

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into their learning and school routines. The classrooms are once again full of enthusiasm and curiosity, we are very proud of how everyone has embraced the new school year.

A very special well done to our Year 6 children, who have already taken on the responsibility of being our oldest pupils in school with great maturity and enthusiasm. Every day at 1:00pm, our Year 6 children spend time reading with our Nursery and Reception children. The feedback we have received has been truly wonderful. It is lovely to see our older children encouraging, supporting and building such positive relationships with our youngest pupils.

Our Year 6 children also have the responsibility of eating lunch alongside our younger children. Again, it has been wonderful to see how helpful, caring and considerate they have been. They are proving to be fantastic role models, and we are very proud of them.

Thank you to everyone who attended our big breakfast. Mrs Rowcliffe, Mr Slocombe and I served over 50 full breakfasts, as well as bacon and sausage baps. All proceeds from this will go towards our school fundraising.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have also had a fantastic trip to Ultimate Adventure. There was lots of fun, laughter and plenty of smiles as the children tackled the high ropes and enjoyed the water course. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves, supporting one another and enjoying such a brilliant experience together.

Our after-school clubs began this week, and it has been great to see so many of our clubs filling up. We hope the children enjoy trying new activities, developing new skills and, most importantly, having lots of fun!

We now have some items in our Second Hand Uniform Shop, please do get in touch to find out more.

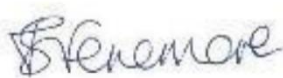
This week, we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Ince as she moves on to a new role. We wish her success in her new role.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead. We have so many exciting trips, activities and visitors planned, and there will be lots of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and make wonderful memories along the way. We are excited to see all that the coming weeks will bring!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore



Message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Board welcome you all back to another school year and we look forward to working together with you to continue to provide all the children with the very best education that we can offer.

We are exceptionally proud of the Ofsted reports for Winkleigh and thanks to all the staff across both schools for supporting during these visits. They really are brilliant to read and testament to the incredible work that goes on across the Federation. Thanks to you all as parents supporting both schools and an even bigger thanks to all the children.

The Board has some new members to ensure that governance is independent and able to fulfil its three core functions which are given below. We now meet monthly and we are starting work on a big Ethos and Vision project across the Federation.

As parents and carers you are stakeholders in the Federation and the Board would really like to hear from you. Our questions to you are:

- What do you want for your children when they leave the Federation?
- What sort of person do you want your child to grow into being?
- What's the most important value for you as a person?

We will be asking the staff and the children similar questions and all this information will help us to shape the Federation – as with anything places and people change and this is healthy and important for growth as a community. One word answers are all that is needed and there will be a flipchart board at drop off in both schools next week with pens available for you to write your words and thoughts on to.

The Board thank you for your support of the schools and we look forward to the coming year.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions either by clerk@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk or sjenkins@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

Kind regards
Siân Jenkins
Chair of Governors

The Three Core Roles of a Governor:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction. Governors help set the long-term goals and ambitions for the school, ensuring it has clear values and a solid development plan.
- Holding executive leaders to account for educational performance. They monitor pupil outcomes, evaluate school data, and act as a "critical friend" by both supporting and challenging the headteacher.
- Overseeing financial performance and making sure money is well spent. They look at the school budget to ensure resources are managed effectively and public money directly benefits the pupils.

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 14.09.26

Weekly deadlines	- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before - All sorts – 3pm Sunday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> - Early birds – 3pm Sunday 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. Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.
Monday	- Writing Hook Day - Year 4, Year 5 PE kit - Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)
Tuesday	- Year 1, Year 6 PE kit - Ukulele club (3.30-4.30pm) with Miss McLean (Years 3-6) - Gardening club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mr Walter (Years 2-6)
Wednesday	- Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit - Craft club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mrs Stapley (Years 1-3) - Year 1 Rosemoor Trip
Thursday	- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit Woodland Robins Toddler & Baby Group (9.00-10.30am) Cancelled this week.
Friday	Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit

Sunday Lunch Takeaway

Sunday 4th October

Collect 12noon-1.30pm

Roast lunch takeaway, all served
with roast potatoes, gravy and
seasonal vegetables.

Pork & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Chicken & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Beef & Yorkshire Pudding - **£12**

3-meat mix & Yorkshire Pudding & Sage and onion stuffing - **£14**

Nut roast - **£10**

Apple Crumble & Custard - **£3.50**

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Toffee sauce - **£3.50**

**Proceeds to be split between Devon Air Ambulance &
School Trips and Residentials Fundraising**



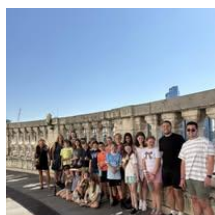
Saturday 7th November

9.30am-12noon

Visit Winkleigh Primary School!

