



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Well done to some of our Year 3 and Year 5 children who took part in Bikeability this week. During the sessions, the children developed their confidence when cycling and learnt important skills linked to road safety, including how to stay safe, be aware of their surroundings and make sensible decisions when riding on the road. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.

This week also saw the finale of the Med Theatre at Hatherleigh. A huge well done to Remi, Rory, Freyja, Martha and Carmela, who all took part in the final performance. The children showed fantastic commitment, confidence and teamwork throughout, and we have received some lovely feedback praising their performance and enthusiasm.

Some of our Year 2 children enjoyed a football festival organised by Exeter City this week. The children had lots of fun taking part in a range of activities and matches, while also learning new football skills and developing their teamwork and confidence in a supportive environment.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who supported the staff cake sale today, all monies raised will go directly into the school fundraising pot to support future activities and resources for the children.

We hosted a brilliant open morning last Saturday. The senior leadership team and I were delighted to show several families around and hope that they join us soon.

Finally, we were delighted to receive a letter from a local branch of the British Legion, thanking us for the £78 raised on our Wear Red for Remembrance Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this important cause and helped us show our respect and remembrance.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mrs Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 09.02.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li><li>All sorts – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</li><li>Early birds – <b>3pm Friday</b> before (call admin to make short notice changes)</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>Recorder club (KS2) with Miss McLean 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 2, Year 5, Year 6</li><li>Year 6 bikeability – those involved have received letters</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gardening club (Y2-6) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm</li><li>PE Kit: Year 3, Year 4</li><li>Year 6 bikeability – those involved have received letters</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 1, Year 2</li><li>Woodland Robins 9am-10.30am</li><li>Year 4 bikeability – 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>Boccia sporting event – final – those involved have received letters</li><li>PE Kit: Owls, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6</li><li>Primary sports – Glow in the Dark nerf event</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PE Kit: Year 1, Year 4</li><li>Family breakfast &amp; Open morning</li><li>Nursery stay and play</li><li>Forest school (Wellies required) - Year 3</li><li>Beginning of art exhibition in All Saint's church</li><li>FOWs Dare to be different non-uniform day - £1</li></ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

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

### Spring 2

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Wb 23.02.26	23.02.26 Writing hook day 23.02.26 Final day of art exhibition in All Saint's church 25.02.26 QE Swimming Gala – Y5 25.02.26 Year 2 Family Lunch 26.02.26 Music curriculum day including workshops 26.02.26 QE Netball event – Y5 27.02.26 Jay's Aim Defibrillator training – Years 4/5
Wb 02.03.26	02.03.26 Year 3 Football Festival – those involved will receive letters 04.03.26 Year 3 Family lunch 05.03.26 World Book Day
Wb 09.03.26	11.03.26 Y3/4 Orienteering event at QE, Crediton 11.03.26 Year 1 Family Lunch 12.03.26 Year 3 Kents Cavern visit 13.03.26 Wear Red for the Devon Air Ambulance - £1 donation 13.03.26 Mother's day cream tea
Wb 16.03.26	17.03.26 Year 2 West Town Farm visit 18.03.26 Year 4 Energy from Waste visit 18.03.26 Owls Family Lunch 20.03.26 Year 1 Exmoor Zoo visit
Wb 23.03.26	24.03.26 Owls Rosemoor visit 25.03.26 KS2 Cross country – Monkleigh 24.03.26/26.03.26 Parent's evening 26.03.26 Primary sports Cross country event 27.03.26 Family breakfast, open morning and Nursery Easter crafts stay and play
Wb 30.03.26	30.03.26-01.04.26 Year 5 Skern residential 01.04.26 Year 4 visit to Kings Nympton – sporting event 02.04.26 Cross country event at Kings Nympton 02.04.26 Easter Crafts Display



# Stay & Play

## Spring crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Winkleigh – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

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

£2 per family

*Following family breakfast*





# Art exhibition

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Winkleigh – All Saints Church  
Kings Nympton – St James the Apostle  
Church**

