

Winkleigh Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Winkleigh. Our Year 4 children had an exciting and educational visit to the waste management plant in Plymouth. They learned all about recycling, waste reduction, and how we can help take care of our environment. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that encouraged thoughtful discussions about sustainability. Their behaviour was excellent, well done Year 4!

Some of our Key Stage 1 pupils had a fantastic time at the Exeter City training ground, where they took part in a fun-filled football festival. They practiced their skills, played team games, and enjoyed learning from professional coaches. Well done to all who participated!

Year 6 had a special visitor this week who shared her experiences of living in South America. The children were fascinated to hear about the culture, wildlife, and daily life in a different part of the world. It was an inspiring session that sparked curiosity and great discussions.

We love celebrating and sharing the amazing learning experiences happening across the school and are looking forward to the final week before the half term break.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES



W/C 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

<u>NEW</u> <u>Daily Deadlines</u>	 Lunch Deadline 8.00am on the <u>same</u> day. All Sorts Deadline 8.30am on the <u>same</u> day. Early Birds Deadline 3.00pm the day <u>before</u>. Please continue to email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make any amendments for the above.
Monday 10th February	 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 3.30pm Children released to their parents/carers—Owls and Year 1 via the side gate near the main reception entrance, everyone else from the main playground gate. Year 5—Level 2 Bikeability
Monday Tour February	2.00pm-3.15pm Nursery Stay & Play
	◆ PE kit today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5
	◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Craft Club with Mrs Stapley
	◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Flute Club with Miss McLean
Tuesday 11th February	 Year 5—Level 2 Bikeability PE kit today: Owls, Year 4, Year 6 3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club with Emmylou
	◆ Year 3—Level 1 Bikeability
Wednesday 12th February	 Admin Team Training Day - no admin staff in school after 9.30am. Emails will be checked periodically throughout the day, please telephone school if your message is urgent.
	◆ PE kit today: Year 1, Year 4
	 Premier League Primary Stars Under 11's (Those involved have received letters)
Thursday 13th February	◆ PE kit today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Year 6
	→ 3.30pm-4.30pm Multi Sports Club Year 1 to Year 6
Friday 14th Fahruary	♦ 8.45am-9.30am Family Breakfast and Open Morning
Friday 14th February	◆ PE kit today: Year 5

Emails sent this week: Yr 3 Climbing & Camping Residential, Year 4 Wildwood Escot Overnight Visit, Deadline Reminder—Premier League U11 Girls cup, Art Exhibition, Careers Week, No Admin from 12pm, Deadline Reminder—Yr 3 Kents Cavern Educational Visit, Sports for Champions Events, FOWS Cake Donations, Girls Football Festival at Exwick

STAY & PLAY



MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025



ART EXHIBITION



14TH FEBRUARY 2025—22ND FEBRUARY 2025





SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

This week we have continued with wolves by looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs! The children have enjoyed retelling the story, made play dough pigs, explored different resources to make houses and cut out their own stick puppets.

Below is a story themed song we have been learning.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Nursery Team

Poor Three Little Pigs Song (Sing to the tune of 'Three Blind Mice'.)

Three Little Pigs,

Three Little Pigs.

See how they run,

See how they run.

The Big Bad Wolf is on his way.

The pigs need a house in which they stay.

The straw and the sticks will blow away.

Poor little pigs.





















SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

This week Owls have had fun learning all about the Spring Festival of Chinese New Year. They have enjoyed setting up their own 'Noodle Shop' in the garden and have impressed us with their chop stick skills! They located China on a world map and enjoyed trying to send the Beebots from The UK to China!

In maths, they have enjoyed retelling the stories 'Handa's surprise' and 'Six Dinner Sid' and have used both these stories to learn more about the composition of the numbers 6&7.

Our Drawing club text this week has been 'The Knight and The Dragon' by Tomie DePaola. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own invitation scrolls on Wednesday. Our vocabulary linked to this story has been: ancestor, scroll, maiden, battle, commence, construct and clumsy. I wonder if you can remember the actions to accompany each word?

Next week will be our assessment week in phonics. Some ideas of ways to support your child with their phonics has been sent home.

Thank you for your continued support in hearing your child read, and for sharing books at home. It really does make a difference to developing their love of reading.



















SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Year 1— Mrs Keast

Year One have been reading *The Gingerbread Man* in our Curious Quest. This week we had to send our writing to The Biscuit Goblin! We have been working on using our phonics to spell unfamiliar words, choosing from a range of graphemes. We have used playdough to create before writing about our ideas.

In Maths we have been working on our knowledge of number facts. We have thought about using doubles and near doubles to help us answer addition and subtraction problems. We have played lots of fun games which have helped us to reinforce our understanding of number bonds to 10 and to 20.

This week in Geography we thought about everything we have learned about Sri Lanka. Then we discussed how life in Sri Lanka is different to our lives here in The UK. We found that there are some similarities – we are both islands and both have beaches nearby. But we found some big differences, particularly regarding the kinds of native animals we have!

Next week we are looking forward to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. We will spend the afternoon learning about internet safety and completing some fun educational activities.







Year 2—Mr Slocombe

Another great week in Year 2! Some of us were lucky enough to be able to take part in a KS1 football festival at Exeter City Training Ground on Monday. It was a great day, made even better by some lovely weather. It was brilliant to see everyone getting stuck in with the games. We came away with the 'Be Inspiring' certificate.

Meanwhile, English has seen us begin a new sequence based on the text 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris. We have been learning the text and considering how we would care for the real-life dragon egg that appeared in the classroom this week!

We have come to the end of our sequence around Multiplication & Division in maths today. We enjoyed learning about times tables and thinking about how they are connected, noticing patterns.

In science, we considered the effects of exercise on our lives and bodies.

Today we have completed our final piece of artwork, which we are looking forward to proudly displaying in our school art exhibition next week!

Have a lovely weekend!









SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

Year 3s have been working really hard on their handwriting this week, there has been a drive on the children taking ownership of their writing and presentation. We are still using the Little Wandle mantras to form the letters but we start the letters on the line and use cursive to flick at the end. Any encouragement from home to support this would be great and we can send some examples home if anyone is interested! Let me know during parents' evenings next week!



The class have loved the project on magnets, they have been fascinated by which metals are magnetic and which aren't. Again, if you can help at home with investigating it embeds their learning.



In art they have been super busy getting their work ready for the art exhibition in the church during half term.

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There has been lots of talk about their first school residential and we will continue to answer questions to support any concerns! It is a very exciting trip and one they will love going on!

Year 4—Mr Walter

We have been working on punctuating and using direct speech within our writing. Our focus has been how our speech needs to be punctuated whilst also exploring how changing the reporting clause impacts the sentence. I wonder if you can see what is wrong with my speech example: "Blue John, Shouted the Queen of Darkness. "Come back here!

In maths, we have come to the end of our multiplication sequence. Our focus this week has been looking at correspondence questions and ensuring to use the most efficient method to help us calculate our answer. **Remember to keep practicing those times tables at home.**

In art we are planning our final piece in the style of David Hockney. This artwork will be put on display in the church over half term. I hope you will get the opportunity to go and visit so the children can explain the process we followed throughout this sequence.

Yesterday, we enjoyed our trip to Devonport Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility in Plymouth. We were able to tour the facility to find out what happens to any non-recyclable waste we produce in Devon. This waste follows a process to be incinerated and turned back into electricity. It was interesting to see the amount of lorries waiting to deliver the rubbish and how hot the fire burns 24 hours a day. We also had the opportunity to be scientists once more and test the different materials for certain properties. Everyone has been asked to come home with the message of reduce, reuse, recycle and recover.

Have a good weekend all!











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Year 5— Mr Saltearn

A great week in year 5. In English we have continued to use our short stories and have been learning about writing in different tenses and changing sentences from one tense to another. On Friday, we have started to plan our own short stories and have been thinking about how we can create mystery in them.

In Maths, we have started our new sequence on decimals and percentages and have been finding equivalent fractions to decimals.

In Geography, we have created our own rivers using clay. The children worked in small groups and looked to include different features of a river.

In PE, we have continued our sequences on netball and dance and have been using the skills we have learnt in netball in a mini festival.

In Art, we have been completing our sequence and creating our final pieces of art that we

use for the art exhibition.









Year 6—Miss

On Tuesday afternoon this week, Year 6 welcomed a visitor to talk about South America as part of our geography sequence. The children listened intently to soak in all the information she had to share with them. They had the opportunity to look at some items from South America including handmade pillow cases. The children are now creating their own fact files about a country of their choice in South America using all the facts they know.

