

A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The school is looking very festive! I have seen the Naughty Elf has been up to his usual mischief in Owls class. Yesterday he took all the tinsel and decorations off their tree and left them all over the carpet area! I believe he ventured into Year 3 as well and ate a few of Mr Slocombe's chocolate stash!

On Monday, Year 1 and 2 will perform a dress rehearsal of their Christmas production to the rest of the school, their rehearsals are going very well and I can't wait to see the final performance!

On Tuesday, Nursery, Owls and Key Stage 1 will be having their Christmas lunch, and on Wednesday Key Stage 2 will be enjoying theirs. Don't forget children can wear a Christmas jumper on the day they have their Christmas lunch.

After the success of our school marathon challenge last year, we are returning with a new challenge. On Wednesday, we are holding a Santa Run across the Federation! This is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Christmas while being physically active. A payment request for £1.00 is open on the Gateway, this payment will allow your child to receive a medal for completing the given distance. Additionally, it is a fantastic opportunity for your child to be wearing something Christmassy as they walk, run, skip etc. All children will take part, but only those signed up will receive a medal.

On Thursday I am very excited to be accompanying Year 3 on their trip to Exeter. We will be having a tour of the Cathedral, walking around the Christmas market and enjoying lunch at Pizza Express, I know the children are very excited too!

Our Nursery Christmas Craft Stay & Play morning is on Friday 9th December, please do sign up if you are attending as we will have some special gifts for the children. If you know anyone who would like to come please ask them to speak to Mrs Stapley, or email admin so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes for the Year 5 cake sale today, there was a lovely array of Christmas cakes and biscuits. We will let you know how much they raised next week.

And finally, the Christmas jumper swap shop organised by FOWS raised £59! Thank you all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher



DIARY DATES

W/C 5TH DECEMBER 2022



Saturday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for booking school meals and before school club for w/c 12th December</i>
Monday 5th December	<p>Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut <u>promptly</u> at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am</p> <p>3.30pm Children released to their parents/carers—Owls and Year 1 via the side gate near the main reception entrance, everyone else from the main playground gate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 5 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Chess Club (Mrs Gent)
Tuesday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 4, Year 6, (no PE for Owls) ◆ Christmas Lunch—Nursery, Owls, Year 1 and Year 2 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 1/2 Multi Sports Club (Saints Southwest)
Wednesday 7th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Santa Run Fundraiser—£1.00 to enter on the Gateway ◆ PE lessons today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 ◆ Christmas Lunch—Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 4 PE/Multi Sports Club (Primary Sports) 
Thursday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 3—Educational Visit to Exeter—please drop children at Eggesford Station by 8.50am, collect at 4.00pm ◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5 PE/Multi Sports Club (Primary Sports)
Friday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 9.15am–10.30am Nursery Stay & Play Christmas Crafts—please contact us to book in ◆ PE lessons today: Year 5, Year 6, (no PE for Year1) ◆ Year 1 & 2's Christmas Performance (with crèche in Nursery for younger siblings) Doors open 1.30pm No admittance without your ticket 

Emails sent this week: Message from Mrs Bourner. Kay Stage 1 Christmas Performance. Year 6 Spellings. Collection Today—Wednesday. After School Clubs for Autumn. School Gateway—Recently Updated Sections for Parents. After School Music Tuition—Spring Term. London Residential—Instalment Reminder. Skern Lodge—Instalment Reminder. Nursery Sessions Spring 2023. Fine Art Club with Aurora Shine.

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Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

We have had a great time looking at the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the children were able to retell the story using key vocabulary from the story. We have also enjoyed making and tasting porridge and the children have also shown great skill in counting how many scoops of porridge it takes to fill the different sized bowls. We are very impressed with how the children are developing their counting skills.

On Thursday we started our Christmas activities and reading lots of seasonal themed books.

Just a quick note about our Christmas singing session on the 12th December. The children have been busy practising songs to share with you. The children need to wear something festive; hats, jumpers, dresses etc. on the day. If your child is not in session on that day but would like to attend, they need to arrive at the nursery for 2.15pm and then all the Nursery children will walk down to the school hall together at 2.30pm.

The children will then need to be collected from the Nursery after the performance.