What we offer:

- High quality, engaging learning environments
- Ofsted 'Strong Standard' in all areas of Under 2's provision
- Nurturing provision
- Tailored and adaptive teaching
- Broad and ambitious curriculum
- Extensive enrichment opportunities through trips, visitors, residentials.
- A strong sense of belonging and community
- Places available for children aged 0-11 years





Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in the Nursery as the children have continued to settle into their routines and become increasingly familiar with the rhythm of our nursery day. We have been supporting the children to feel happy, secure and confident as they play, explore and learn alongside their friends.

Water Play – Washing the Babies

The children have particularly enjoyed our water play this week, caring for and washing the baby dolls. This has provided lots of opportunities for imaginative play, communication and language, as well as developing coordination and physical skills as the children scooped, poured, squeezed and splashed. We talked about being gentle and caring for our babies.

Colour Sorting

We have continued developing our understanding of colours and sorting. The children have been matching and sorting objects by colour, using their developing mathematical language as they explored similarities and differences.

Learning Our Routines

A big focus continues to be learning and following our daily routines. The children are becoming more familiar with tidying away, washing hands, snack and lunch times, putting on coats and shoes, and moving between activities. These everyday routines help children develop independence, confidence and a sense of belonging within our Nursery community.

Please Remember

Please make sure your child arrives at Nursery each day with everything they may need, particularly as we settle into the new term.

Please provide:

Plenty of spare clothes, including socks!

Nappies

Wipes

Nappy bags

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly named so that they can be easily identified. Thank you for your continued support as the children settle into Nursery. We are enjoying getting to know them and watching their confidence grow each day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

What a wonderful second week we have had in Reception! The children are doing a fantastic job of learning our classroom rules, exploring the indoor and outdoor learning environments, and making new friends. We are seeing so many smiles, and we are incredibly proud of how well they are adapting to their new school routines. Thank you for your continued support during this transition period.

We have focused heavily on routines, learning where to hang coats, put water bottles, message books, how to access toys independently, and how to tidy up together.

We are starting to share and talk about our photos from home. Exploring what is the same and different about our families and our friends families.

We have explored pairs and patterns using the story Simon Sock by Sue Hendra, and we practiced sorting socks and hanging them on the washing line. We have also acted and sung counting songs.

We have learnt our first phonemes (sounds): s, a, t, p. Focussing very much on the initial sound of words. The children have also had a go at writing the grapheme (letter) for these sounds. They have been practising pre-cursive so that all graphemes start at the same place.

Have a great weekend.



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

We kick started another good week in year 1 with sharing some books with the year 4's in book club.

In English, we continued our learning about Simone Biles. The children recalled some interesting facts about her and worked hard to record these in their books.

In maths, we continued our learning on place value within 10, counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less. The children especially enjoyed drawing number tracks outside with chalk and jumping along them as they counted.

In art, we explored the Key Stage 1 garden, finding and sorting natural materials for our work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

In geography, we used Google Earth to locate Winkleigh in Devon, Devon in England and England within the United Kingdom.

In science, we explored the difference between objects and materials.

In music, we have been learning the Menu Song, developing memory and recall while focusing on beat and rhythm.

Another lovely week of learning. Well done, Year 1!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

We have really enjoyed getting to know one another even better and have had lots of fun learning together. In English, we have been diving deeper into the life of David Attenborough and writing our own biographies about him. The children worked incredibly hard and produced some wonderful pieces of writing, which we are excited to display around school.

In Art, we have been exploring what the word abstract means. Inspired by the artist Pablo Picasso, the children began creating their own unusual portraits using imaginative shapes, colours and ideas.

It has also been a very busy week filled with gymnastics, singing and learning through play. One of our favourite activities was creating a giant Antarctica, complete with penguins, just like the ones David Attenborough travelled to see and film during his adventures.

Well done, keep up the amazing work!



Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

Year 3 have had another amazing week! We have continued to work hard on our routines and have really enjoyed carrying on our new sequences.

In English, we have continued our learning sequence about Pele. We have been writing our own biographies in our neatest writing for our display!

For maths, we have carried on learning about place value, using our knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones to identify a number.

We have enjoyed learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis in geography. In art, we have been drawing our own self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo. We were also lucky enough to have some Year 6 children join us for book club, where we read stories together.

I am very impressed by the effort and quality of work shown this week by all of you! You are showing real progress and are rising to all expectations.



