



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bourner, who has been a valued member of our school team for many years. We would like to thank her for her dedication, commitment and the positive impact she has had on so many children during her time with us. We wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to her new role.

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils recently travelled to Instow to take part in a cricket tournament. They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. We were very proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the field.

A huge thank you goes to Miss McLean for organising the interactive music concerts that took place across the school this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were enthusiastic participants throughout. It was wonderful to see so many pupils performing with confidence and enjoyment.

The weather may not have been ideal for our Year 3 camping trip, but it certainly hasn't dampened anyone's spirits! When Mr Slocombe and I dropped off food yesterday, we were delighted to find the children fully immersed in their Forest School activities, smiling, engaged and having a fantastic time despite the rain. The experience has provided some wonderful memories and opportunities for learning outdoors. Thank you to Mrs Bourner, Mrs Blacker, Mrs Harris, Miss Jones and Mrs Phillips for accompanying the children and helping to make the trip such a success. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Rowcliffe for all of her organisation!

Today we also said thank you and farewell to Miss Nursaw, who has completed her first placement with us as a BEd trainee teacher. Chloe has worked hard throughout her time at Winkleigh and we wish her every success as she continues her teaching journey.

Executive Headteacher's Update continued

We have been asked by the Department for Education to share the following link to a survey with you:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

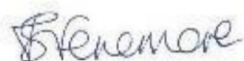
We encourage all families to support The Big Future survey, led by the Children's Commissioner for England, giving children and young people the opportunity to share their views and help shape future policies that affect their lives.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 5 pupils are eagerly anticipating their day trip to London. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity to enrich their learning and experience some of the capital's famous sights. There is already a real buzz of excitement amongst the children as they count down the days.

Our Year 6 pupils are also looking forward to their residential visit. The excitement levels are certainly building, and we know they are all keen to embark on what will be a memorable experience. We hope both trips provide wonderful opportunities for learning, adventure and lasting memories.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 15.06.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 3pm Friday before (call admin to make short notice changes) Early birds – 3pm Friday before (call admin to make short notice changes) 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>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & Year 6 PE Kit Year 5 London Trip – Churchill War Rooms & National Gallery – Drop off and collection from Eggesford. School t-shirts, hoodies and trainers. Year 4 Swimming at Bow
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3, Year 4, Year 6, Year 5 PE Kit Year 5 Chulmleigh College Taster Day Year 6 Fathers' day shop Year 6 Joy of Movement Workshop with Exeter City Gardening club with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit Year 5 Late Registration (10.30pm) available. Year 1/2 Multiskills event at Hatherleigh (those involved have received letters) – PE kit required Year 6 London Residential
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 PE Kit Fathers' Day Shop Year 5 QE Athletics Event – PE kit required Cricket club with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 6 London Residential
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2, Year 6 PE Kit Year 6 London Residential Woodland Robins in the Nursery

Diary dates UPDATED

This academic year

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



June

22nd – Father's Day breakfast
Wb 22nd – Sport & Culture week
25th – Fireball volleyball
26th – Sports Day
29th – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow

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.



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 4 – Bristol Residential



Trips & activities

Sonopera Concerts



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful week exploring the much loved stories 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children have really enjoyed listening to the stories, joining in with repeated phrases, and talking about the different animals. We have also explored the importance of listening carefully, just like the clever ladybird in the story!

This week we have also been focusing on developing our cutting skills.

The children have been:

- Practising holding scissors safely
- Cutting along straight and simple curved lines
- Building hand strength and coordination

These activities help strengthen fine motor skills, which are important for writing readiness. We have also been having a wonderful time outside in the garden exploring through water play.

Songs we have enjoyed singing:

- 1,2,3,4 5 once I caught a fish alive
- Down under the sea where nobody goes...
- 5 little fish swimming in the sea...
- 5 little speckled frogs

Have a wonderful weekend.
The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

What a great week Owls have had! We are continuing with our topic - Space and our world - and have been learning about the moon this week. We have learnt why the moon shines, that it appears to change shape and that humans have visited it.

In Drawing club, we have read the book 'Toys in Space', which is about a group of toys who are taken by an alien who is trying to find his teddy. The children have enjoyed creating their own spaceships and aliens! The children have worked really hard on their drawings this week, showing off their imaginations.

In maths, we have continued to explore patterns - copying them and making our own. We have also been creating buildings of different sizes, using wooden blocks and lego, discussing how we could make patterns using different sized objects.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have had another lovely, busy and productive week! In English, we continued our writing linked to Wanted: The Perfect Pet. We looked closely at each chapter and summarised the key events, ready for our final write next week, where we will use our skills to write our own story.

In maths, we have started our new learning on place value within 100. We have been counting from 50 to 100, revisiting tens and ones, and practising counting in tens.

In history, we explored how trains and the railway changed seaside holidays. The children enjoyed creating railway posters for seaside destinations in England.

In science, we used magnifying glasses to look carefully at plants, before sketching and labelling their main parts. On Thursday, we were also lucky to enjoy a brilliant interactive concert from Sonopera.

Have a lovely weekend!



Year 2 – Mrs Keast

In Year 2 we enjoyed two small furry visitors to the classroom on Monday. The guinea pigs came in for a brief visit and we watched a video clip of 'how to wash a guinea pig' in preparation for our shared writing. We have spent the week working on a shared piece of writing, based on the text we have been reading. Next week, we will be writing our own independent pieces. If the children would like to bring in a photo or small cuddly toy animal on Monday to inspire their final piece, they are welcome to do so.

In maths we have completed our learning on time and are now focusing on statistics. We have learned how to create tally charts, tables and block diagrams. We have enjoyed asking questions to our classmates in order to obtain the raw data for each activity.

Science this week involved checking on our seeds that we planted a week ago. It was good to see how some have germinated and others are keeping us waiting. We talked about the possible reasons for this and what a seed needs in order for it to germinate successfully. The sunflower seeds seem to have been the speediest so far!

History was another exciting lesson and we loved talking about our real-life experiences of farming in today's world. Some children in the class were able to share detailed insights into milk production and how farming is now supported through technology and machines. Next week we will compare it to farming in the past and thinking about how different it would have been.



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner



Gone camping!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

- This week in Year 4, we have been diving deeper into the myth of Maui, exploring the stories within the legend and using drama to create expressive freeze frames that brought key moments to life. In English, the children have been expanding their writing by using adverbials, helping them build richer phrases and more detailed clauses.

In maths, we continued developing our understanding of time, comparing hours to minutes and months to years, as well as practising how to convert between analogue and digital clocks.

In history, we explored the journeys of the Anglo-Saxons and how their settlements eventually formed the seven kingdoms.

We thoroughly enjoyed the brilliant music workshops yesterday.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

Year 5 have enjoyed another productive and engaging week of learning across the curriculum. In English, pupils have continued their work on *Carrie's War*, using the text as inspiration for their own writing. They have been exploring the grammatical features used by the author, Nina Bawden, and discussing how these choices help to create atmosphere, develop characters and engage the reader. In Maths, children have been using number lines to strengthen their understanding of negative numbers, comparing values and applying their knowledge to a range of problem-solving activities. In Art, pupils have been developing their drawing skills through the use of tone and shading, learning how artists create depth, texture and form. Our History sequence remains focused on World War Two, with children building their knowledge of key events and their impact on people's lives. We are all eagerly anticipating our exciting trip to the London War Rooms next week, which will bring our learning to life and provide a valuable insight into this important period in history.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been getting stuck into their production rehearsals this week with some brilliant singing of our songs and learning of lines starting to take place. Please can you support your child at home to continue learning their lines as much as possible, this will be greatly appreciated!

In English, they have continued to read *Floodland* and have written some brilliant explanation texts about how to survive on Eels Island. They have also been using persuasive techniques to plan and take part in a class debate.

In maths, the children have completed some Taskmaster style challenges involving reasoning and problem-solving skills. On Thursday morning, we were treated to an interactive concert from Sonopera. The children learnt some new songs and musical skills. They joined in with singing and actions to a range of musical styles. We are very much looking forward to the London residential next week!

Have a brilliant 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