



# Winkleigh Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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# A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Myself and all the staff would like to thank Mr Slocombe and Miss McLean for organising the whole school science day yesterday with 'Wonderstruck' it really was fantastic to watch. The children were so excited watching all the experiments, especially the ones with bangs and explosions. Both key stages, including nursery, enjoyed a show and then spent the day participating in science experiments in their classes. Nursery then came down in the afternoon and spent the day in Owls class. This was paid for out of school fundraising.

Some of our Year 6 children took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the football Utilita Cup at Exeter this week, they won 3 matches, lost 2 and drew 1. Well done to everyone involved, it sounded like you played well, especially competing against some of the bigger Exeter schools. Thank you to Mr Walter and Mr Davis for taking the children.

So far this academic year, our wonderful team of Friends of Winkleigh School have subsidised the following trips and experiences M&M panto, Nursery animals visit, Owls Bear Town, Yr 1 Tiverton Museum, Yr 2 Northern Burrows, Yr 3 Exeter, Yr 4 Eden, and Yr 5 Stover Park. They have also subsidised the following residentials Yr 3 camping, Yr 4 Escot, Yr 5 Skern and Yr 6 London and Surfing, as well as trips this term and into the summer.

We are so grateful for this as, along with PE premium and school fundraising money, we are able to offer all our trips and residentials at discounted prices. If you would like to join the Friends team, please contact the school and we can put you in touch. They are always looking for new members and ideas.

We sent out a link to a childcare questionnaire this week and we'd be grateful if parents could complete it, even if it's not relevant to you but you know someone with young children who might be looking for childcare, please pass the link on.

This week we welcomed Mr Saltearn back to Winkleigh, he is spending the next couple of weeks getting to know the children he will be teaching, he will be replacing Mrs Betts' teaching commitment after half term. Mrs Betts will be leading Early Years at Kings Nympton. As a federation we are always looking to develop our staff and utilise their specialisms to benefit all of our children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

# DIARY DATES

W/C 29TH JANUARY 2024



Saturday 27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking School Meals, Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 5th February</i></li> </ul>
Monday 29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6</b></li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Cooking Club with Miss Parsons</li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Choir Club with Miss McLean/Mr Davis</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Owls, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6</b></li> <li>◆ Lunchtime Girls' Football Club with Mr Walter</li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter</li> </ul>
Wednesday 31st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline—Year 5 Skern Lodge Residential Final Payment</i></li> <li>◆ <i>Deadline—Year 6 London Residential 4th Payment</i></li> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4</b></li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Key Stage 1 Multisports with Primary Sports</li> </ul>
Thursday 1st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 4</b></li> <li>◆ Lunchtime Netball Club with Mr Walter</li> </ul>
Friday 2nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline—complete Childcare Questionnaire</i></li> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 3</b></li> <li>◆ 2.00pm-3.00pm Nursery Stay &amp; Play</li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Key Stage 2 Multisports with Primary Sports</li> <li>◆ <b>5.00pm-6.00pm Primary Sports Glow in the Dark Event</b></li> </ul>
Saturday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking School Meals, Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 12th February</i></li> </ul>

Emails sent this week: Netball at QE Postponed. Year 5 Spellings. Owls Phonics 22/01/24. Year 2 West Town Farm Educational Visit 5th March 2024. Year 2 Little Wandle 24/01/24. Cake Sale Lost Property. Birthday Photos for English Sequence. Year 1 Little Wandle 25/01/24. Childcare Questionnaire. Train Arrival Update.

# SCIENCE DAY

EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1



*"The rocket car zoomed across the floor!" - Finlay*

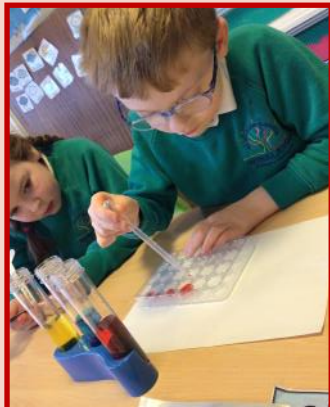


*"The best bit was when Peter popped the balloon with fire!" - Grace*



*"I liked making the rocket and launching it. It went really high!" - Elsie*

*"My favourite but was when he lay on the nails and the water came out of his shirt!" - Ashby*



*"I was worried about him having holes in his back!" - Wesley*



*"We mixed the powder with water and it grew and made snow. It feels cold like real snow" - Ellie*



*"Look, the windmill is going really quickly, if I blow it, it goes super fast" - Louie*



*"There was a rocket machine and fire, and the man laid down on nails but he didn't get hurt!" - Bea*



*"My favourite was the colour mixing, I liked using the crystals." - Darcie*

# SCIENCE DAY

KEY STAGE 2



*"I liked all of it because it was exciting."* - Lucas



*"I really liked firing the rockets, mine ended up in a tree."* - Elodie



*"My favourite part was the jet engine because I liked when it made lots of noise, exploding every second."* - Charlie B

*"My favourite part was the gunpowder because of the big explosion."* - Carmela



*"I liked the show with all the big explosions because it felt like a party with lots of huge party poppers!"* - Freyja



*"I enjoyed being able to catch the bubbles because they stayed on your hand for a few seconds."* - Rory



*"There was a great amount of amazing experiments"* - Kaden



*"There was such a loud bang, it was great!"* - Molly

# UTILITA CUP—2ND ROUND

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024



Yesterday, we took the same squad that qualified from the first round to Exwick Sports Centre in Exeter for the second round of the Utilita Cup.

The tournament was split into two groups of eight, with us being drawn against some of the other qualified teams in the area. Everyone played extremely well, working together as a team and showing great determination in every game.

There were games that we won, drew and lost but every game was played with a smile on faces and continuous hard work.

Mr Walter and Mr Davis are very proud of all of the players who took part for representing Winkleigh fantastically.



# THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



## Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

Another super week in the nursery! We have enjoyed printing dinosaur footprints, making our own fossils using salt dough and in maths we have been describing the features of 2d shapes and using them to create our own dinosaur pictures. We have listened beautifully to different stories including 'Dinosaur Time' by Michael Foreman. The children have been learning dinosaur related songs and rhymes including the song below- maybe over the weekend ask your children to share it with you. Have a wonderful weekend! The Nursery Team

### Ten Big Dinosaurs

(To the tune of "10 Little Indians")

1 big, 2 big, 3 big dinosaurs,  
4 big, 5 big, 6 big dinosaurs,  
7 big, 8 big, 9 big dinosaurs,  
10 big dinosaurs!

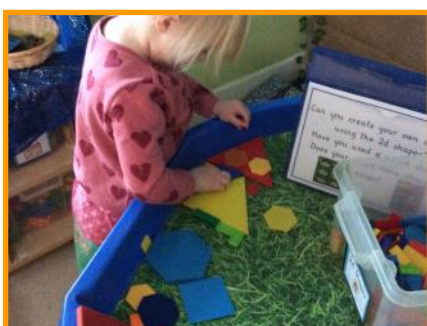
They all lived a long, long time ago.

They all lived a long, long time ago.

They all lived a long, long time ago.

Now there are no more.

Have a wonderful weekend



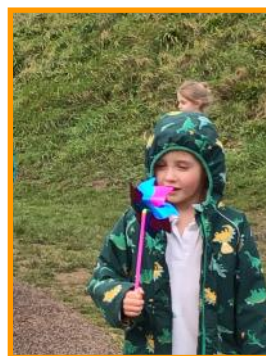
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## Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

Batfink has been the inspiration for Drawing club this week! The children have loved creating their own villainous characters and valiant superheroes. The words associated with our drawings this week have been: valiant, spark, villain, rescue, magnetic, thrilling, rescue and direction. **Can you remember the actions and the meanings of these words Owls?** As part of their phonics work the children have learnt some new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words and once again, they have been practising looking for the graphemes within words. **I wonder if you can make a list of words with our new graphemes in?** In maths, the children have been learning about measure this week. They have enjoyed investigating mass, capacity and size by making playdough and investigating floating and sinking as well as enjoying using the balance scales. In P.E the children are really building up their confidence and skills with balancing and jumping and it was wonderful to see them all working so well together to help and encourage one another on Tuesday. What a fantastic Science day we all had on Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show from Wonderstruck and back in class they loved investigating magnetism, making their own windmills to learn about wind direction and weather and enjoyed making and playing with 'snow!' **Please can we ask parents to double check hoodies and school jumpers this weekend as we are finding a few with labels that have fallen off!** Have a great weekend Owls



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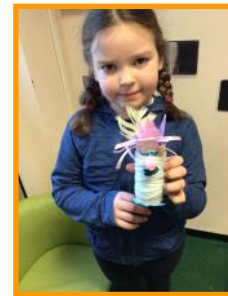


## Year 1— Mrs Keast & Mrs Betts

We have completed our English sequence this week and wrote some amazing traditional tales of our own. Our character, Ben, found a magic bean and then grew an enormous beanstalk. We enjoyed thinking of our own ending to the story and describing what was at the top of Ben's beanstalk. We are now beginning our sequence on Chinese New Year and we will be thinking about how we celebrate special occasions.

In Maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction within 20. We have been thinking about addition and how we can add by counting on. We discussed how addition calculations are commutative and how much easier it is to add by starting with the largest number and then counting on from there.

In RE this week we learned about Jewish Synagogues. We compared them to Winkleigh Church and learned about special artefacts that would be found inside a Synagogue. ***Can you remember what is stored inside The Ark?***



## Year 2—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Betts

This week Year 2 have finished their traditional tale based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They have also begun to look at the book *This is How we do it*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsJOAfO1b7w> It follows the day of 7 children around the world. They will be working day by day on each section and writing their own version. In Maths they have finished Money and moved on to Multiplication and Division. The 2, 5 and 10 times tables will be learned, allowing children to quickly recall both multiplication and division facts related to these. Any support you can give at home to get these truly embedded would be fantastic. In RE this week, one of the children brought in her prayer mat to show how Muslims pray which helped children to learn about each other as part of our class community. It is safe to say that Science Day was a huge hit. In the afternoon, they continued with the practical feel of the day by cooking their own healthy meal of vegetable fajitas and fruit kabab. They sorted lots of larder items in to good and not so good food types, designed their own meal menu and finished with a knowledge round up quiz on Kahoot.





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## Year 3—Mr Slocombe

In English this week, we have begun looking at our new text of An Interview with a Tiger. The children have enjoyed hearing the facts about a variety of animals presented through an interview. We have written and answered questions, summarised the key facts and defined key vocabulary to familiarise ourselves with the text. Maths has seen us consider equivalent lengths, converting between metres, centimetres and millimetres. We have also been busy comparing lengths, before applying our addition knowledge today. A highlight this week has definitely been our whole school science day! We were fascinated by the show from Peter at Wonderstruck and we loved building and erupting our own volcanoes! Meanwhile, in geography, we designed and wrote postcards to show off the county of Devon. Tuesday's PE lesson involved applying the skill of defending in order to gain possession of the ball. Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 4—Miss McLean

Year Four thoroughly enjoyed taking part in science day yesterday. They learned from the practical experiments that we did in the classroom as well as the workshop that we had in the afternoon. In English this week, we have started our sequence based on the book Blue John. We listened to the piece of music that the book was written in response to and come up with some predictions of the story based on the music and the titles of each chapter. We also had a go at using some grammar features that we already know to describe some of the pictures in the book. In maths, we have been looking at length and perimeter. **Can you explain the difference between area and perimeter?** We learnt that there are 1000m in 1km and had a go at using meter rulers to measure the classroom.

The children recalled lots of knowledge from our workshop last week in geography this week to make links between the natural resources available to us and the things that we use them for.

Have a fantastic weekend!



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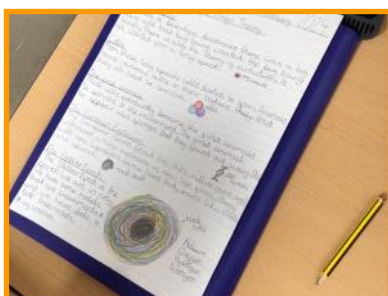
## Year 5—Mr Walter

This week, Year 5 have started their exploration of various short stories from our text Short! We have discussed the different genres of each story and predicted what the plot would be by the title. Later in the week, we have been adapting the stories by using adverbials to inform the 'when and where'. In maths, we have also started a new learning sequence. This week, we have collected some data and thought about the layout and presentation of our statistics in line graphs. Elsewhere, we have practiced our shooting in both football and netball and learnt about the key features of a river in geography. Everyone enjoyed making a clay example of a river to highlight some of the features. In RE, with our learning partners we researched the legacy of Mother Teresa. While, in art we used examples of landscapes to start to create our own. Everyone enjoyed the science day on Thursday, thank you to Mr Slocombe and Miss McLean for organising our workshop. Have a great weekend.



## Year 6—Mr Davis

In English this week, the children have revised apostrophes - both contractions and possessive. They have then had to apply this to a variety of creative writing tasks involving different characters and their interactions. In maths, Year 6 have been demonstrating their understanding of decimals by solving problems involving addition, subtraction and multiplication. They have all worked very hard. In Science this week, the children have researched different organisms from the different 'kingdoms' that we have been learning about and have learnt how they are classified. Year 6 loved the science day on Thursday - what a treat. In RE, Year 6 have attempted to demonstrate their knowledge of the scientific creation theory - from the Big Bang to the Theory of Evolution. The main issue that we encountered was trying to get our heads around the distances and the huge amounts of time involved in understanding these theories. Finally, in PSHE, the children learnt about addiction and some of the experiments scientists have carried out (using rats of all things) that try to explain how addictions and habits can come about. Have a lovely weekend!



# AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

FROM 30TH OCTOBER 2023



## Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

## Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

## Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

# WRAPAROUND CARE

FOR 2 TO 11 YEAR OLDS



## WRAPAROUND CARE

Flexible before school care available during term time. Nutritious breakfast provided with regular continental specials. For Nursery and School children aged 2yrs to 11yrs.

**7.45-9.00** JOIN  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY** US!

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## EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB!

Book on the Gateway, via Clubs section  
Session with breakfast £5.00  
Session without breakfast £4.00  
Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Winkleigh Primary School, Farmer Franks Lane, EX19 8HW



## ALL SORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm-5.30pm. £5 per hour. Available for Nursey and School children aged 2yrs-11yrs.

We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the children's preference. For example, art and craft is always on a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request.

Snack is provided every day (except Thursdays when we eat what we cook!) and children are encouraged to make their own snack.

**CONSTRUCTION CLUB MONDAYS**—Let your imagination reach new heights! What will you build with Lego, K-nex, marble runs and more.

**FUN & GAMES TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**—we start with outdoor play, then move inside for All Sorts' Family Tea (children can make their own sandwiches) followed by board games, circle games, cards and more.

**ARTS & CRAFTS WEDNESDAYS** will have a different theme each week, from painting and paper art, to stencils and sewing, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Art and craft is available every day for those who choose it.

**COOKING THURSDAYS**—we have a different theme each week...

- 4th Jan—National Spaghetti Day...Spaghetti Bolognese on the menu
- 18th Jan—it's Pastry week—let's make pain au chocolat
- 25th Jan—Burns Night—Cranachan (traditional Scottish dessert)
- 1st Feb—Pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day
- 8th Feb—Valentine's Day biscuits
- 22nd March—celebrating Chinese New Year

**BOOK YOUR SESSIONS ON THE GATEWAY,  
VIA THE CLUBS SECTION**



# 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



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

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



Are you entitled?

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)