Year 4 – Mr Walter

In English this week, we have completed our learning sequence on Marie Curie, demonstrating our understanding of her remarkable legacy by writing our own biographies. We are excited to begin our new learning sequence focusing on the text *The Great Kapok Tree*, starting on Monday with our hook day.

In Maths, we have further developed our understanding of representing numbers up to 1,000 using a Gattengo chart and have explored finding more and less than a given number. Next week, we will develop our understanding of Roman numerals. I wonder if you could find any examples of Roman numerals at home?

In Geography, we have been learning about different biomes around the world, considering the animals and plants that have adapted to live in a range of climates. In Science, we have developed our understanding of the properties that make materials solids or liquids. Whilst in Art, we learned a variety of stitches after successfully threading our needles and practising our sewing skills.

Thank you for taking the time to join us on Friday's open morning. It was wonderful to share some of our learning with you. Have a great weekend.

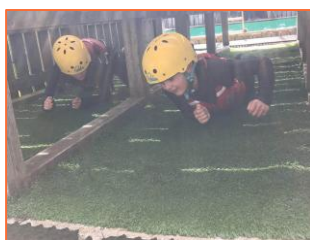


Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

This week, in English, we have been writing biographies about Rosa Parks, learning about the important events in her life and using these to create our own pieces of writing. In Maths, we have continued our work on place value, helping us to understand the value of digits in numbers. In Science, we carried out a magnetic investigation, testing different materials to find out which were magnetic. In Geography, we explored what we already know about mountains and discussed their main features. In PSHE, we learned about the importance of compromise and how it can help us solve problems and work well with others. We also had an amazing trip to Ultimate Adventure, where the children showed great teamwork, confidence and enthusiasm throughout the day.

We had an amazing day at Ultimate Adventure! The children showed incredible enthusiasm, courage and teamwork throughout the visit. They embraced every challenge, supported one another and were a credit to our school. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and know they will have lots of memories to share from this fantastic experience.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their joint trip with Year 5 to the Ultimate Adventure centre in Bideford this week! They showed such resilience and supported each other through the high ropes and the assault course too.

In English this week, they have written some powerful, persuasive speeches linked to the work we have done on Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. They made good use of the persuasive features we have learnt about including repetition and direct address.

In maths, we have finished our first sequence on place value by retrieving knowledge on how to order, compare and round numbers and applied this to 7-digit numbers. Next week we will begin looking at the four operations.

In art, the children had the opportunity to choose which artist or piece of art they would like to take inspiration from to recreate in a fabric collage in the coming weeks. In geography, we learnt about grid references on OS maps. The children used their knowledge to find and plot OS map symbols and recorded the 4- and 6-figure grid references.

This week, the class have continued to be extremely supportive and kind to their peers at lunch times and in our reading sessions after lunch with Owls and nursery.

Have a lovely weekend!



Vacancies

Teaching Assistant

Winkleigh Primary School

Grade B-C Dependent on experience

Full Time

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and committed **Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly team at **Winkleigh Primary School**.

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a nurturing Federation where children are at the heart of everything we do, situated within the heart of the Devon countryside.

The school and nursery are growing rapidly, and we are looking for someone who is passionate about giving young children the very best start to their education.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a genuine passion for working with young children and supporting their development.
- Provide a warm, caring and stimulating environment where children feel safe, valued and confident.
- Plan and deliver engaging experiences that support children's learning and development.
- Work effectively as part of a supportive and committed team.
- Build positive relationships with children, parents and families.
- Have high expectations for children's learning, development and behaviour.
- Be reliable, enthusiastic and willing to contribute to the wider life of our schools and federation.

Further information:

- A Level 3 qualification in Early Years is desirable.
- We would be interested to hear from candidates who would be willing to work in our extended wrap-around provision.

What we can offer you

- Supportive federation with a strong commitment to professional development and high-quality provision (Ofsted, 2026).
- Comprehensive CPD programme.
- Shared expertise across the federation.
- Environments that ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve, thrive and belong.
- A dedicated staff team that act in the best interests of supporting all children, including highly skilled practitioners.
- An inclusive setting that welcomes every child with open arms (Ofsted, 2026).
- A unique setting that draws on the natural environment.
- A child centred approach that fosters an holistic focus on every child and their learning, nurturing and celebrating their individual interests, needs and strengths in a warm, caring and inspiring environment.

We would love to hear from you if you are an enthusiastic and caring person, looking to support the pupils in our school communities.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to arrange a visit with a member of SLT or phone 01837 83354.

Please return completed application forms to admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk