



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been another busy week at Winkleigh this week, with the long-awaited appearance of the sun lifting everyone's spirits!

Year 2 kicked off our trips this week with a visit to West Town Farm. The children learnt lots about the environment, nature and the origins of the food we eat. Well done Year 2 on your excellent behaviour on the trip, I know that Mrs Keast was very proud.

Year 4 visited the Energy from Waste facility in Plymouth alongside peers from Class 2 at Kings Nympton. This is another fantastic trip and aligns with our sustainability priorities as a whole school. The children found out more about recycling and the process taken by our waste once it leaves our home. Thank you Mr Walter for organising a great trip.

Finally, Year 1 have visited Exmoor Zoo today. They were very excited by the number of animals they saw, reinforcing their learning from science about different animal classifications. Once again, Mrs Roberts was proud of Year 1's impeccable behaviour.

Thank you also to everyone who ordered from our takeaway pizza night yesterday. This event raised over £300 for our trips pot. A special thank you to Mrs Rowcliffe, who made all of the dough from scratch, giving the pizzas a proper handmade touch!

On Wednesday, Mr Slocombe and I attended the planning meeting held by Winkleigh Parish Council. The focus was on infrastructure around the village, given the rise in additional traffic and homes. We raised the important issue of the traffic and parking around school for consideration as we know this is a concern for many families. The Parish Council are working on a plan alongside highways to support the village with this issue.

We were joined by Education Consultant, David Chaplin on Tuesday. He spent time visiting classes and observing playtimes. He was particularly impressed by the behaviour of pupils and the high expectations put in place by leaders. In lessons, pupils were calm and engaged, focusing on their learning tasks.

It was fantastic to see so many red outfits today, thank you for your support in raising money for the North Devon Air Ambulance.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy making the most of the sunshine!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 23.03.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li> <li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.</li> <li>Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li> </ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk">admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Year 5, Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Year 3, Year 4</li> <li>Year 1 visit to Elms Meadow Park</li> <li>Owls – RHS Rosemoor Educational Visit</li> <li>Parent's evening 3.40pm-6.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 6</li> <li>Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am</li> <li>Cultural workshops with Cultural champion throughout the day</li> <li>Year 5 Decider Workshop</li> <li>KS2 – Monkleigh Cross Country event – those involved have received letters</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football club (KS2) with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm</li> <li>PE Kit: All classes – Primary sports Cross Country event in school</li> <li>Parent's evening 2.30pm-5.30pm</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Kit: Year 2, Year 4</li> <li>Easter Crafts Nursery Stay and Play</li> </ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

*These dates are provisional and subject to change. Details will follow.*

### Spring 2

Wb 30.03.26	<p>30.03.26-01.04.26 Year 5 Skern residential</p> <p>01.04.26 Year 4 visit to Kings Nympton – sporting event</p> <p>02.04.26 Cross country event at Kings Nympton</p> <p>02.04.26 Family breakfast</p>
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### Summer 1

Wb 20.04.26	<p>20.04.26 INSET Day – School closed to pupils</p> <p>21.04.26 Return to school, The Great Winkleigh Bake Off, Writing hook day</p> <p>23.04.26 Exeter City Football Stadium Tour</p>
Wb 27.04.26	<p>28.04.26 KS2 Shelterbox assembly</p>
Wb 04.05.26	<p>04.05.26 May Bank Holiday</p> <p>05.05.26 10 a day workshops – Y4/5</p> <p>06.05.26 Year 4 Stover Educational Visit</p>
Wb 11.05.26	<p>KS2 SATs week – Y6 SATs breakfast</p> <p>12.05.26 Year 5 We the Curious trip</p> <p>14.05.26 Y3/4 QE Rounders event</p> <p>15.05.26 Aquathlon event</p> <p>15.05.26 Family breakfast &amp; open morning</p> <p>15.05.26 Nursery stay and play</p>
Wb 18.05.26	<p>18.05.26 NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y4, Y5</p> <p>19.05.26 FOWs Bags to school</p> <p>20.05.26 KS1 Infant Music Festival</p> <p>21.05.26 Recycling workshops</p> <p>21.05.26 Curry Takeaway Night</p> <p>22.05.26 Owls Devon Railway Centre visit</p>

