



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had! The weather has certainly been very hot, but all of the children have coped brilliantly and continued to enjoy the many exciting activities on offer. Children from across the federation had a wonderful day at the Wake Park. It was the perfect activity for such warm weather, giving everyone a chance to cool down while having lots of fun together. The children showed great enthusiasm and resilience as they took part in the activities, encouraging one another and stepping outside their comfort zones.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Burger Night. We received some lovely feedback, and the event raised approximately £200 for the school which goes into the fundraising pot which subsidises trips and residentials. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Our Year 1 and 2 children had a fantastic trip to Westward Ho! They thoroughly enjoyed their day at the beach, especially their ice creams, and were pleased to find plenty of shade to keep cool!

This week, all classes also enjoyed spending time with their new teachers in preparation for September. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Betts back to Winkleigh, as well as introducing Miss Sobey, Mr North, and Mr Craker to their new classes. We also recently welcomed Levi, Blake, Molly and Olivia back to speak to our Year 6s ahead of their transition day at Chulmleigh on Tuesday. It was lovely to see them and hear about how they have found Year 7!

A special thank you goes to Mrs Rowcliffe for organising such a fantastic Year 5 Forest School Day on Wednesday. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, spending the day immersed in the outdoors. They worked together to build impressive dens, learned how to safely cook delicious pancakes over the campfire and developed their teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills throughout the day.

We ended the week in spectacular fashion with our fantastic Colour Run. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event—it was an incredible day filled with laughter, colour and fun! We are very grateful to Sam's Cider for supporting the event and providing refreshments, and a huge thank you to Mr Walter for organising such a memorable day for everyone.

We have also had the inspection of our Under 2s provision today. We are very proud of our provision and our staff and will be pleased to share the report once it has been published.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 13.07.26

Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- All sorts – **3pm Friday** before *(call admin to make short notice changes)*
- Early birds – **3pm Friday** 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 6 Football/Netball at Bow – those involved have received letters
- Year 1, Year 6 PE Kit

Tuesday

- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit

Wednesday

- Owls, Year 4, Year 5 PE Kit

Thursday

- Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 PE Kit
- Cricket club with Mr Jarad 3.30pm-4.30pm
- FOWs Disco

Friday

- Woodland Robins
- Year 2, Year 6 PE Kit

Woodland Robins

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

Friday 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.



The Woodland Federation

Summer Holiday Club 2026

at Winkleigh Primary School

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Email: admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk for more information!

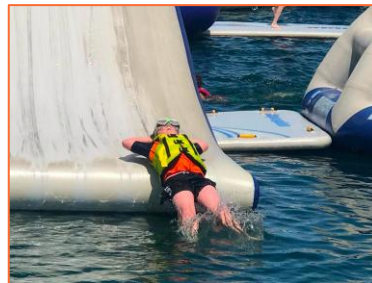
Dates:

- Monday 27th July
- Tuesday 28th July
- Wednesday 29th July
- Thursday 30th July
- Monday 17th August
- Tuesday 18th August
- Wednesday 19th August
- Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August
- Tuesday 25th August
- Wednesday 26th August
- Thursday 27th August



Trips & activities

Key Stage 2 - Wake Park



Trips & activities

Year 5 – Forest School Day



Trips & activities

Key Stage 1 – Westward Ho!



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the nursery, we have been exploring the exciting theme of shells which has included summer themed activities. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered different types of shells, talking about their shapes, sizes, colours, and textures. We encouraged the children to use descriptive language such as smooth, bumpy, shiny, and stripy to help build their vocabulary.

In our creative area, the children enjoyed making their own seaside pictures using shells, sand, and collage materials. They were very proud of their artwork and loved sharing their creations with their friends.

During water play, we created a seaside experience where the children used shells, scoops, and containers to pour, fill, and explore. This supported their early maths skills, including capacity and comparison, as well as developing their fine motor skills.

In circle time, we talked about summer holidays and asked questions such as:

- Have you ever been to the beach?
- What might you find at the beach?
- What does your shell look/feel like?

This encouraged the children to share their own experiences and develop their speaking and listening skills.

We also continued to focus on our key skills, including:

Building friendships and playing cooperatively

- Developing language through conversations and storytelling
- Strengthening fine motor skills through creative and sensory play

Below is a song we have enjoyed.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team

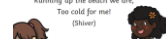
Into the Sea Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Hickety Pickety, Mow!')

Racing down the beach we go,
Racing down the beach we go,
Racing down the beach we go,
Into the sea.

(Pretend to dig your toes into the water)

Running up the beach we are,
Running up the beach we are,
Running up the beach we are,
Too cold for me!
(Shiver)



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Jones & Miss Crosby

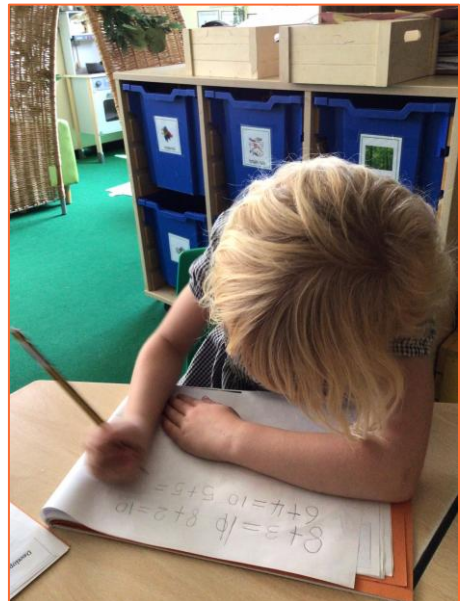
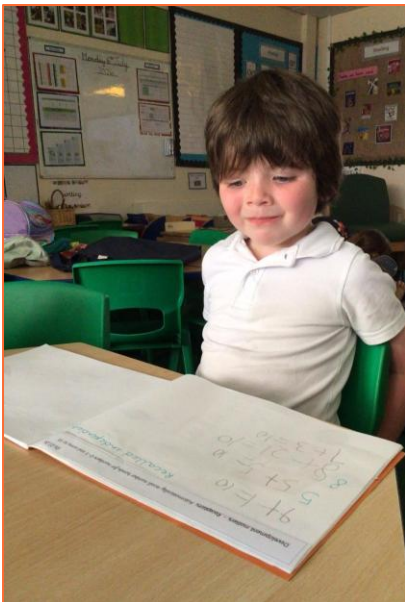
What a busy week in Owls class! We have continued with our topic - Space and our world - and have learnt about astronauts and rockets.

In Drawing club, we have read the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'. The children have enjoyed coming up with their own aliens, planets and creating their own underpants machines!

In maths, we have been working on number bonds to 10 and making 10 out of 3 parts. The children have used Numicon to build numbers to 10 and counters to fill up tens frames.

We have practised singing the song "I'm a Little Alien" too, which is sung to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot.

Have a lovely weekend!



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

Year 1 have had another lovely week, made even better by the sunshine. In English, we continued learning about instructions, focusing on clear steps, bossy verbs and sequencing words. This linked brilliantly with maths, where we have been learning about time and putting events in order.

In DT, the children planned and prepared their own fruit salads. They began by tasting different fruits, then designed, made and evaluated their creations. They showed great independence, careful cutting skills and lots of sensible discussion about the fruits they liked best.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful day at Westward Ho!, which linked beautifully with our history learning about seaside holidays in the past.

We talked about how Westward Ho! has changed over time, why people enjoyed visiting the seaside and the impact of the railway. We also walked across Northam Burrows and explored the visitor centre, learning about the special wildlife there.

We finished the day with a delicious Hockings ice cream. The children were brilliant throughout and did Winkleigh proud! Have a lovely weekend.



Year 2 – Mrs Keast

This week we have been focusing on a shared piece of writing in English, based on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have been thinking about the features of the text and how we could replicate that in our own versions.

In maths we have been completing our learning about position and direction. Thinking about movement and turns and how to describe turns. We have also made some shape patterns which feature turns.

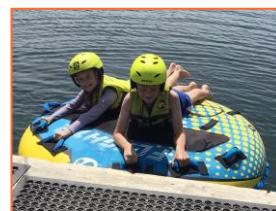
We had a super day out at Northam Burrows on Thursday, exploring the sand dune habitats. We saw skylarks, found grasshoppers, cinnabar caterpillars and cinnabar moths. There was also evidence of rabbits living in the areas we explored. It was a fascinating opportunity to explore a habitat first-hand and we were all very excited by everything that was found! We completed the day with some pebble ridge artwork and rock piles, challenging our building ability to stack as many rocks as we could! A delicious Hocking's ice cream ended the day perfectly.



