appear in some of Julia Donaldson's stories. The children created wanted posters for villains, predicted which book might be wrapped up using only a few clues, and had great fun acting out one of the stories together.

Have a lovely weekend!



Class news

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two had a fantastic day on Thursday for World Book Day - some very thoughtful costumes on display!

In English, we have completed our sequence on Traditional Tales. This sequence culminated in a piece of independent writing from the Big Bad Wolf's perspective. There has been a focus on using past tense and onomatopoeia in our writing.

In maths, we have completed our sequence on money and are beginning to learn about length and height. Could you have a go at measuring some things at home over the weekend? There has been some discussion about what we can use to measure different items and the difference between centimetres and metres.

Our science this week focused on alive, dead and never alive. We thought about the processes that mean something is alive - including eating, breathing and growing. The children enjoyed exploring the outdoor area and thinking about whether the items we saw were alive, dead, or if they had never been alive.

In history, we learned about Florence Nightingale and her legacy. The children were interested to learn about the events that took place during her lifetime and how modern-day nursing has evolved.



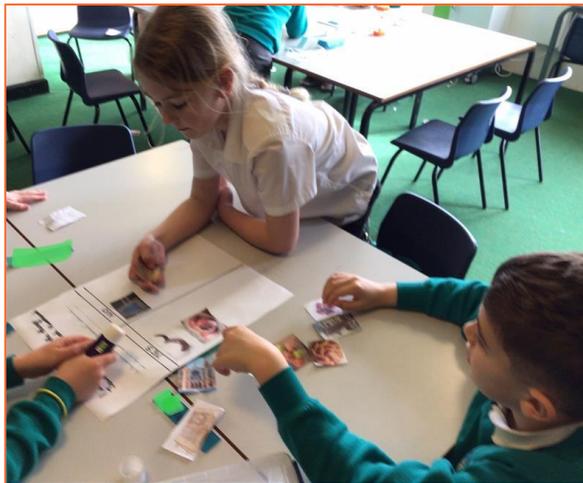
Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

In Year Three this week the children have continued to work well on the topic of fractions. They have compared fractions, ordered fractions and also looked at fractions on scales, discussing whether $\frac{1}{3}$ of a bottle of water is more or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of a bottle. I wonder if you can read any scales at the weekend and think about what $\frac{1}{4}$ or a $\frac{1}{2}$ of that amount might be?

In English, the children completed the Great Fire of London sequence this week, writing some great chronological reports. Well done Year Three, you remembered lots of facts and used some great vocabulary in your writing. In History, they thoroughly enjoyed thinking about what life might have been like in Stone Age times. They looked at artefacts, listened to stories and learnt about what an archaeologist does.

Of course, the highlight of the week must have been our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday! What fantastic costumes the children came to school wearing. It was lovely to see so many different characters in class! They enjoyed listening to other teachers read stories, creating their own character linked to a book, and enjoyed thinking about what they might take on a journey around the world if they were lucky enough to find a whale to take them! Thank you Year Three for a great day. Have a lovely weekend.



Class news

Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week we have finished our English sequence on Leon and the Place Between. We have created our own descriptions on the circus whilst using prepositions to really detail our very own magical 'Place Between!' The independent writing show great levels of imagination.

In maths, we have been exploring the way we can identify and convert between improper fractions and mixed number fractions. Using our prior knowledge of multiplication and division. The week ended with us using physical resources to continue to represent and convert fractions.

Everyone made a fantastic effort to dress up and share their books with each other. We engaged with the author Julia Donaldson with various activities around the text 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'. Don't forget to use your £1 book token by Sunday 15th March.

In science this week, we explored how sounds are created using instruments. We identified how vibrations travel in sound waves. While in history we compared the way people in the UK would holiday in the 20th century compared to today. Expanding on how technology and transport has impacted the way we can travel today.

Have a great weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A great week in Year 5 this week. In English, we have continued our sequence on *101 things to do to become a superhero or evil genius* and have been busy preparing our own information pages. We have some budding chefs in Year 5! They spent Wednesday improving a set of instructions to produce a roast dinner – some very knowledgeable editing took place!

In Maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and have been finding the perimeter rectilinear shapes and using our knowledge to find missing lengths of sides so we can find the perimeter.

This week we have been practicing our conversation in Spanish and have been asking each other what sports we play and which sports we like and dislike, some excellent pronunciation! In Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a part and the difference between sexual and asexual reproduction.

Yesterday was world book day and it was fantastic to see all the children dressed up and the effort that went into their costumes.

Have a great weekend Year 5!



Class news

Year 6 – Miss McLean

World Book Day on Thursday was a great success, thank you to everyone who spent some time discussing reading with their children and supporting them to dress as a book character!

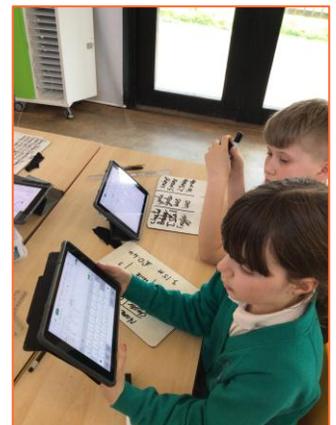
In English this week, the children have written some incredible pages for our own class Haynes manual in the style of the Wallace & Gromit version. They have come up with some very creative contraptions to write about!

We have been exploring angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons in maths this week and using knowledge of the sum of the internal angles to find missing ones.

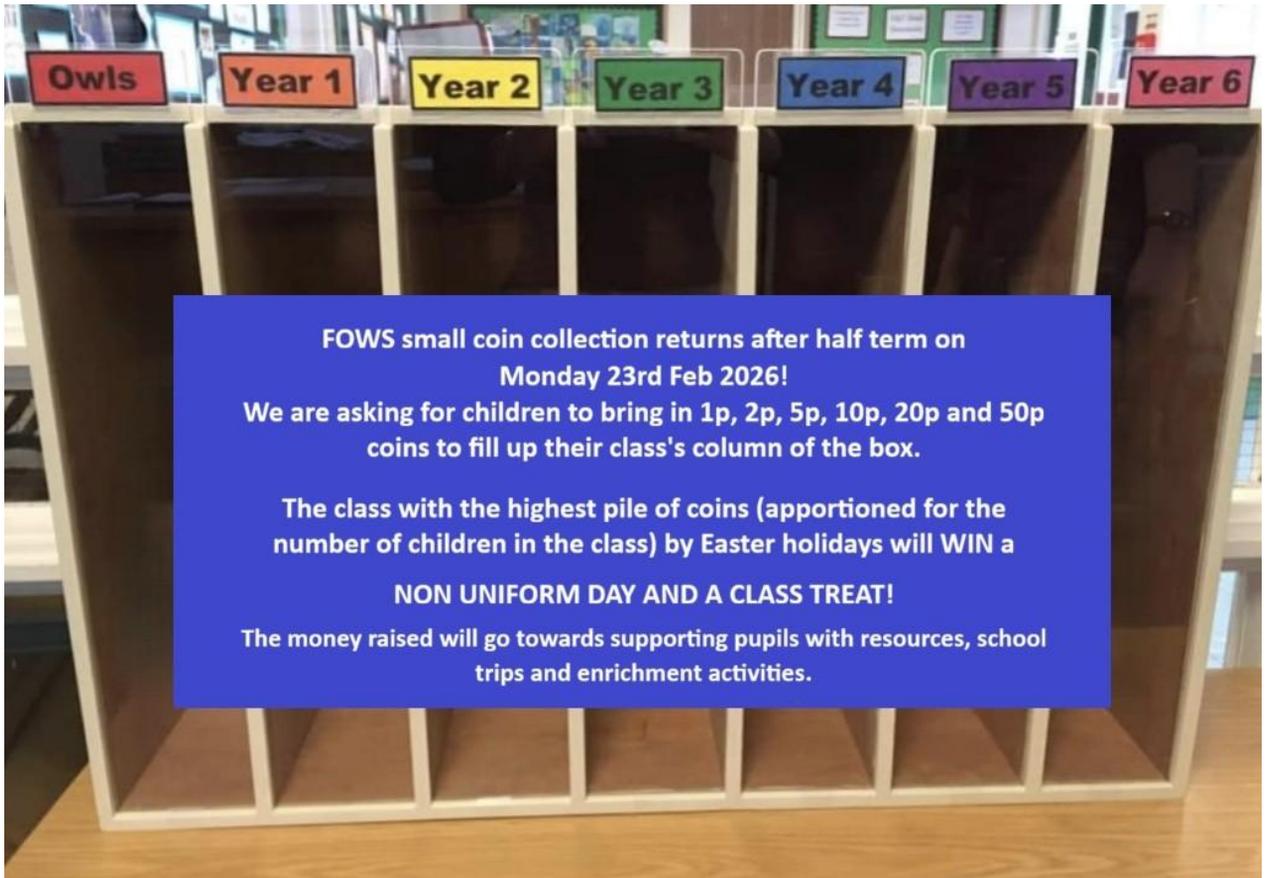
In science, we began our sequence on evolution and inheritance by discussing plant adaptations. The children had a go at making up a new plant, explaining its adaptations and how they help it to survive in a particularly harsh environment.

Finally, in computing, the children have been looking at formatting spreadsheets. They discussed why formatting is important and how the cells in a spreadsheet can be used effectively to display data.

Have a brilliant 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

