

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great start to the new term and academic year!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. From our new children in Reception to our fantastic Year 6s, there have been lots of smiles, excitement and enthusiasm around school.

We welcome 22 new children into Reception this week, alongside 10 new children across the rest of the school. It is fantastic to welcome so many new faces to our school community, and we hope that you have all had a brilliant first week at Winkleigh.

Our Year 6s have risen brilliantly to the challenge of their new leadership roles as ambassadors. We have been so proud to see them sharing stories with our Nursery and Reception children, supporting younger pupils at lunchtimes and modelling our expectations. They have already shown what it means to be a positive role model in our school.

It has also been lovely to welcome everyone back into the hall for lunches this week. We have made a few tweaks to how lunchtime works and it is already proving to be a really positive opportunity for children and staff from across the school to come together as a whole school community.

We have been excited to launch or pre-loved uniform shop this week, if you have any donations, please do bring them in!

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted reports. Our Under 2s report was published during the summer holidays, with our main school report published this week. Both reports recognise the ambition, care and positive culture that our staff work hard to create every day.

"Leaders have an ambitious vision."

"Leaders have high expectations."

"Pupils are welcomed with open arms."

"Leaders are ambitious and strive to provide high standards of care and education."

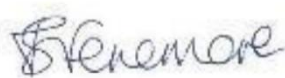
"Leaders show a passion for their work."

"Pupils benefit from the wide range of trips that link to what pupils learn in the curriculum."

These reports are a wonderful recognition of the hard work of our whole school community. Most importantly, they reflect the everyday experiences of our children: being encouraged, challenged, nurtured and given every opportunity to achieve, thrive and belong.

We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved at Winkleigh and making it such a special place to learn and work, and we are excited about the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 14.09.26

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 4, Year 5 PE kit
- Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)
- 3pm Little Wandle Phonics information session (Owls & Year 1 parents)

Tuesday

- Year 1, Year 6 PE kit
- Year 5/6 Ultimate Adventure trip
- Ukulele club (3.30-4.30pm) with Miss McLean (Years 3-6)

Wednesday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit
- Craft club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mrs Stapley (Years 1-3)

Thursday

- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit
- Girls' Football club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mr Craker (Years 3-6)
- Woodland Robins Toddler & Baby Group (9.00-10.30am)

Friday

- Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit
- **Big Breakfast 8.30am / Open morning to 9.30am**

A warm, welcoming space for bumps, babies, and little learners to grow together.

Thursday mornings (term time)



9am-10.30am

Winkleigh Primary School
£2 per session

Refreshments included

Join us for stories, singing and a wonderful opportunity for play and exploration. We would love to welcome you into school for quality interactions with children and families.

Baby weighing available.

Friday 18th September

Eat in 8.30am

Takeaway 8.45am

Large Breakfast – 2 Sausage, 2 Bacon, scrambled egg, baked beans, 2 hash browns, tomato - £9.00

Small Breakfast – 1 Sausage, 1 Bacon, scrambled egg, baked beans, 1 hash brown, tomato - £5.50

Veggie Breakfast – 2 Veggie Sausage, scrambled egg, baked beans, 2 hash browns, tomato - £8.50

Includes Tea, Coffee, Juice

Order deadline: **Tuesday 15th September**



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

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the Nursery after the summer holidays. We have spent the week gently settling back into our familiar routines, reconnecting with friends and adults, and exploring our Nursery environment.

The children have been encouraged to take their time as they become familiar with the routines of the day again. We have been talking about what happens next, sharing stories and songs, and helping the children to feel safe, confident and settled.

Playing and Exploring Together

A big focus this week has been playing and exploring together. The children have enjoyed choosing activities, investigating different resources and spending time alongside their friends.

Through their play, we have been developing important skills such as sharing space and resources, taking turns, communicating with others, and joining in with simple group experiences. We have also encouraged the children to follow their own interests, make choices and become increasingly independent.

It has been wonderful to see friendships beginning to develop and children becoming more confident in exploring their surroundings.

Celebrating Home Learning

At our Nursery we value the important role families play in supporting children's learning and development. We love hearing about the wonderful achievements children make at home.

If your child has had a special achievement such as learning a new skill, showing kindness, or trying something new please share it with us. Celebrating these moments together helps us build a fuller picture of each child's development.

Reminder – Please Label Belongings

Please can we remind all families to label all of your child's belongings, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, shoes, wellies, bags, water bottles and spare clothing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend, The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

A huge, warm welcome to all our new Reception children and their families! We are so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled into their new classroom. They have been exploring the room, making new friends, and learning our daily routines with big smiles. The first week is always a big milestone, and every child has done a fantastic job.

Children tried out the creative area, the reading corner, and the outdoor space, gaining confidence in their new environment.

We practiced finding our name pegs, hanging up our coats, and tidying up together.

We played name games and shared toys to help everyone feel safe and happy.

Our topic this week and next is "All about me!" We will continue focusing on getting to know each other even better and talking about our families.

We will soon send home reading books and reading records—look out for more details next week!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to Year 1. What a fantastic start to the term! The children have settled in brilliantly and worked so hard every day.

In English, we began our learning about our inspirational person, Simone Biles, and discovered why she is considered one of the greatest gymnasts of all time.

In Maths, we started place value within 10, sorting objects and counting carefully.

In Geography, we explored our local area and introduced key geographical vocabulary, including human and physical features.

In RE, we discussed what Christians believe God is like.

In Art, we began our unit on Andy Goldsworthy and outdoor sculptures.

In Science, we started learning about everyday materials and will soon explore their different properties.

Well done to everyone in Year 1 for such a brilliant first week. Have a lovely, restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

What a lovely first week we have had in Year 2! It has been wonderful meeting new faces and getting to know the children. Everyone has returned to school with such enthusiasm and positivity, and I have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled into our new routines and learning.

We have spent the week exploring the life of David Attenborough through reading the Little People Big Dreams book. We have drawn our own big dreams and learnt about Attenborough's work whilst discussing the incredible legacy he has left through his passion for protecting wildlife and our planet. The children have loved sharing their ideas and asking thoughtful questions about the natural world.

Our learning has also taken us on a mathematical adventure with Pipkin from How Big Is a Million? Using Dienes equipment, we have been investigating different ways to count and organise numbers, helping us to develop our understanding of tens and ones.

The afternoons have been filled with lots of fun learning experiences from exploring balances and shapes in gymnastics, to singing the continents song and learning about the different climates found across our world.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I am excited to see how the children continue to grow in confidence and curiosity throughout the half term. We have lots to look forward to!



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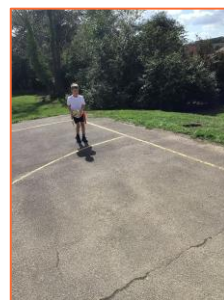
Year 3 – Mr Craker

Well done year 3 for a fantastic first week back! We have worked very hard this week practicing our routines and getting used to our new classroom.

In English, we began our new sequence about Pele. This has involved some really great discussions about the life of Pele and how inspirational he is and some amazing written work. Maths this week has involved counting up in tens and hundreds to find numbers for the start of our new place value sequence.

We started our new science sequence learning about rocks and soils by learning about key vocabulary and different types of rocks. In RE, we have been learning about the creation story by ordering the story ourselves.

I am very proud of the effort shown by all of you! You have risen to the challenge of your first week in key stage 2 and have set yourselves up for an amazing year ahead.



Year 4 – Mr Walter

It's been a fantastic first week back in Year 4 as the children settle confidently into new routines and a fresh year of learning. In English, we've begun exploring Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World, focusing on Marie Curie and her incredible legacy. The class have already shown great curiosity about her discoveries and determination.

In maths, we are developing a strong understanding of place value, using a range of representations to deepen confidence with numbers in the thousands. We have enjoyed practical activities and vocabulary work to strengthen this foundation.

Our science and geography learning has also taken off, with pupils investigating the properties of materials and beginning an exciting exploration of rainforests, understanding their climates, layers, and importance to our world.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to join the welcome meeting. It's been a brilliant start, and the Year 4 team are proud of how ready and enthusiastic the children are for a positive year of learning.



Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

It has been a very positive start to the new school year, with the children settling quickly into their new routines and making an excellent start to their learning. We have been particularly impressed by their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and willingness to embrace new challenges.

In English, we have begun learning about Rosa Parks, exploring key events from her life and creating timelines to develop our understanding of chronology. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and have been introduced to Roman numerals.

Our new Science topic has focused on the properties of materials, with children investigating different materials and how they can be classified. In Art, we have started working with clay and creating clay tiles. In PSHE, we have explored collaboration and how working effectively together supports positive relationships. Our Ultimate Adventure trip takes place next Tuesday. Please ensure children arrive on time with the clothing and equipment outlined in the trip letter.



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have started the year with a fantastic attitude towards their learning; they have been respectful role models to their younger peers. They have all taken on their new roles with pride.

In English, we have been learning about the Civil Rights Movement and Martin Luther King Jr. The children have responded to a poem by Amanda Gorman as well as having a go at writing their own free verse poetry linked to the same themes.

In maths, we have started looking at the place value of 7-digit numbers and practising reading, writing and saying them.

We have also started our new sequences in the foundation subjects. The children were interested to learn about the parts of a human eye and discussed how and why our pupils change size in different levels of light. In Spanish, we learnt to say some different types of weather and in geography compared a Tudor map of Exeter to a modern OS map. The children identified many similarities and differences.

Finally, the children are looking forward to our joint trip with Year 5 next week to the Ultimate Adventure Centre in Bideford!
Have a wonderful weekend!

