



# Winkleigh Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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# A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally at the end of what has been a fantastic term, with so many wonderful events, trips and exciting activities happening. The Owls did an amazing job performing the Nativity and looked so gorgeous in their costumes, as did all of Key Stage 1 who performed such an amazing production of Ralph the Reindeer. The singing was amazing as was the acting, well done all.

Well done to the Year 5 and 6s who designed and ran the games day on Wednesday, all classes had the opportunity to play the games and win prizes, it was very well organised. They raised £504 which goes towards their Year 6 trips in the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Grand Prize Draw, the draw took place on Wednesday and all winners were contacted by email. We raised a grand total of £786 which is phenomenal!

It was lovely to see so many of our Key Stage 2 parents and carers at the carol service yesterday, the church was packed, well done again to everyone who performed and sang so beautifully.

The children have worked so hard this term and it has been lovely to see the progress they have made. Special mention to our school ambassadors; Archie M, Holly, Mia and Harry for organising a FANTASTIC talent show which took place this morning in the hall. The performers were excellent, congratulations to Antonia and Grace who came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Olive and Ellena in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 1<sup>st</sup> place went to both Nylah and Carmela! Well done!

Thank you to all the staff who have organised such great trips this year for their classes, from Bear Town to Morwellham Quay. Thank you also to Mr Davis and Mr Walter for organising so many sporting events and festivals this term, we know the positive effects that sport and team work has on children's mental health and this continues to be a high priority within the school. We have lots more planned in the new year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their parties this afternoon, thank you to everyone who brought in food to share, we even have a bit leftover for next term!

Staff would like to say a big thank you for all their wonderful cards and presents, it is really kind of you and much appreciated.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Nicks who has been a TA with us for a number of years, we wish her all the best in her new role, we will miss you! We welcome Mrs Cornwall and Miss Phillips to the team in January.

Lastly, have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in the new year.

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

# DIARY DATES

23RD DECEMBER 2023—6TH JANUARY 2024



<i>Saturday 23rd December</i>	<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 1st January</i></li></ul>
<i>Saturday 30th December</i>	<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 8th January</i></li></ul>
<i>Sunday 31st December</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Deadline for Year 5 Skern Lodge 3rd Instalment Payment</i></li><li>◆ <i>Deadline for Year 6 London Residential 3rd Instalment Payment</i></li></ul>
<i>Monday 1st January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Deadline for Spring Term Enrichment Club bookings</i></li></ul>
<i>Tuesday 2nd January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Non-Pupil Day—Staff Training only, school closed to pupils</i></li></ul>
<i>Wednesday 3rd January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>First Day of Spring Term—Pupils return to school</i></li><li>◆ <b><i>Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am</i></b></li><li>◆ <i>Deadline for Year 5/6 Bikeability Consent Forms</i></li><li>◆ <b><i>PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4</i></b></li></ul>
<i>Thursday 4th January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b><i>PE kit today: Year 4, Year 5</i></b></li></ul>
<i>Friday 5th January</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b><i>PE kit today: Owls, Year 2, Year 3</i></b></li></ul>
<i>Saturday 6th January</i>	<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 15th January</i></li></ul>

Emails sent this week: Face Paints—KS1 Christmas Performance. Bus Arrangements This Week. KS1 Christmas Play Reminders. Year 3 Christmas Gift Box Instructions. Nursery and Owls Milk. Utilita Cup Second Round. Grand Prize Draw Winners. Admission to Primary School 2024. End of Term Repots. Year 5 Spellings 14/12/23. Year 3—PG Film Showing. Bikeability—Deadline Extended.

# THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

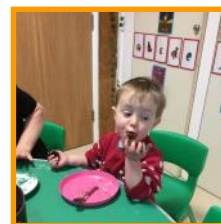
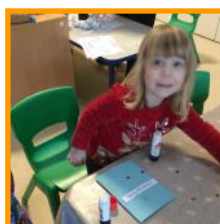


## Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

Wow what an exciting last week of term! The children have been busy making cards, biscuits, wreaths, and practising their present wrapping skills! We have also been singing at any opportunity and had a choctastic time making chocolate truffles!

Thank you children and families for an absolutely terrific term the children have been wonderful! Wishing you a very merry Christmas and see you in 2024!

The Nursery Team



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## Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

What a wonderful end to this first term Owls Class have had this week.

I am sure you will all agree that they did a fantastic job of re-telling The Nativity story on Monday. For most of the children, this was their first taste of performing and we were so proud of every single one of them for getting up onto the stage, for singing, remembering their words and more importantly enjoying their special moment. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

As part of our maths work this week the children baked biscuits, weighing, measuring, mixing and of course making special Christmas wishes! We hope some of them arrived home to share!

Everyone had a fantastic time taking part in all the games organised by the Year 5 and 6 children on Wednesday and they all came away with lots of very exciting prizes!

The children have been busily crafting and creating all things Christmassy and glittery this week and were very excited to bring home their bags on Thursday. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break Owls. You have worked so hard this term and have grown together as a great little team. We hope Santa brings you everything you have wished for and we can't wait to hear all about it in the New Year.

Merry Christmas to you all.



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## Year 1— Mrs Keast & Mrs Betts

A fabulous finale to the term for Year One!

We loved performing Ralph the Reindeer on Tuesday. We have worked really hard rehearsing for the past few weeks and were so happy to share the final performance with you all. On Wednesday we had great fun playing the Christmas games that Year Five and Year Six had created. We have made some lovely Christmas crafts this week and we will be bringing these home to help festoon your homes! Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the Spring term.



## Year 2—Mrs Rowcliffe

What a fantastic week. We have been busy as elves getting all our lovely Christmas crafts done. We really hope you like the gifts the children have made for you and hope you will treasure them—there was a lot of hard work put in to every piece.

They children were amazing in the Christmas play and we really hope you enjoyed it as much as they enjoyed performing it for you. The look on their faces when they had completed it said it all. What a lovely end to a term.

I am very much looking forward to next year, working with the children and Mrs Betts. That just leave me to wish you and your families the warmest Christmas wishes. Enjoy the break and spending time together over the festive period. My sincerest thanks to you for your support this half term.

Merry Christmas!



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## Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Wow! What a busy week to end an excellent term! We are now a third of the way through the academic year and Year 3 have continued to thrive! We are very proud of all that they have achieved since September.

We have had a brilliant week, working hard on Christmas crafts including cards and gift boxes. In English, we have finished planning and writing our own versions of Mog's Christmas Calamity. The children have written some lovely narratives, based on the Judith Kerr text. We have also focused on editing and improving writing, taking sentences and re-writing them to up-level them. We have thought about our vocabulary choices and sentence structure.

We have evaluated our hats that we made during D&T and worn them during our Christmas party today.

Many thanks also to everyone for cards and gifts, they are all much appreciated. Have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!



## Year 4—Miss McLean

What a fantastic term Year Four have had! We've had a brilliant week to finish off the Autumn Term including many Christmassy activities and our chocolate workshop.

On Monday afternoon, we were visited by Nicola from Celebrate Cacao. In our workshop, the children discussed how the Ancient Mayans used cocoa pods to make a hot chocolate type drink which was reserved for the most important people in their society. They had a go at opening cacao beans and grinding down the nibs to add to water and make their hot chocolate which was then flavoured with chilli and sugar. Finally, they melted cocoa butter and added cocoa powder to make their own chocolate discs.

It was lovely to see parents at the church on Thursday afternoon, thank you for your support. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break!



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## Year 5—Mr Walter

Well done Year 5 for an eventful last week of term. Everyone worked brilliantly this week to complete an English debate, help Year 6 in running their Christmas games for our DT project and take part in the carol service in the church yesterday afternoon.

Miss Parsons and I are very thankful for the Christmas wishes we have received and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!



## Year 6—Mr Davis

In the last week of the Autumn term, Year 6 have worked hard and enjoyed their final few days. In English, they have finished their sequence set in the Northern Lights (although they have requested to continue reading the book as our class novel in the Spring term).

The collaboration and enthusiasm that the children from both Year 5 and 6 showed on Wednesday for the Christmas Games was fantastic. It was lovely to see the older children working together with the younger ones. They also enjoyed their Dojo treat and made and decorated some Christmas biscuits (and enjoyed eating them).

From all of use here, please have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2024!



# ADMISSIONS

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2024



Was your child born between  
**1st September 2019** and  
**31st August 2020?**

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**

or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

Devon  
County Council



# WRAPAROUND CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL



## EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB!

### WRAPAROUND CARE

Flexible before school care available during term time. Nutritious breakfast provided with regular continental specials. For all school-aged children from Reception to Year 6.

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

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

# WRAPAROUND CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL



## ALL SORTS AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE



RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Available during term time

BOOK ON THE  
GATEWAY VIA  
THE CLUBS  
SECTION

EVERY MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
BETWEEN 3:30PM - 5:30PM



ART & CRAFT  
WEDNESDAYS



COOKING  
THURSDAYS



FUN & FRIENDS  
EVERY DAY

### AUTUMN TERM ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Fun and board games
- ✓ Traditional outdoor games
- ✓ Seasonal art and craft
- ✓ Cooking, baking, and eating!
- ✓ Quiet time
- ✓ Sport and fitness
- ✓ Snacks included

Costs  
**£5**  
Per Hour

TAX-FREE  
CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED

Winkleigh Primary School, Farmer Franks Lane, EX19 8JQ



## 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.

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**



# 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				

# 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)