The Nursery Team



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

The excitement is most definitely building in Owls Class this week! The children have enjoyed using puppets and knitted characters to re-tell the story of The First Christmas and are working so hard on learning to sing and sign the songs for our Nativity play. They are looking forward to dressing up and practising in costume next week!

They enjoyed making salt dough decorations on Tuesday, thinking about the order in which we have to follow a recipe, and were very excited about decorating the Christmas Tree on Wednesday. They were disappointed to find that Naughty Norman the cheeky elf had destroyed all their hard work and had made a terrible mess with his arrival on the 1st December however!

Everyone has worked hard to write their letters to Santa this week and we are hoping to walk to the Post Office next week to put them in the post box.

In maths, the children have been thinking about time. They have learnt about the days of the week (I wonder if you can remember the song we learnt?) and talked about all the different things that happen on each day.

They have enjoyed listening to stories about **nocturnal** animals and have had fun talking about and sorting pictures to show things that happen at night and things that happen in the day.

Please note there will be no show and tell next week as we will be practising for our nativity play.

Have a well earned rest this weekend Owls and let's hope Naughty Norman doesn't get up to too much mischief over the weekend!



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Year 1—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Keast

This week we made our own Christmas decorations using lolly sticks and pipe cleaners. This enabled us to complete our sequence of learning in English, writing our own set of instructions. We finished the week by following instructions to make snowflakes to decorate our classroom.

In Maths we have been consolidating our learning and focused on counting objects and recognising numbers as words. **Can you write numbers 1-10 in word form?**

In PSHE we have been thinking about who is special to us. We discussed this as a class during circle time and then made a card for that special person.

We are also very busy putting the final touches to our Christmas Play and look forward to sharing it with you next week!



Year 2—Miss Jones

This week the children have been busy doing assessments in Reading, Maths and SPaG. We have been really impressed with their perseverance and hard work!

Between assessments, there has been lots of practicing for the Christmas play, ready for our dress rehearsal to the school on Monday. Costumes are being finalised and the production slightly tweaked, but we are nearly there and are so excited to show the play to everyone!

On Thursday we started to make our festive fridge magnets in DT and used our designs from last week. It is certainly starting to feel Christmassy! The children helped to make and decorate our classroom with snowflakes, paper chains and helped to put up our class tree.

Have a great weekend everyone!



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Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Year 3 have had a brilliant week, working really hard on their assessment quizzes in class. I have been impressed with the children's recall of key learning. In the meantime, we have continued our sequence around Mog's Christmas Calamity in English. We are really enjoying the story and have spent time learning about sentence structure, speech, conjunctions and adjectives this week. We will be applying each of these concepts in our independent writing in the coming weeks.

We have learnt about the four times table and multiplying by eight this week in maths. We will be focusing on learning mental arithmetic strategies over the next couple of weeks to support our calculations. During D&T, we made, or helped our peers to make, our instruments this week. The children worked hard and used their resilience to create their designs. We learnt about water and air resistance in science, drawing force diagrams to demonstrate our understanding. History saw us think about Egyptian gods, why they were worshipped and making comparisons with other civilisations we know about.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Exeter next Thursday! Have a great, restful weekend.



Year 4—Miss McLean

Year Four have worked incredibly hard on their quizzes this week and have amazed me with their resilience when having a go at some tricky questions.

In maths on Thursday and Friday, we had a go at some multiplication investigations. The children worked with each other to explain what they had found out and how they came to their conclusions. In English, we got to know our new text 'The Snow Globe' by making a story map and discussing the characters emotions and how they changed throughout the story.

In history this week, we became researchers to find out the answers to some questions about Mayan everyday life. The children used books, the internet and fact sheets to find out what the Mayans ate, what types of buildings they lived in and whether they went to school or not.

In D&T on Thursday afternoon, we started to use our designs to make a board game. We discussed the reasons for using a square frame structure as a solid base for a game before having a go at making one. We will continue to work on these next week.

Finally, Christmas arrived in our classroom this week! The children are all looking forward to

the events that are coming up during the next two weeks in school.



Well done again for your hard work this week Year Four, enjoy a well-deserved, restful weekend!

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Year 5—Mr Walter

Christmas has hit Year 5!! With the help of Miss Parsons the classroom has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland.

