



Weekly newsletter

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Friday 24th October 2025



Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely way to end the half term!

We had a wonderful time walking up to church for our Harvest Festival service. The children sang beautifully, they performed Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and Autumn Days. Their confidence and enthusiasm shone through, and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents, and members of the community joining us to celebrate. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the service — it really made the occasion feel special.

A big well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented our school brilliantly at the Halwill Football Festival this week. It was fantastic to see so many local schools taking part and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. Our players gave their all in every match, working hard together, encouraging one another, and showing real determination. They were unlucky not to come home with a medal, but we couldn't be prouder of their attitude, effort, and behaviour; well done.

Unfortunately, the Tag Rugby event at QE had to be postponed due to the poor weather. However, we are hopeful that it will be rearranged soon, as the children are really looking forward to taking part. As in previous years, we have once again bought into the QE Sports Package, which allows our pupils to take part in a variety of sports festivals and activities at the secondary school throughout the year. These events give the children valuable opportunities to develop new skills, try different sports, and mix with pupils from other schools — something we know they really enjoy.

It was also, as always, wonderful to welcome so many grandparents to school on Wednesday for our Grandparents' Lunch. The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and happy chatter as the children proudly shared lunch with their grandparents. We received so many lovely comments about the food, the atmosphere, and how polite and welcoming the children were. It's always such a special event in our school calendar, and the children absolutely loved having their grandparents join them for the afternoon.

As we come to the end of this busy half term, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all our staff, pupils, and families for your hard work and support. The children have achieved so much this term, and we look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for an exciting half term on Monday 3rd November.

Have a lovely half term

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

PE days

Autumn 2

PE days for each class will continue to be included within the diary dates. Below details each class' PE days for this half term in line with any changes to class timetables. Children may also continue to wear their PE kit on days they are attending a sports club.

Reception: Leap into life every day, PE kit required on Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 1: Mondays and Thursdays

Year 2: Mondays and Thursdays

Year 3: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 4: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 5: Mondays and Fridays

Year 6: Mondays and Wednesdays

Any changes to these days due to events and timetable changes will be detailed in the weekly diary dates.

PE kit

- Navy school-branded/plain hoodie
 - Black trainers
 - Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
 - White t-shirt
- Children may continue to wear black trainers everyday for track and break times.



Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 03.11.25

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 8.30am the same day Early birds – 3pm the day before Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time. Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. <p>Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kit: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6 Utilita Cup qualifying round – Y5/6 (those involved have received letters) Christmas craft club (KS2) with Mrs Bourner 3.30pm-4.30pm Christmas craft club (KS1) with Mrs Keast 3.30pm-4.30pm FOWs meeting 2pm – in school
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kit: Year 3, Year 4 Gardening club (KS2) with Mr Walter 3.30pm-4.30pm Beech tree group non-uniform day (Winning group Autumn 1)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kit: Year 4, Year 5 Nursery Grandparent's lunch 12.30pm-1pm Y3 Exeter trip (drop off (8.30am) and pick up (3pm) from Eggesford railway station) Woodland Robins (Toddler & Baby group) session in the school hall 10-11.30am
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Choir club (KS2) with Miss McLean 12-12.30pm Christmas cake club (KS2) with Mrs Rowcliffe 3.30pm-4.30pm Hot chocolate sale 3.30pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE today: Owls, Year 5 Y5 Morwellham Quay visit Y3 Cake Sale

Diary dates

This half term

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

Upcoming events

Wb 10.11.25	10.11.25 KS1 Dance workshops 11.11.25/12.11.25 KS2 Skateboarding workshops 11.11.25 Y1/2 Visit to War Memorial 11am 12.11.25 Y1 Tiverton Museum Visit (in school) 14.11.25 Virtual book fair begins
Wb 17.11.25	17.11.25 M&M Productions – Snow White Performance 18.11.25 KS1 Visit to Kings Nympton – Sporting event 18.11.25/19.11.25 Parent's evening (postponed from before half term) 21.11.25 Y4 Cake sale
Wb 24.11.25	
Wb 01.12.25	01.12.25 Y4 Chocolate workshop (in school) 05.12.25 Christmas Family breakfast and open morning 05.12.25 Nursery Christmas crafts stay and play 05.12.25 Santa run

Separate Christmas flier with December events.

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

Wednesday mornings (term time)



10am-11.30am

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.

Launching Wednesday 5th November (This first session will be free)

Hot chocolate

Thursday 06th November
3.30pm



£1 Hot Chocolate

£1.50 Deluxe hot chocolate *with cream and marshmallows*

£2 Super deluxe hot chocolate *with cream,
marshmallows and a flake*

***All proceeds into our school trips and residential fundraising
pot.***

Fireworks

WINKLEIGH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

BBQ, SAM'S CIDER BAR & DISCO

WINKLEIGH SPORTS CENTRE

FRI 7TH NOV 2025

GATES OPEN 6PM FIREWORKS 7.30PM

£4 PER PERSON (UNDER 3S FREE)

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Art exhibition

Remembrance



Friday 7th November – Friday 14th November



All Saints Church, Winkleigh

St James the Apostle, Kings Nympton

Classes have been working hard on art work to commemorate the sacrifices made by many during the World Wars.

We are proud to present a Remembrance exhibition in our federation parish churches.

The exhibition can be viewed at any time during the churches' usual opening hours.

Sports report

Autumn 1

There has been a wave of sporting activity this term.

Firstly, winning the tag rugby tournament held at Winkleigh with a team of Year 5 & 6 was a great start to the sporting calendar.

Since then, we are really proud of everyone who attended the Stephen Shield cross country event in Torrington. Running against over 100 children in each race, everyone was amazing and should be proud of their achievements. (Pictures overleaf).

Last week, two mixed teams of Year 5 & 6 took part in a football tournament at Bow Community Primary School. In this fairly contested participation event, both teams played fantastically. Some Year 6s then had the opportunity to play in a football tournament at Halwill Primary School. Overall finishing 4th out of 8 teams. Well done to all and thank you to the parents who have arranged and managed lifts. We are very grateful for your continued support. It's always a challenge to choose teams when everyone is so enthusiastic, we consider a range of factors and, as always, we look forward to involving as many children as possible in upcoming events.

Unfortunately, our first QE event was postponed due the weather warning on Thursday. However, we hope to have a new date in place alongside: skateboarding, dance, gymnastics, football, Santa run and more!

Halwill



Bow

Trips & Activities

Key Stage 2 – Stephen Shield – 16.10.25

Last Thursday, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Stephen Shield event at Donnacroft Playing Fields in Torrington. Well done to all who took part, we are so proud of your efforts and thank you to Denise Bedford and Holly Luscombe who accompanied us.

Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

We've had a lovely, busy week in the nursery, full of fun, learning, and seasonal celebrations!

Learning About Scarecrows

The children have been exploring the theme of scarecrows this week. We talked about what scarecrows do, why farmers use them, and how they help protect the crops. The children have had fun designing and making their own scarecrow puppets. We have also enjoyed singing and performing 'I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow...'

Pumpkin Soup Fun

Inspired by the story "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper, the children worked together to make their own delicious pumpkin soup. They helped scoop out the pumpkin and smelled the different ingredients. It was a wonderful sensory experience — and everyone was very proud to taste the delicious soup. Thank you Mrs Bridgman for providing all the ingredients!

Learning About Diwali

We also learned a little about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We talked about how Diwali is a time to celebrate with family, light, and love.

It has been fantastic half term. The children have settled into the nursery routines beautifully.