In English this week, we have started our shared writing to recreate the opening of a story set in the same place as A Wizard of Earthsea. We have had some fantastic ideas and the children are looking forward to the independent writing stage of the sequence next week.

In maths, we have move on to looking at perimeter, area and volume. So far we have revised how to find the area and perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and triangles.

The children have started their final piece of art that will be going on display in February half term, the children are all looking forward to seeing their work displayed alongside the rest of the school's.

Have a wonderful weekend!



FUNDRAISING



On Thursday 13th March 2025 we will welcome Kirsty Way as our Sports for Champions athlete.

Every child has been given a sponsorship form to try and help raise funds which will be split between the federation (60%) and the athlete (40%). The whole school will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in a fitness circuit with Kirsty Way. She is a European champion in double mini trampolining (DMT). This is a fantastic opportunity for a lot of children to learn about a sport they otherwise might not get to engage with and hear the story of an athlete on their journey to try and achieve success. Kirsty has strong links with other aspects of gymnastics and will spend time with each class throughout the morning.

The form given explains more information regarding the event itself and some rewards available for certain amounts of sponsorships. A child will still be able to participate in the event without sponsorship. Our previous events funds have helped us purchase new equipment like goals and basketball hoops as well maintaining our playgrounds and subsidising trips and events throughout the academic year.

Sponsorship forms are to be returned to school with the collected sponsorship money by Monday 10th March to allow for the information to be collated. If for any reason this sheet has been lost, then the sponsors name and amount can be written on a piece of paper.

Donations can be made in a couple of ways:

Cash donations can be brought in a sealed, named envelope alongside the sponsorship form by the 10th March.

Online donations can be made through the crowdfunding link by following the QR code on the sponsorship form https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winkleigh-primary-schoolfundraiser

Please note, no money will be transferred through school gateway!

Thank you for your continued support.







AUTUMN/WINTER MENU



4TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 4TH APRIL 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Mild Chicken Curry & Rice	Honey Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Hot Option 2	Golden Veggie Fingers	Cheese & Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Veggie Slice	Veggie Balls in a Tomato Sauce	Vegan Veggie Fritters
Served with	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Pasta, Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Bean
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake with Sauce	Oat & Sultana Cookie
	Week One: 4	1 Nov 25 Nov 16 D	ec 20 Jan 10 Feb	10 Mar 31 Mar	J.
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butcher's Sausages & Gravy	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
Hot Option 2	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Veggie Nuggets
Served with	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Green Beans or Coleslaw Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Homemade Carrot Cake	Homemade Shortbread Biscuit
3	Wee	k Two: 11 Nov 2 De	ec 6 Jan 27 Jan 24	Feb 17 Mar Thursday	Friday
3 Hot Option 1				erecon presentations	Friday Fish Fingers
	Monday Cheese & Tomato	Tuesday	Wednesday Sausage Roast	Thursday	
Hot Option 1	Monday Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Tuesday Fish Pie Cheesy Wheels & Herby Diced	Wednesday Sausage Roast Sage & Onion Stuffing Quorn & Leek	Thursday Beef Bolognese Mediterranean	Fish Fingers
Hot Option 1 Hot Option 2	Monday Cheese & Tomato Pizza Frittata Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or	Tuesday Fish Pie Cheesy Wheels & Herby Diced Potatoes Peas or	Wednesday Sausage Roast Sage & Onion Stuffing Quorn & Leek Pastry Puff Roast Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots	Thursday Beef Bolognese Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Penne Pasta Green Beans	Fish Fingers Margherita Wrap Chips &

You can order lunch till 8am on the same day. KS1 children are all entitled to free school meals.

Wraparound Care for 2 to 11 year old's

Flexible before and after school care available Monday to Friday during term time, with breakfasts and snacks provided as well as fun activities and games.

Everybody is welcome, from nursery to year 6.

Early Birds:

Breakfast club from 7.45am to 9am everyday
With breakfast £5.30 per session
Without Breakfast £4.30 per session

All Sorts:

After school club from 3.30pm to 6pm 3.30pm-4.30pm - £5.30

3.30pm - 5.00pm - £7.95

3.30pm - 5.30pm - £10.60

3.30pm - 6.00pm - £13.25

(After the Enrichment Club)

4.30pm - 5.00pm - £2.65

4.30pm - 5.30pm - £5.30

4.30pm - 6.00pm - £7.95

All sessions must be booked by 8.30am on the day via the Gateway

Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted



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.





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



but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





Advice and guidance

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



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