Class news

Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

What a fantastic start to the week we had with our trip to the Wake Park on Monday. It was wonderful to see the children embracing every moment, challenging and surprising themselves. Watching them take risks and overcome fears, and then seeing the excitement and enjoyment on their faces was a real pleasure. We all felt very lucky to have been able to spend the day in the water at the start of another hot week! Back in class, the children have been busy designing, and making their picture frames as part of our DT project. They have worked well to help one another, learn new skills, adapt their work, and think about overall presentation. They are looking forward to completing and decorating them next week. In Maths, we have continued our work on shape and the children particularly enjoyed using the beebots to investigate angles and turns on Wednesday. In English, the children have been working hard on developing their handwriting and presentation as well as focusing on expanded noun phrases, editing, correcting and improving sentences. I hope you manage to find some cool over the weekend before the last full week of Year Three!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

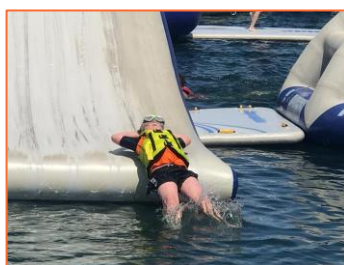
Year 4 have had another fantastic week! On Monday, we thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to join the rest of Key Stage 2 at the Wake Park. We started the day with exciting Ringo rides, being pulled across the water on inflatable rings in pairs. Afterwards, we joined Year 6 on the inflatable obstacle course, where we had lots of fun tackling slides, monkey bars and a variety of challenging obstacles. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and showing great determination throughout the day.

On Tuesday, the children demonstrated that they are ready to step into Year 5 by showing excellent levels of maturity and responsibility.

In English, we have been planning our own quest stories, carefully embedding the grammatical features we have learned throughout the year. In Maths, we explored how to identify lines of symmetry in shapes before completing this learning sequence.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Colour Run. It was fantastic to celebrate another successful school year together as a community.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr Slocombe & Mr Craker

This week has been full of exciting experiences and memorable moments! On Monday, we had a fantastic visit to the wake park, where the children enthusiastically tackled the different obstacles and encouraged one another throughout the day. It was wonderful to see their determination, teamwork and confidence shine.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a brilliant Forest School session. The children were incredibly proud to show off their creative woodland masterpieces, including cars, stars and impressive dens. The delicious pancakes cooked over the fire were certainly a highlight and were enjoyed by everyone!

We also had a fantastic Transition Day, where the children experienced what it will be like to be in Year 6. They embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm. We are so proud of how maturely and positively they approached every challenge this week. Well done, everyone! Have a great weekend!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have continued to work hard on their production this week, continuing to learn lines, sing songs and follow stage directions. They are doing brilliantly so far and are looking forward to their dress rehearsal next week. Please could you have a look at your child's character/costume slip and let school know if you don't have the items required for the costume.

In science, they have evaluated an experiment carried out last week on the impact of exercise on heart rate. The children wrote some conclusions from their results and used their new knowledge to complete their final assessment task.

On Monday, the children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Wake Park. They enjoyed the new experience of a ringo ride and showed great teamwork on the inflatable course! Finally, it sounds like they all had a brilliant time on their secondary school transition days and are ready for the next stage of their education!

Have a brilliant weekend!



WINKLEIGH FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 29th August

at Winkleigh Village Hall

OPEN TO ALL



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2.30PM

ENTRIES ON THE DAY 8.30AM-10AM

Schedules available from Catkin Blooms,

The Church porch or wanddgarden@gmail.com

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AT 3.30PM FOLLOWED

BY AN AUCTION OF PRODUCE AND RAFFLE

CREAM TEAS ~ PLANTS AND SEEDS STALL

We would really like to involve children from school and encourage them to create and enter one of the four classes.

- A fantastic beast made from natural materials.
- A drawing, painting or collage of a creature that lives in the garden.
- A decorated plant pot.
- A miniature garden in a standard seed tray.



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winkleigh fair

FANCY DRESS

PARADE

Sunday, July 12 at 4:00 pm



prizes for...

best dressed baby

best dressed child

best dressed family



What should I wear for fancy dress?

Sparkly shoes, a cape, a long, flowing dress, suit and tie - or if you prefer, dust off your favorite superhero or wizard costume and come along to our Winkleigh Fair kickoff!