Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs V Fenemore

Friday 20th November 2026

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope some of you managed to visit the church to see the wonderful Remembrance Day artwork created by our children. We have received some lovely feedback, and it has been fantastic to see their work displayed so beautifully in the church.

A big thank you to Mr Walter for organising the skateboarding workshops for our Key Stage 2 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, had lots of fun and even learnt some exciting new tricks!

Well done to our Year 6 children, who have already started receiving some raffle prizes! We have been delighted to hear how many local businesses have commented on the beautiful, handwritten letters sent by our children. Their efforts and thoughtful words have clearly made a wonderful impression.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic production of Sleeping Beauty. The children were absolutely enthralled from start to finish and loved being entertained by such a wonderful performance. It was a real treat for everyone!

We still have a few places available in our reef-making workshop this Saturday. We would love to see you there! The cost is £25 per place, and we hope some of you will be able to join us for this creative and enjoyable activity.

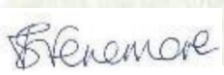
After Christmas, we will be moving to our new catering company, Educatering. Educatering is very popular amongst schools across Devon and prides itself on using fresh ingredients to provide delicious meals for children.

The team from Educatering will be holding a menu tasting session at 3.00pm on Friday 11th December, following our Santa Run. We do hope you will be able to stay and join us to sample some of the food and find out more about our new catering provision.

Please do take a look at the Christmas Flier here. All the information that you need is attached and the relevant gateway payment requests have been set up, including Christmas dinner and Christmas games.

Finally, may we respectfully remind parents and children that the grassed area next to the staff parking area should not be used by children at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep this area safe.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!
Kind regards
Mrs V Fenemore



Diary dates
Upcoming week

Week beginning: 23.11.26	
Weekly deadlines	• Lunch deadline – midnight the day before • All sorts – **3pm Sunday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)* • Early birds – **3pm Sunday** 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. Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.
Monday	• Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit
Tuesday	• Gardening club with Mr Walter • Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
Wednesday	• Owls, Year 5, Year 6 PE kit
Thursday	• Christmas Cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe • Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit
Friday	• Owls, Year 2, Year 3 PE kit

Christmas 2026
at Winkleigh Primary School
Details overleaf

Saturday 21st November

Wreath making workshop
Winkleigh School Hall
Refreshments
£25



9.30am-12noon

Thursday 3rd December

Christmas bake off

Auctioned off in sealed bids!



Cash payment

Friday 4th December

Christmas disco



FOWs payment

Tuesday 8th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers

Nursery, Owls, Year 1 & Year 2



Gateway payment

Tuesday 8th December

Carol Singing
Years 3 & 4 in the village
1.30pm



Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Gateway payment



Wednesday 9th December
Nursery Christmas concert
2.30pm
Winkleigh School Hall



Thursday 10th December

Owls Nativity
Winkleigh School Hall
Performance 2.30pm
Programme – 50p



Ticketed

Friday 11th December

Christmas Family Breakfast, Open Morning & Christmas Stay and play in Nursery



Gateway payment

Friday 11th December

Santa Run

Sponsorship



Monday 14th December – Friday 18th December
Excluding Wednesday 17th for KS2
Christmas jumpers every day



Monday 14th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Winkleigh School Hall
Programmes – 50p
Creche available



Ticketed



From **1st December** – Christmas Postbox



Christmas 2026
at Winkleigh Primary School

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas games & raffle



Wednesday 16th December

KS2 Carol Service
2pm All Saints Church
Full uniform



Hot chocolate after from school – cash payment

Thursday 17th December

Year 6 VIP Christmas Ball

3 course meal & VIP Disco



Friday 18th December



Talent Show & Class Christmas Parties

Owls & KS1 Performances

Owls Nativity – Thursday 10th December 2.30pm – School Hall
Tickets will be sent home, 2 per child.
Programmes 50p

KS1 Performance – Christmas with the Aliens – School Hall
Monday 14th December 2pm
Tickets will be sent home, 2 per child.
Programmes 50p
Creche available – must be booked in advance

Christmas Games by Year 5 and Year 6

Working collaboratively in D&T lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 will devise, create, set up and run games for all the children in school to enjoy.
This will be a "pay to play" fundraising and enterprise event for Years 5 and 6. A payment request for £3.50 will be set up on gateway. The children will be provided with tokens to play in school.

Christmas Dinner
Nursery/Owls/Year 1/Year 2 – Tuesday 8th December
Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 – Wednesday 9th December

Turkey or Vegetarian Roast
Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Gravy

Ice Cream and Biscuit
KS1: Free (50p donation gratefully received) / KS2: £3

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.








FRIENDS OF WINKLEIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS DISCO

Fri 4th DEC 4 - 5:30PM

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Meal bags. Tuck. Tattoos

£2 entry on the door

Bring your childs water bottle please

School staff and FOWS will be supervising.
no need to stay with your child.

Disco Meal Bag £3.50

This will include:

Hot Dog (Pork sausage from Winkleigh Butcher)
Drink
Packet of crisps
Small packet of sweets

Please pre-book by sending £3.50 per child into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child/children's name and class on.

Alternatively, you can pay by BACS, but please also accompany the BACS payment with an email to f.o.w.s@outlook.com to say which child/ren the payment is for (FOWS Account number: 22077944 Sort code: 54-21-14).

The deadline for ordering the meal bags is **Tues 24th November.**

We will hold a list at the tuck shop and ensure everyone has their bag.

Please pay £2 on the door for entry as usual.

If you'd like your child to have any additional sweets (20p or 50p), crisps (50p) or a tattoo (30p), please let your child have additional money.

Vegetarian sausages available, please make a note with your payment if you require a vegetarian sausage.

MEAL BAGS & SEPARATE HOT DOGS ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT

Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

We have enjoyed another lovely week in the Nursery, continuing our learning about woodland creatures. The children have been developing their curiosity about the animals that live in our woodlands, exploring different creatures and thinking about where they might live and how we can make homes for them. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity and imagination developing through our woodland inspired activities.

We have also been busy experimenting with mixing paint, discovering what happens when we combine different colours to make new ones. The children have enjoyed exploring the paints, watching the colours change and creating their own colourful creations.

Our mathematical learning has continued through lots of hands-on opportunities to pour, fill, empty and compare weight. The children have been investigating different containers and materials, exploring which objects are heavier or lighter and developing their understanding of mathematical language such as full, empty, heavy, light, more and less.

Throughout the week, we have continued to encourage the children to explore, experiment, share ideas and learn alongside one another. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm, growing confidence and enjoyment as they discover new things through play.

Below is a song we have been singing.

Have a wonderful week.

The Nursery Team





Hello Mr Hedgehog
(Tune-the sun has got his hat on)

Good morning, Mr Hedgehog,
And how are you today?
The morning's fine, the sunbeams shine,
We hope you've come to stay.
We love your bright eyes twinkling,
And your shiny prickles too.
So small and round, upon the ground,
How funny to be you.



















Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

This week in Drawing Club, we have been diving into the story of The Gruffalo. The children have been learning the story and creating their own imaginative Gruffalo adventures, all involving a missing dinner! We have even learnt the Gruffalo song.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 4 and 5. The children have been practising their counting skills and learning to notice and recognise groups of 4 and 5 in different ways.

The children also had great fun making their very own delicious Gruffalo Crumble. Using recycled materials, they designed and built clever thief traps to catch the Gruffalo.

We have also been working hard on being kind friends and trying to fill each other's buckets through positive words and helpful actions.

Additionally, the children have now begun rehearsing their Nativity play. Those who chose to have a speaking part will be bringing home words to practise with you.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!









Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 started the week with a fantastic pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast by M&M Productions, which put us all in the Christmas spirit. Rehearsals for our Christmas play are now in full swing, and everyone should have received a slip confirming their part. If you have any questions about costumes or clothing, please do get in touch.

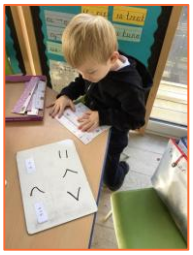
In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring The Gruffalo's Child, creating mysterious footprints, snowy scenes and our very own mystery characters. The children have used some fantastic adjectives, and their writing stamina continues to improve.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on subtraction, first by crossing out objects to see how many were left, before moving on to using a number line to help us solve subtraction number sentences. In RE, we explored how Christians celebrate Christmas in church. In PE, we continued developing our aiming skills, this time focusing on moving targets.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week!







Year 2 – Miss Sobey

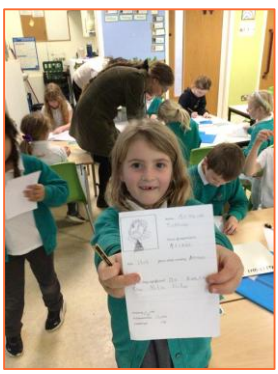
This week, we have finished our learning about the Man on the Moon Christmas advert. The children have produced some beautifully written narratives, each with a heartwarming Christmas ending. They have used a wonderful range of adjectives and emotive language to help their readers imagine life on the moon and bring their stories to life!

In maths, we have been exploring the equals sign and understanding that both sides of a calculation must have the same value. We have been finding missing numbers and thinking carefully about how we can keep both sides balanced.

In history, we created our own Top Trump cards, comparing Robert Falcon Scott and Matthew Henson, their journeys towards the poles and their significance in history.

In science, we explored different materials and considered which would be most suitable for making everyday objects. We chose fabric for a scarf because it is soft and metal for a car because it is strong and durable.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!







Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

What a great week we have had in year 3!

In English, we have been completing our Paddington sequence. We have really enjoyed planning and writing our own Paddington stories. There were so many fantastic ideas, and the presentation of the children's work was really impressive!

In Maths, we have continued our multiplication and division sequence. We have enjoyed practising our trickier 3 and 4-times tables, using resources and music to help us.

In Science, we have been learning about forces, and we have worked really hard on planning an experiment to investigate friction. In Spanish, we learnt about how Christmas is celebrated in Spain and even enjoyed singing some Christmas songs in Spanish!

We also had the incredible opportunity to try skateboarding this week! We loved having a go at different tricks, and it was wonderful to see the class thriving while trying something new.

Well done, Year 3, on another fantastic week! Have a lovely weekend!







Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week in English, we completed our shared planning for our independent stories based on our chosen gemstones. We have worked hard to develop their ideas and are now ready to plan and write their final pieces for this writing sequence. In Maths, we developed our understanding of multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0, carefully exploring common misconceptions that can arise and discussing strategies to help us avoid them.

In Science, we carried out the experiments that we planned last week to demonstrate the water cycle. The children enjoyed making observations and seeing the different stages of the cycle in action. We also had a fantastic time during our skateboarding workshop, building on the skills learned last year while developing confidence and learning new techniques.

Thank you for your support with the cake sale. We look forward to our quiz and DT Week next week!







Class news

Year 5 – Mr North & Mrs Rowcliffe

We have had another busy and enjoyable time in class! In English, we have continued to develop our writing skills, focusing on how to build tension and keep our readers interested. The children have been working hard to use interesting vocabulary and create suspense in their stories. We also had a fantastic time watching the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, in school. The children were completely absorbed in the performance and thoroughly enjoyed every minute! In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. Some parts have been tricky, but the children have shown real perseverance and kept trying their best, even when things have been challenging. We are very proud of their positive attitudes. In Computing, we have been learning about how different camera angles are used in videos. The children have also been introduced to storyboards and how they can be used to plan a video before filming. In History, we have been finding out what life would have been like for a child living in Victorian times and comparing this with our own experiences today. We have also had a brilliant time skateboarding! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun. Well done, everyone, for all your hard work, enthusiasm and perseverance. We look forward to more exciting learning ahead!







Year 6 – Miss McLean

This week, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in English, where they have completed an independent write inspired by The Northern Lights by Philip Pullman. They produced some imaginative and engaging pieces, demonstrating excellent use of conjunctions to build cohesion and incorporating the subjunctive form effectively to add sophistication to their writing.

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, focusing on multiplying and dividing fractions by integers. The children showed increasing confidence in applying these skills and explaining their mathematical reasoning.

In history, we explored the Battle of Bosworth and considered its significance in bringing the Wars of the Roses to an end. Pupils examined key events and discussed how the battle changed the course of English history.

On Thursday afternoon, the children took part in skateboarding workshops. It was wonderful to see them building on skills learned in previous years, showing resilience, balance and determination as they practised and refined their techniques.

Well done, Year 6, have a great weekend!