# Diary dates UPDATED

## This academic year

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### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Y5 Skern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Family breakfast
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kings Nympton Cross Country event
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Easter Holidays (Good Friday)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Staff training day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Return to school & Winkleigh Bake off & writing hook day

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – May Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Stover Trip
- Wb 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs & Breakfast
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Family breakfast, open morning & Nursery Stay and play
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Aquathlon KS2
- 20<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Infant Music Festival
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dare to be different FOWS fundraiser
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Owls Bickleigh Railway Centre trip
- Wb 25<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Staff training day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Return to school & writing hook day
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Bristol
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Athletics at Lanscore
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Camping
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 London
- 17<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills at Hatherleigh
- Wb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sport & Culture week
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Fireball volleyball
- 29<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Netball & Y6 Football at Bow

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Surfing
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Transition day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Colour run
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Leaver's Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Final day of term

### August

Summer Holidays

# Summer Term Menu

£2.60 per meal. We have spent a lot of time talking to children and adapting the menu to appeal to their tastes, we would be grateful if you encourage your children to try the meals on offer.

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Bolognese and Pasta Twists	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Macaroni Cheese and Crusty Bread (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	BBQ Loaded Bean Bake with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Iced Fruit Smoothie	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Brownie and Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)

Week One: 20 Apr | 11 May | 8 Jun | 29 Jun | 20 July | 7 Sept | 28 Sept | 19 Oct - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Herby Potatoes (v)	Sausage Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Roast Pork with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken in a Wrap with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers <b>or</b> Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Cheese and Potato Pie (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese Wheel and Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Peas
And for Pudding	Peaches and Ice Cream	Marble Shortbread	Summer Berry and Apple Slice with Yogurt	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Apple Flapjack
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)

Week Two: 27 Apr | 18 May | 15 Jun | 6 Jul | 14 Sep | 5 Oct  
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Brunch (Bacon, Sausage & Hash Brown)	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Plant Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip (v)	Vegetable Plait with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausages & Hash Brown)	Cheese and Tomato Frittata and Chips (v)
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli and Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas
And for Pudding	Raspberry Muffin	Shortbread	Chewy Krispie Bar with Orange Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Apple Crumble and Custard
Baguette Option	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding of the day)	Ham, Cheese <b>or</b> Tuna (with salad sticks and pudding)

Week Three: 4 May | 1 Jun | 22 Jun | 13 Jul | 21 Sep | 12 Oct  
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

# Great Winkleigh Bake off

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026**



Entries £1 each in the following categories:

- Technical challenge – Victoria Sponge (set recipe)
- Showstopper
- Four decorated cupcakes
- A bake involving chocolate

Entries in school by 9am on 21.04.26.  
Entries will be judged, before being  
**auctioned at 3pm** (hall/top playground)

# Woodland Robins

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

**Wednesday mornings** (term time)



**9am-10.30am**

Winkleigh Primary School Hall  
£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.



# Wednesday Wraparound Care COOKING CLUB



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February –  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**New Recipes!  
Cooking something different every  
Wednesday for 6 weeks!**

**Macaroni Cheese, Sticky Toffee Pudding,  
Mrs Illman's Cookies,  
Cottage Pie, Spaghetti Bolognese,  
Iced Raspberry Mousse**

**Book your child in via the Gateway App  
(3 nights before or if you miss the deadline, email admin)**





# Stay & Play



## Easter crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Winkleigh – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Come and join us to explore our settings  
and enjoy Easter crafts with your child.**

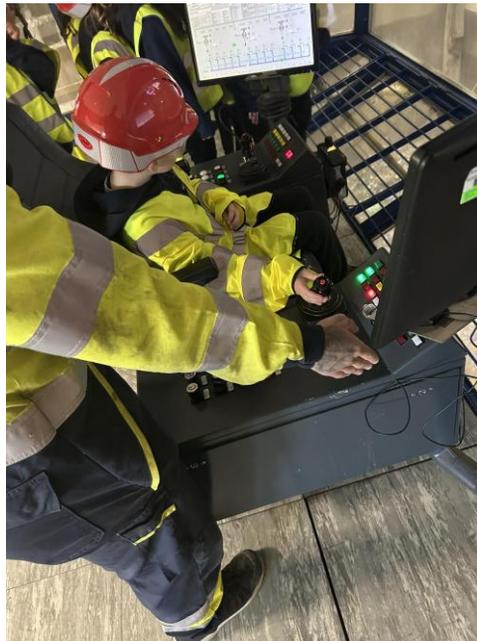
£2 per family



# Year 2 – West Town Farm



# Year 4 – Energy from Waste



# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

We have had a lovely week at nursery as we begin to welcome the signs of spring! The children have been noticing changes in the environment. Including all the beautiful flowers we have noticed all around the school grounds.

### **This Week's Highlights**

The children enjoyed exploring outdoors, looking for signs of spring such as buds on trees and daffodils in full glory!

We talked about the changing weather and what it means for plants and animals. Creative activities included painting spring flowers and making colourful collages inspired by nature.

Story time featured seasonal books about growth, new life, and animals in springtime. This week we focused on understanding the natural world. The children were encouraged to observe, ask questions, and describe what they could see, hear, and feel outside.

Below is a song we have been singing in the Nursery. I am sure your children will know the tune!

### **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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team

### **The Seed Song**

Find a little seed (x2)  
Plant it in the ground (x2)  
Wait for it to grow (x2)  
Don't disturb it!

Don't expect to see (x2)  
Changes over night (x2)  
If you wait a while (x2)  
You'll find new life!

Sunshine will come,  
Raindrops will fall,  
Your little seed will grow again.  
Soon there will be a day in spring  
When your seed blossoms and grows!

# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley



# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Miss Crosby

Owls have had a great week. We continued our exploration of all things "growing". We have explored how plants need different climates and conditions to grow, and have begun to consider that some fruits and vegetables we eat may not originate from this country.

During Drawing club this week, we have been reading the story "Handa's surprise". The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own characters and designing their own fruit for the animas to give Handa.

During maths we have begun to investigate even and odd numbers, looking at their composition and what happens when you add an even number to an odd number, or two evens together. We had used lots of concrete resources to explore this. With the return of the sun, we are looking forward to getting outside lots more!

What a great week!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have had another brilliant week!

The children were so excited to discover that our insect eggs have finally hatched and we have our first stick insect! We are carefully looking after it and eagerly awaiting the hatching of more. We haven't chosen names just yet, as we are waiting to see how many we have, and the children have been busy thinking of ideas at home.

This has linked really nicely with our PSHE learning this week on rights and responsibilities. We talked about how we can care for living things and what they need to stay happy and healthy.

In Science, the children carried out a hearing experiment and spoke confidently about why hearing is important for humans and animals. In Maths, we have finished our place value within 50 unit and are now starting length and height. The children really enjoyed measuring various objects outside in the sunshine and using new mathematical vocabulary linked to length and height.

In English, we were happy to start our next text, The Snail and the Whale, with some lovely adjectives and rhyming coming through in the children's writing.

In PE, we have continued our fitness sequence, with a particular focus on turn-taking and working together.

We also had a fantastic trip to Exmoor Zoo, where we revisited our learning on animal classification and animal groups. The children asked some fantastic questions — well done, Year 1! A reminder that parents' evening is next week — we're really looking forward to seeing you.

Some children have mentioned that they might like to take the insects home to look after for a weekend. I am considering this, but please do let me know if you would prefer the insects not to come home.

Have a lovely weekend!



# Class news

## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year Two had a fantastic day out at West Town Farm on Tuesday. We began the day with a walk around the farm, talking about signs of Spring and then feeding the cows and newly-born calves. We discussed the apple trees and sampled some of the farm's apple juice. After lunch we made some delicious wild garlic pesto and then ate it around the campfire. There was also an opportunity to create drawings using charcoal, create animals from clay and strip some willow which would later be used to create new pieces of charcoal.

In English, we are beginning an exciting new sequence based on the text 'War Dog' by Tom Palmer. The class are very interested in learning about World War 2 and the real-life story of Judy the pointer. This week we have been making predictions and learning the story.

In maths, we have been focusing on measure. It has been lovely to go outside and use the garden to measure in metres. We have been comparing lengths, measuring in centimetres and using comparison symbols to compare lengths.

Our science this week has involved learning about microhabitats. We enjoyed exploring the outside areas to locate microhabitats and think about which minibeasts might live there. We found a thriving woodlouse community under one of our log seats!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

We have very much enjoyed seeing some sunshine this week, and Year Three have made the most of it where possible, enjoying time on the running track, working on their cricket skills and even finding fun ways to practice their handwriting outside too!

In English, the children are loving our new book 'Monsters, an owners guide,' although we are all rather concerned as to why the special delivery that arrived on Monday now has a hole in the box and seemingly no monster inside!

We have concluded our maths unit on fractions this week but not before learning about equivalent fractions, ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In History the children have moved on to learning about The Bronze age this week, thinking about how life progressed and changed from The Stone Age.

We had a fun Spanish lesson on Wednesday where the children enjoyed revising Spanish colours and fruits by creating their own! Well done Year Three on a great week of learning. Keep your eyes peeled for a possible monster sighting this weekend!



# Class news

## Year 4 – Mr Walter

Year 4 have had a busy and engaging week. We began a new English sequence using *What a Waste* by Jess French, a non-fiction text that has sparked lots of curiosity about sustainability and the journey our rubbish takes. There was an interest in the facts they uncovered and we have already started thinking about how we can all make more environmentally friendly choices. This learning linked perfectly with our recent trip to the Plymouth Energy from Waste Facility where we were joined by Class Two from Kings Nympton. The children explored the site and discovered how Devon's rubbish is transformed into electricity and other by-products. One of the most memorable moments was seeing the huge combustion chamber burning at temperatures of over 1,000 degrees Celsius. There were some fantastic questions asked throughout with answers in a quiz on the day as well as the opportunity to become scientist to explore the different properties of materials.

In maths, we continued our work on fractions, focusing on adding both proper fractions and mixed numbers. Everyone showed great determination as they tackled increasingly challenging problems and applied their understanding in different ways.

This week, with the improved weather, we utilised the playground for PE. The children have been putting their skills into practice through adapted netball games, showing fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm throughout.

In music this week, we have been exploring scat singing. We enjoyed experimenting with rhythm, improvisation, and playful vocal sounds to create our own scat patterns, bringing lots of energy and creativity to the classroom.

Have a fantastic weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A great week in year 5 this week.

In English, we have continued our learning sequence on Cloud Busting and have been learning about, and writing using different poetic devices. We have created our own limericks, Haikus and shape poems.

We have been carefully thinking about our choice of language and challenging ourselves to select adventurous vocabulary.

In Maths, we have been drawing and interpreting different tables and graphs and using the graphs to answer questions about the information.

In Science this week, we have been learning about the life cycles of mammals and birds and the children worked collaboratively to create a short film to highlight the two life cycles and to include the differences. We also learnt about metamorphosis with Mr Craker, considering the four key stages and the changes that take place.

Have a fantastic weekend Year 5!



# Class news

## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been working hard on securing their knowledge of grammar features in English this week such as modal verbs, noun phrases and relative clauses. They have written some fantastic setting descriptions as a film director today make brilliant use of the grammar features.

In maths, we finished our sequence on shape and have moved on to statistics. So far, the children have been interpreting line graphs and dual bar charts. Next week our focus will be on learning to interpret and draw pie charts.

On Monday in science, the children discussed physical and behavioural adaptations of animals. They chose an animal to focus on to sketch and label the adaptations for their folders. In RE, they have been thinking about the Hindu belief of good and bad karma and made a snakes and ladders style game to represent the idea of good and bad karma as well as reaching moksha.

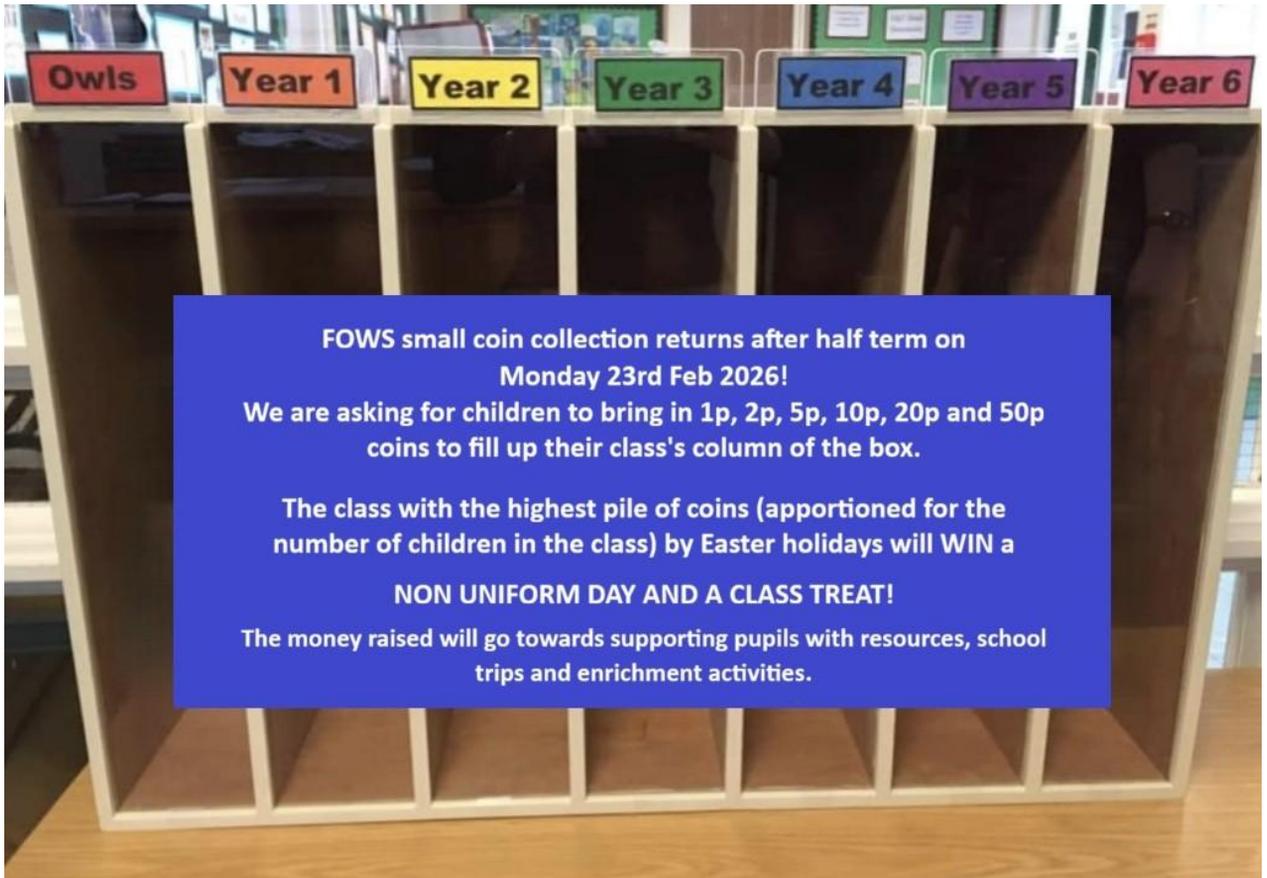
In PE this week, the children put together some short routines to combine the travelling, balancing and rolling that we have learnt and practiced in previous weeks and had the chance to perform them to the class.



Have a lovely weekend!



# FOWs Fundraising



**FOWS small coin collection returns after half term on Monday 23rd Feb 2026!**

**We are asking for children to bring in 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p coins to fill up their class's column of the box.**

**The class with the highest pile of coins (apportioned for the number of children in the class) by Easter holidays will WIN a**

**NON UNIFORM DAY AND A CLASS TREAT!**

**The money raised will go towards supporting pupils with resources, school trips and enrichment activities.**

# FOWs Fundraising

**FOWS Easter holiday challenge**

**Grow a £2**

Look out for a letter coming home in children's bookbags soon!

**Easter goodie prizes for the children who raise the most money in each class from growing their £2**

**Raising money towards enrichment activities, school trips and equipment for the pupils of Winkleigh primary school**





## **WINKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL EASTER MONTHLY MARKET**

**10 am to 12 Midday**

**SATURDAY, 4 APRIL 2026**

All the usual stalls, plus children up to age 12, bring along a painted boiled egg which will be entered into a prize draw winner gets a chocolate easter egg. Find the Cadburys crème eggs hidden amongst the stalls and one large Easter egg to be found. Our monthly raffle includes an Easter Hamper and lots of special prizes donated by local businesses. Many vouchers worth up to £45.

**Tea, coffee and cake available.**

**Lots of lovely stalls to suit everyone's needs**