**Available to view during usual church  
opening hours.**

**Every child has produced artwork for the  
exhibition.**





## PRIMARY SPORTS – GLOW IN THE DARK NERF GUN BATTLES

### *Winkleigh Primary School*

Mr Jarad from Primary Sports will be running a Glow in the Dark Nerf Gun Battles session for children in Year 1 to Year 6. The session will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**SESSION – 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

*“During this AMAZING session the children will be able to take part in a nerf gun session which will take place in the school hall. The children will have the chance to play a wide range of team based nerf gun games with UV lighting whilst having a wide range of objects to hide behind.”*

We can only cater for 30 children so please book as soon as possible using the instructions below. The cost of the session will be £7.50. Children must be collected from the school at **6.00pm**

#### **WINKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL GLOW IN THE DARK NERF GUN BATTLES**

To make a booking for the club please follow the instructions below:

- 1 – Enter our website – [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)
- 2 – Click on the “Booking now tab”
- 3 – Click on the “Winkleigh Primary School – Glow in the Dark Nerf Gun Battles” tab
- 4 – Complete the online booking form

Mr Jarad holds a clean enhanced DBS through Primary Sports. All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable bright PE Clothing and trainers. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions.

Glow in the Dark Nerf Gun Battles could result in a child being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability.

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/02/12/winkleigh-primary-school-glow-in-the-dark-nerf-gun-battles-february-2026>

**COOL TO BE ACTIVE...  
FUN TO BE FIT**

[www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)

# 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.

# Class news

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

Dear Families, The children have been roaring with excitement as our dinosaur learning continues! We have been exploring positional language through play using words including: on, under, behind, next to, and in front of whilst moving dinosaurs all around our small-world area. We have also been busy developing our fine motor skills. The children have practised their cutting skills, learning how to hold scissors safely and snip along lines or around in circles. In our creative area, we have enjoyed printing with a variety of resources, including different tools and textures to make exciting dinosaur patterns and pictures. Below is a songs we have been singing.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team.

### Prehistoric Dinosaur Song (Sung to the tune of 'Frère Jacques')

1. Prehistoric, prehistoric, Dinosaur, dinosaur. Pterodactyls flying, Pterodactyls flying, See them soar, see them soar.
2. A di-no-saur, a di-no-saur, Big and strong, big and strong. See a Brac-hio-saurus, see a Brac-hio-saurus, They're so long, they're so long.
3. Tri-cer-a-tops, Tri-cer-a-tops, On all fours, on all fours. Eating plants and bushes, eating plants and bushes, Herbivore, herbivore.
4. Fearsome T. rex, fearsome T. rex, Hear them roar, hear them roar! Dinosaurs aren't living, dinosaurs aren't living, Anymore, anymore



# Class news

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

Owls have had a great week, we have been exploring our planet and investigating different animals habitats, and also how they adapt to the climate they live in. We have written non-chronological reports on Elephants, and explored how different animals camouflage.

During drawing club this week we have found joy in watching a book from an old cartoon of "road runner", the children have come up with some creative characters and settings as a result from mice to Llamas! Within maths we have had a lot of fun investigating how to measure how "tall, short, or long" something is. We even had a head to head competition to build the "tallest" tower.

Another brilliant week for the Owls!



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

In maths, we have enjoyed taking our learning outside, even when it was a little wet. We explored what it looks like to add tens and ones as part of our learning on addition and subtraction within 20. In English, the children concluded their writing about Bagpuss and the ballet shoe. They wrote and retold their own versions of the story, really focusing on their handwriting, using adjectives, and writing more independently. It has been wonderful to see their writing stamina increase — well done! The children are thoroughly enjoying our next non-fiction book, *Hidden World: Ocean*, where we are discovering and learning about new creatures that live in the ocean. This links well with our science sequence on animals. This week, we explored animal diets and confidently discussed whether animals are herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores. In geography this week, the children enjoyed tasting and smelling the flavours of Sri Lanka. We explored what food is produced there and experienced some ingredients used in a traditional dahl curry, tried rice, tasted Ceylon tea, and smelled fragrant spices grown in Sri Lanka. In PE, the children enjoyed working in pairs to create their own routines and practise their gymnastics moves. They showed creativity, teamwork, and confidence when performing, and we all enjoyed watching the variety of routines they produced.



## Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year 2 have been learning how to use apostrophes in their writing to show possession. They have also begun working on a shared text before working on their independent versions in the final week of the half term.

In maths, the children have been finishing their learning on multiplication and division. This has included learning how to multiply and divide by 2, 5 and 10. It was interesting to discuss which numbers on a hundred square are multiples of those numbers and what patterns occur.

In science, there was some super paired talk about exercise and how it benefits our bodies. The children were aware of positive changes to our physical and mental health. They learned some new vocabulary including the word 'endorphins'.

The children are working hard on their artwork which will form part of the half term display in Winkleigh Church. They have been learning how to incorporate 2D shape into their final piece, inspired by Kandinsky.



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

Year Three thoroughly enjoyed their bikeability session on Wednesday this week, and were lucky enough to be able to cycle in some relatively dry weather which was a treat! In art, they have begun working on their final Van Gogh piece and are looking forward to adding details using sgraffito and tonking techniques next week. **If art T-shirts / shirts could be sent into school on Monday next week, we would appreciate it.**

In English, the children have focused on vocabulary, and worked well to use dictionaries to find the meanings of some new and challenging words linked to our class text. They then went on to creating their own descriptive sentences using these words. In music on Monday, the children enjoyed creating their own simple compositions using just three notes, working well together to take turns, compose and conduct! Well done Year Three. Have a lovely weekend.



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

Year 4 have started their new English sequence this week focusing on the care instructions to look after a dragon. We have immersed ourselves into the text looking at the layout, introductory paragraphs and use of co-ordinating conjunctions. In maths, we have also started our new learning sequence of length and perimeter. Developing our understanding of how to draw rectilinear shapes and measure the perimeter both on and off a grid. Exploring the different methods that could be used to find an answer. In science, our focus was to identify the hazards and implications of using electrical equipment inappropriately. In RE, we worked on creating our own prayer that could be used within a baptism celebration. Following the great work in the school garden day last week, it was our turn to focus on the next stages of maintaining the garden space in preparation for spring's arrival. Next Wednesday, we still have some spaces for the Year 4 Bikeability. With 2 groups learning with trained coaches throughout the day. Bikes will need to be dropped off and collected from the school gate. Thank you for your patience with the intrasport football event, unfortunately we will have to cancel for the near future. Enjoy your weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

A great week in Year 5 this week. In Maths, we have been working on our new sequence and have been working on finding equivalent fractions and decimals and how we can find fractions as decimals. In English, we have been continuing our sequence based around 'Short' and have been learning about different tense forms. We have also thought about how we can change the tense of different sentences. We have been thinking about creating our very own short story and as a class planned a shared write of our story mystery in the cheese factory. In Geography, we learnt about erosion and used clay to create our own models of a river including different features of a river while demonstrating how water travels in a river. On Monday, twelve children took part in bikeability and spent Monday and Tuesday practicing their newly learnt skills on their bikes. In PE, we have been practicing our new skills in netball and applying them into game situations. Have a great weekend Year 5!



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been working on writing in the style of our focus text this week using the passive voice in English this week and have started our shared writing using this. We researched the journey of honey from hive to honey jar; the children are looking forward to writing and publishing this work as well as their independent pieces next week.

In maths, we have tackled how to find a fraction of a number. The children have used their incredible resilience this week with such a positive attitude. Next week we will begin a sequence on area, perimeter and volume.

In geography, the children have been using their knowledge and some further research to produce an information text about one of the countries in South America. They have thought carefully about the climate, landscape and culture of each country.

Finally, the children took part in an art workshop with EmmyLou this afternoon and have created some fantastic pieces. These will be on display for our open morning next week.

Have a great weekend!



# Dare to be different



will you.....  
wear something bright? bold?  
spotty? odd socks? crazy hair?  
hat? superhero cape?  
anything non uniform goes!

**dare to be different day**  
friday 13th february 2026  
£1 per child

Payment by cash in a  
named envelope to your  
child's teacher on the day  
or BACS payment to:  
Friends of Winkleigh  
School Account: 22077944  
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