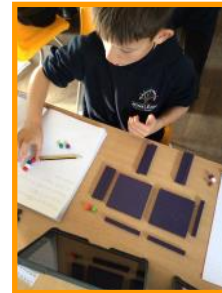
Everyone has worked fantastically in their NFERs this week, taking care and applying their knowledge throughout.

In science this week, we have been experimenting the oxidation of an apple in different substances. Each day we have been checking to see the changes of the apple (it stinks of vinegar).

In DT, we started to construct materials with our Year 6 groups for our Christmas fair. **Some children were interested to bring things from home, we have asked they check with you first.**

In RE, we have started a discussion about the meaning of Christmas and how it is celebrated across religions. While in PHSE we have worked on a jigsaw of the United Kingdom to show the differences of culture, language and more.

Thank you to all who donated cakes for todays cake sale. Have a great weekend.



Year 6—Mr Davis

It has been assessment week in Year 6 this week. The children have undertaken their first set of practice SATs which are, of course, designed for the end of the year. I would like to say how pleased I am with the children's application, effort, maturity and resilience when dealing with a new type of assessment. So well done to all of them. These assessments will be reflected in their reports.

In DT this week, Year 6 combined with their Year 5 teammates to start the designing and building process of their Christmas Fair games. It was fantastic to see them collaborating and working really hard as groups to achieve their goals. I know they are really looking forward to welcoming children from the rest of the school to their event in just over a week's time.

In Science, Year 6 have continued to look at practical applications for circuits and components in the world. This week, they have looked at the circuit for a burglar alarm. They started by looking at the alarm system in school before considering what the circuit might look like.

Finally, before creating a circuit diagram to demonstrate their understanding, they learnt how conductive materials can be used to complete a circuit over a window or door by creating a contact point.

In PSHE, the children have been building on their knowledge of what it means to be assertive and thinking about respect - both in and out of the classroom. I do hope you all have a lovely weekend!





Christmas Events 2022



1st to 14th December

Christmas Post Box

Children can post cards into our fabulous festive post box throughout the fortnight. These will be delivered to school friends. Please ensure envelopes are marked with full name and class.



Tuesday 6th December

Christmas Lunch

Nursery, Owls, Year 1 and Year 2

Children may wear their Christmas jumper today. If you would like to donate 60p towards the extra costs of this meal, we would be very grateful. A payment request has been set up in the Gateway.

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Lunch

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Children may wear their Christmas jumper today.



Wednesday 7th December

Santa Run Fundraiser

£1 to enter

Each age group will take part in running, medals for all who enter. Payment via the Gateway please.



Friday 9th December

Nursery Stay & Play Christmas Crafts

9.00am-11.00am

All welcome, please come and join us for some festive crafting and refreshments. Please email admin to book your place in advance. £2 per family (cash on the day)

Friday 9th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play!

2.00pm-3.00pm

In the school hall. Maximum of two adults per child please, tickets will be issued in advance. No entry without a ticket due to space.



Christmas Jumpers can be worn every day

12th—16th December



Monday 12th December

Nursery Singing Concert

2.30pm

In the school hall. All nursery parents and children invited. Join us for a mince pie and singing. Two adults per child, tickets will be issued in advance. No entry without a ticket due to space restrictions.

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Fun Day!

Fun & Games, Grand Prize Draw, and Cake Sale

See next page for full details.



Wednesday 14th December

Owls Nativity

2.00pm-3.00pm

In All Saints Church.

Parents, carers, grandparents of Owls children only invited.



Thursday 15th December

Carol Service

1.30pm

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

In All Saints Church.

Parents, carers, grandparents of children in Key Stage 2 only invited.



Friday 16th December

Last Day of Term

In the morning we will welcome Rob Pudner of Entertainingly Different. Rob will pop in to delight us with his silly songs and snow machine. *Paid for with funds raised from the Family Breakfast in September.*

In the afternoon, children will have their Class Christmas parties—fun, games and party food, which will be provided.

Paid for with funds raised from Santa Run, and Stikins name labels sales commission.





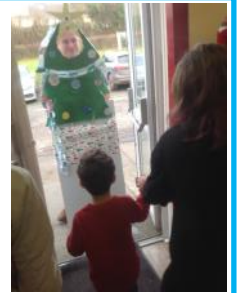
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Tuesday 13th December



Christmas Games by Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 will create, set up and run games for all the children. This will be a “pay to play” fundraising and enterprise event for Years 5 and 6. Children can bring up to (but no more than) £3.50 in to school with them on this day to take part.



Grand Prize Draw

The children in Year 6 wrote thoughtful letters to many local and national businesses at the start of term to ask for donations for our Grand Prize Draw. We’ve had a fantastic response to the children’s letters and received an amazing selection of prizes; from cream teas to carveries; Boden vouchers to Chiefs tickets!

Entry Details

£2 per entry, you can buy as many entries as you like.

Prizes will be numbered. We will draw a name entry out of the hat, then draw a prize number, and match the winner to a numbered prize.

A payment request in Gateway will be set up to purchase your entries.

Closing date Friday 9th December.

We will hold the prize draw in school on Tuesday 13th December. Winners will be contacted after the draw and invited to collect their prize from the school office before the end of term.

Prizes include:

Sam’s Cider gift; Kents Cavern annual membership; Rosemoor family admission ticket; Homeleigh Garden Centre Cream Tea for 2; Fox & Hounds Carvery; Belluno £20 voucher; Graylings vouchers; Waie Inn family admission to Waie 2 Play; hand made coasters and games donated by Kingsley Plastics; Skern Lodge Easter Session; Changes Hairdressers voucher; Exeter Chiefs Match Day tickets; Trago Mills voucher; Kids Tool Box from C&R Construction; Wildwood Escot entry voucher; Paint Pots of Devon voucher; Bruder Tractor from South West Fixings; Powderham Castle family admission ticket; Boden vouchers; North Devon Wake Park £15 voucher; Woolley Animals Family Alpaca Walk voucher; Immersion VR session gift voucher; Forthglade Dog treats; Waitrose Hamper, Drakes Farm Café voucher.



Year 6 Cake Stall

To conclude this day of Christmas fun, Year 6 will be holding their class cake sale outside school from 3.15pm. Donations of cakes to sell will be gratefully received.





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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

31ST OCTOBER 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023



Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Hunters Chicken (Homemade BBQ Sauce) & Rice)	Roast Chicken & Stuffing (Optional)	Westcountry Sausage (Pork) & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Crumble	Quorn & Vegetable Fajita with Rice	Leek & Potato Layer Bake	Gnocchi with Quorn Mince Ragu	Quorn Dippers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Potato Wedges	Peas	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Country Mixed Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Pancakes with sliced Banana & Honey	Apple Crumble & Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake topped with Toffee Sauce & Langage Farm Ice Cream	Homemade Chocolate Drop Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	31/10/22; 21/11/22; 12/12/22; 16/01/23; 06/02/23; 06/03/23; 27/03/23				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Quorn Curry & Tilda Rice	Cottage Pie (Beef)	Roast Gammon & Pineapple (Optional)	Organic Pork Meatballs & Wholemeal Pasta	Salmon Bites
Option 2 (v)	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato & Bean Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread	Vegetable Wellington	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Gravy	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Homemade Banana Muffin	Jam Sponge & Pink Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Cracknel
Jacket Potato	Cheese	Beans	Tuna	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	07/11/22; 28/11/22; 02/01/23; 23/01/23; 20/02/23; 13/03/23				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza Margherita	Tuna Pasta Bake	Roast Pork & Stuffing (Optional)	Lasagne (Beef)	Cod Goujons
Option 2 (v)	Plant Power Burger	Cheese Wheel & Potato Wedges	Veggie Roast	Singapore Style Noodles	Quorn Sausage
Sides	Sweetcorn & Herby Diced Potatoes	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Crusty Bread & Roasted Winter Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips & Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Flapjack	Apple & Custard Cake with Langage Farm Ice Cream	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Jammy Dodger Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Beans	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese	Beans
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	14/11/22; 05/12/22; 09/01/23; 30/01/23; 27/02/23; 20/03/23				



Are you entitled?

Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Winkleigh Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme



The aim of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

To help you find the guidance you need, please visit:

[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/haf)