Have a wonderful half term.
The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Miss Batstone & Mrs Rowcliffe

The Owls have had a wonderful week celebrating Diwali. The children learned about the Festival of Lights and enjoyed creating divas, potions, and pumpkins as part of our themed activities. To end the week, they made beautiful poppy handprint wreaths to commemorate Remembrance Day, showing great care and creativity. Our Harvest Festival was another highlight, marking the Owls' first visit to the church. We were extremely proud of how sensibly the children walked and how respectfully they participated in the whole-school service. *During the half-term break, we encourage families to continue reading with their children and to make the most of everyday opportunities to count and explore numbers.* Linking maths and reading to real-life experiences helps children develop confidence and understanding in meaningful ways. We are so proud of how well the Owls have settled into school life. They have shown resilience, respect, and enthusiasm in embracing our school values and routines. Rather than a school trip this term, we have arranged for a number of visitors to come into school to provide exciting and enriching learning experiences. We wish all our Owls and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.



Year 1 – Mrs Roberts

The final week of this half term has been another busy one for Year 1! In English, we concluded our Hansel and Gretel Curious Quest writing sequence and began our final sequence of the term — Funnybones: The Pet Shop. The children have enjoyed using adjectives to describe characters and settings, and we have been focusing on punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. In Maths, we continued our learning on addition, focusing on number bonds within 10 and systematically finding number bonds that make 10. The children particularly enjoyed using their bead strings to help with this. In RE, we learned about the parable of The Prodigal Son from the New Testament and explored what forgiveness means and how it links to the story. In Geography, we concluded our learning by creating a 3D map of Winkleigh, thinking carefully about all the landmarks we saw on our walk around the village. We thought about what these landmarks might look like on a map and categorised them into human or physical features. A gentle reminder — Please remember to send home reading books back in book bags so we can exchange them for new ones. We really appreciate your help with this!

Have a wonderful half term break!



Class news

Year 2 – Mrs Keast

Year 2 have had a fantastic week. We have completed our writing based on Augustus and His Smile, creating our own imaginative versions. Everyone has been using brilliant adjectives to describe the different settings. In Maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction within 100, using our knowledge of number bonds to tackle larger calculations. We've also been practising with number lines and the hundred square. In Art, we finished our Picasso-style portraits using oil pastels to add bold, vibrant colour. In Geography, we concluded our topic Where We Live and will be moving on to Significant Individuals – Explorers in History next half term. As the weather turns, **please ensure children bring a coat daily**. Our new welly racks are installed and ready, so having a spare pair of wellies to keep in school would be ideal, especially as we begin Forest School on Thursday afternoons. After half term, **PE will take place on Monday and Thursday**, and we'll begin preparations for our Christmas performance, The Christmas Rose. Details about roles will be shared in November. Wishing everyone a wonderful and well-deserved half term break after a busy start to the year!



Year 3 – Mrs Bourner

What a great week Year Three have had to end this half term.

They have all worked so hard on their own Beastie stories, thinking about patterns in text and the use of adjectives. What great imaginations they all have! In art this week, they thoroughly enjoyed creating their own poppies and worked well to complete their own self portraits based on the artist Frida Kahlo.

It was lovely to spend some time outside at the start of the week, helping to keep our wonderful grounds neat and tidy, as well as enjoying participating in some natural art! Well done on all your hard work this half term Year Three. Have a lovely break next week, ready for plenty more fun after half term!



Class news

Year 4 – Mr Walter

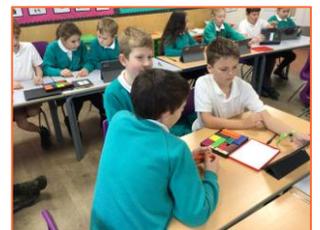
It has been a wonderfully busy and creative week in Year 4! In maths, the children have been exploring the multiples of 3 and 6, discovering patterns and making links between the two times tables. In English, we have been learning about how to understand and describe characters' emotions. The children watched a short video based on Rock, Paper, Scissors and used it to explore how characters might feel, behave, and change throughout a story. Their ideas and discussions have been thoughtful and imaginative, helping to inspire some excellent descriptive writing. As part of our artwork, the children worked carefully to create beautiful poppies for our Remembrance display. Each one is unique and made with care, contributing to a stunning and respectful tribute which will be on display in the church. We have also been learning about the layers of the rainforest and have had lots of fun designing and building our own 3D models to show what each layer looks like and who lives there.

Enjoy half term and Halloween!



Year 5 – Mr Saltearn

Year 5 have been busy this week finishing our sequences, demonstrating the skills and knowledge that we have learnt this term. In English, we have watched the film Kensuke's Kingdom which will be our teaching sequence after half term. The children enjoyed watching the film and asking questions about what they had seen and the characters in the film. In Maths, we have started our new sequence on fractions and have been talking about what we know about fractions and have used the Cuisenaire to support our investigations about fractions, thinking about what they show and the fractions we can find. On Thursday, years 5 and 6 opened the doors between the rooms to start to think about our joint DT project after half term. The children enjoyed working in their groups and focused on working as a team. Well done Year 5 for a great half term, have a fantastic break.



Class news

Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have written some fantastic poems in response to Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'Who Are We?' to finish off our English sequence this week. They have published their work thinking about what illustrations will support the reader to understand the meaning of their poem. In maths, we have completed a short sequence on position and direction. The children have done brilliantly at recalling prior knowledge to build upon. After half term, we will begin looking at fractions. On Tuesday afternoon, the children joined the nursery children for book club and had the opportunity to share some books with them. They were brilliant role models to them and loved the opportunity to read to younger children. We also finished our sequences in the foundation subjects this week, taking time to recall all of the new knowledge the children have learnt in their first few weeks of Year 6. Finally, well done to your Year 6 team of footballers who played well in their tournament at Halwill Primary School! Thank you to parents for organising transport for this event and to Mr Walter for organising it. Have a brilliant half term!



Online safety newsletter from
Scomis

<https://www.scomis.org/app/uploads/2025/10/OLS-Newsletter-for-schools-Oct-2025.pdf>

Secondary applications

Apply Now for Secondary School – Deadline 31 October 2025

It's time to apply for your child's **Year 7 secondary school place for September 2026**. All applications must be submitted **by 31 October 2025**.

Families should apply online through the **Devon Citizens Portal**:

 [Apply for a school place](#)

Even if you're unsure or planning to move, it's important to **apply before the deadline** to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

Key Dates:

-  **Application deadline:** 31 October 2025
-  **National offer day:** 2 March 2026

Late applications may mean missing out on your preferred schools, so please apply as soon as possible.

For help or questions, contact the **Devon School Admissions Team**:

 admissions@devon.gov.uk |  0345 155 1019

New school lunch menu

Autumn/Winter 2025/26



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken with Savoury Rice	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lasagne	Fish Fingers <i>or</i> Salmon Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Homemade Bean Burger with Savoury Rice (v)	Plant Sausages, with Stuffing Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans
Served with	Fresh Seasonal Veg	Coleslaw	Fresh Carrots & Cabbage	Country Mixed Veg	Peas <i>or</i> Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Mousse	Apple Crumble & Custard	Sticky Toffee Cake	Iced Shortbread	Chocolate Oatcake with Orange Wedges

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar | 30 Mar

*Available Daily:

Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives



2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon & Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Chicken Fillet Bites & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Veggie Fingers & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans
Served with	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Country Mixed Veg	Peas <i>or</i> Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Chocolate Cracknell	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Oaty Cookie

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar

*Available Daily:

Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives



3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Handmade Cottage Pie	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Enchilada (v)	Veggie Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Quorn Nuggets & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese <i>and/or</i> Beans
Served with	Fresh Seasonal Veg	Peas	Fresh Carrots & Peas	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Peas <i>or</i> Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Iced Fruit Smoothie	Jam Sponge	Vanilla Arctic Roll	Carrot Cake	Apple Flapjack

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar

*Available Daily:

Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives