

Winkleigh Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been, it was lovely to see so many people in for the family breakfast and open morning. We hope you enjoyed it and had the opportunity to look at your children's work and were able to see the progress over the term. They have all worked very hard this term.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Santa Run, it was lovely to see everyone dressed up and running around the track, overall the children completed more than 313 miles in total! We hope you liked your medals.

Thank you to South West Norse kitchen team who prepared the Christmas dinner, it was lovely to see so many people enjoying it. The kitchen served over 270 Christmas dinners over the two days, quite a feat— and the biggest uptake we've ever had! It was lovely to see Ange back, who for the first time in 25 years was enjoying being served rather than cooking the dinner, although she couldn't resist briefly stepping in to help out.



Next week continues with more festive fun, please check the flyer for all the details. Don't forget children can wear Christmas attire for the whole week, or their own clothes should they wish, it would be lovely to see some festive jumpers though!

On Friday we end the week with our class parties, please remember to bring in a <u>small</u> plate of food; savoury or sweet, that can be shared out amongst the school.

If you are coming to see the Owls Nativity or Year 1 & 2 play, please could we remind you that pushchairs cannot be brought into the building due to fire regulations. Nursery will be running a crèche for the Year 1 & 2 play, please contact admin to book if you would like a place.

Mrs Evans (Teaching Assistant) has left us for pastures new, taking up a role closer to home, we wish her all the best.

Have a lovely weekend,

\$ Jenemore

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES



W/C 11TH DECEMBER 2023



Emails sent this week: Year 2 Spellings 04/12/23. Spring 2024 Enrichment Clubs. Crèche—Tuesday 12th September. Multisports Key Stage 2 (Spring 2024). Staffing Update. Year 6 Spellings 07/12/23. Nursery Sessions—Spring 2024. Free School Meal Vouchers Christmas 2023 & February Half Term 2024. School Buses week commencing 11th December.



Christmas Events 2023





FOWS Christmas Jumper Sale 3.15pm Friday 17th and Friday 24th November







1st to 13th December

Christmas Post Box

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



Tuesday 5th December

Christmas Lunch

Nursery, Owls, Year 1 and Year 2

Children may wear their Christmas jumper today. If you would like to donate 50p towards the extra costs of this meal, we would be very grateful. A payment request has been set up in the Gateway for KS1.

Tuesday 5th December

Nursery Singing Concert

2.30pm

In the Nursery. 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.

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Lunch

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Children may wear their Christmas jumper today.



Wednesday 6th 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 8th December

Family Breakfast & Open Morning

8.30am-9.15am

Join us for a bacon roll and hot drink, followed by a visit to your child's class to see their learning.

Order on the Gateway please.







Wear Christmas Jumpers / Non-uniform all week 11th-15th December







Friday 8th December

Nursery Stay & Play Christmas Special

2.00pm-3.30pm

All welcome, please come and join us for festive crafting, refreshments and a gift. Booking essential, please email admin to book your place in advance. £3.50 per child.

Monday 11th December

Owls Nativity

2.30pm-3.00pm

In the school hall.

Parents, carers, grandparents of Owls children only invited.



Tuesday 12th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play!

1.30pm-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.

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Fun Day!

Fun & Games and Grand Prize Draw. See next page for full details.



Thursday 14th December

Carol Service





In All Saints Church.

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

Friday 15th December

Last Day of Term— Class Parties

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

Please send in a small plate of food with your child, to share.



Christmas Fun Day! Wednesday 13th December



Christmas Games by Year 5 and Year 6

Working collaboratively in D&T lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 will devise, create, set up and run games for all the children in school to enjoy.

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 started this term busily writing thoughtful letters to many local and national businesses asking for donations for our Grand Prize Draw.

We've had a fantastic response to the children's letters and have already received an amazing selection of prizes; from tickets for fun days out, to restaurant vouchers and Exeter Chiefs match 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 8th December

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

Prizes include:

Exeter Chiefs Match Day Ticket; Milky Way tickets; Graylings vouchers; Kents Cavern membership; Trago Mills voucher; Interior Design Consultation voucher; Wildlife & Dinosaur Park tickets; Cheese Factory hamper; RHS Rosemoor tickets; Waie 2 Play voucher; Sam's Cider gift; 2-day Pleasure Fishing ticket; and many more...



SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

It is certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas! This week we have been making cards, calendars, Christmas decorations and we have been singing Christmas songs and have enjoyed lots of festive themed stories including 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', 'The Night Before Christmas' and 'The Great Christmas pudding rescue' to name a few!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday and sat and ate beautifully together. It was lovely to see so many families on Tuesday for our Christmas sing song! The children were absolutely marvellous and are still singing the songs every day!

We also had a great time during the Santa run on Wednesday and the children were very proud of their medals!

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team.



























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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

In Owls Class this week the children have been very busy preparing for Christmas alongside practising for our Nativity Play next week.

What a delicious Christmas lunch we were all treated to on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed all sitting together in the hall with Year One and Year Two, and we were amazed by the amount of children who all asked for second helpings!

On Wednesday the children ran laps and laps of the running track for our Santa run. Some children ran over 2 miles!

The children have all written their letters to Santa, and have amazed us all with their writing. Mrs Brook, Mrs Betts and myself cannot wait to see whether the children's Christmas wishes come true.

In maths this week, the children have enjoyed playing games, continuing to work with small numbers. They have counted decorations onto Christmas trees, counted Santa's reindeers, and talked about which trees have more and which trees have fewer decorations. *I wonder if you can count the number of stars or baubles on your own trees at home Owls?*

We hope as many of you as possible can make it to watch our Nativity Play on Monday next week. The children are very excited about telling you the story.

Have a lovely weekend Owls.





















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Year 1— Mrs Keast & Mrs Betts

A busy week for Year One as we head towards the end of the Autumn Term. We had a delicious Christmas Dinner on Tuesday and then thoroughly enjoyed zooming around the track on Wednesday for the Santa Run. Then the week was nicely completed on Friday with our family breakfast and open morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us this week.

In English we are completing our sequence of learning by creating our own stories. We are thinking up an imaginary character who comes to life and takes us to a magical imaginary place, in the same way that Pipsqueak takes Daisy in the original story. We are working hard to use some different verbs in our writing when describing how the imaginary character moves.

In Maths we are completing our learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed using the outdoor area to make 2D shapes using natural resources.

In Design Technology this week we made a moving calendar with a Christmas design. We planned it carefully last week and have now created some lovely final pieces – these will be coming home next week along with some lovely Christmas crafts.

Next week we have lots of fun planned and our Christmas play – we are excited to share all our hard work with you!











Year 2—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

We are in the penultimate week and still working hard. Thank you so much to all those parents who came in to let us show you our writing. We are so proud of our work and the progress we are making.

In Computing this week, the children have continued to impress me. They focused on using light and dark to enhance photos. Their photo subject was a bauble—I think the photos they have taken are so good they really could be used on Christmas cards—they thought about background, colours, and the direction of light.

A big thank you to the kitchen for our Christmas dinner this week, we had it in the hall with Year 1s and Reception children. The Christmas play is coming together well, children have learnt their lines and dances and are getting really good at knowing where to come off and on stage and where to stand. We are all very much looking forward to showing it to you next week.

Next week will be filled with Christmas activities. They have already made a beautiful bracelet to give as a gift. We will try to continue with guided reading for another week. It is a spelling assessment week, so there is no spellings to learn over the holidays! We are looking forward to having a lot of fun next week—remember it's wear your Christmas jumper or home clothes all week!













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Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Year 3 have had a very exciting week! We have still managed to squeeze plenty of learning in, between Christmas dinner, Santa run and excitement for the festive season! All the children looked fantastic on Wednesday in their Christmas jumpers.

In English, we have been focusing on improving handwriting and presentation this week. We have learnt about using two adjectives before a noun to add detail, creating 2Ad sentences. We have also discovered how to write to show not tell the reader what is happening and revised writing direct speech.

Maths has seen us learn about multiplying and dividing by 4 and 8. We have explored the link between these times tables and the 2 times tables. In history, we learnt about Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb in 1922 by Howard Carter.

Across the other subjects, we have been wrapping up our sequences of learning, as we have lots of festive activities planned next week! Have a lovely weekend!









Year 4—Miss McLean

Year Four have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week with lots of Christmassy activities. On Wednesday, the children put in a fantastic effort for their Santa run, with some children completing up to 3 miles on the track even after eating a full Christmas dinner!

In English, we have been practicing punctuating direct speech using inverted commas and other punctuation. *Can you remember the song that helps you with this?* To practice this knowledge, the children wrote conversations following the structure of a conversation in our book 'The Snow Globe'.

In maths we have been looking at how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 using interactive place value grids on our iPads to exchange and move counters to the left.

We have lots of exciting things happening next week too, starting with a chocolate workshop on Monday afternoon. The workshop will link with our learning in History from this half term on the Mayan civilisation. The children are also looking forward to the

Christmas games on Wednesday and our carol service in church on Thursday.

Have a fantastic weekend!











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Year 5—Mr Walter

Year 5 have worked extremely hard this week. In English, we have been focussing on our independent writes to create our own version of chapter 4 (Kensuke's Kingdom) from this we have been thinking carefully of how to build tension in our writing by using our learnt grammatical techniques.

In maths, we have been working on equivalent fractions, understanding the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. In science we concluded our experiment into how oxidation affects an apple when it is submerged in different substances.

Elsewhere, we worked hard with Year 6 again this week to complete our games for next Wednesday, we are looking forward to sharing them with the rest of the school.

The Christmas spirit has continued to grow this week in class, with advent calendars, Christmas lunch, Santa run and even learning about Spanish Christmas words. It was lovely to welcome some of you into the classroom this morning, I hope the children were able to explain and discuss their work with you all. I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend, see you on Monday!









Year 6—Mr Davis



It has been nice to get back to normal in Year 6 this week after our assessment week. In English, the children have continued learning about 'Northern Lights' by Phillip Pullman. This week, the children explored how equal and unequal clauses can be joined together with conjunctions and how these conjunctions can be replaced with colons and semi-colons as well. They then applied this by rewriting a scene from the novel from a different character's perspective. Their creative writing was excellent.



In Maths, Year 6 have looked at adding and subtracting mixed fractions and using these skills to solve two-step problems. Then they moved onto multiplying fractions by integers and have had plenty of time to practice this new technique using a variety of strategies.



In Science this week, Year 6 learnt some shocking facts about electricity and the importance of keeping oneself safe. The children paid particular attention to the dangers surrounding electricity and water before creating an informative leaflet explaining how to keep safe designed for the younger children in our school.

This week's history lesson involved the illnesses and cures of Tudor times. The children completed some research into some of the horrible diseases and even more horrible cures that were inflicted upon them. They then created a 'Horrible Histories' style two-page spread that demonstrates their understanding.



In ICT this week, the class finished designing their pencil pots on TinkerCAD and then started to refine their designs - thinking about the efficiency of their designs in regards to the materials required.

Finally, in Design and Technology, the Year 5s and 6s finished creating their games for the Christmas Fair next Wednesday. I know they are all now really excited to invite the younger children in and get the event started. Have a great weekend!

ADMISSIONS



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2024

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk

Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.





WRAPAROUND CARE



BEFORE SCHOOL



during term time. Nutritious breakfast provided with regular continental specials. For all school-aged children from Reception to Year 6.

7.45-9.00 JOIN US! MONDAY-FRIDAY

Book on the Gateway, via Clubs section Session with breakfast £5.00 Session without breakfast £4.00 Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Winkleigh Primary School, Farmer Franks Lane, EX19 8HW

WRAPAROUND CARE



BEFORE SCHOOL



ALL SORTS

AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE



RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Available during term time

BOOK ON THE GATEWAY VIA THE CLUBS SECTION

EVERY MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 3:30PM - 5:30PM

AUTUMN TERM ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Fun and board games
- Traditional outdoor games
- Seasonal art and craft
- Cooking, baking, and eating!
- Quiet time
- Sport and fitness
- Snacks included



TAX-FREE CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Winkleigh Primary School, Farmer Franks Lane, EX19 8JQ

WRAPAROUND CARE



ALL SORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

ALL SORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

~ Sessions available between 3.30pm to 5.30pm, charged at £5.00 per hour ~

~ Every Monday to Friday during term time ~

~ Book on the Gateway in the Clubs section ~

Our programme of activities for this half term is shown below

Mondays—Construction Club

Choose from Lego, K-nex, Magnetic shapes and more

+ SNACK (sandwich)





Tuesdays—Fun & Games

Traditional playground games, ball games, board games, cards and creativity table

+ SNACK (sandwich)

Wednesdays—Christmas Craft

15 Nov: Robin dangle legs decoration

22 Nov: Christmassy dot art

29 Nov: Christmas Elf scratch art

6 Dec: Christmas bauble

13 Dec: Snow globe



Thursdays—Cooking

Taste of Christmas!

16 Nov: Gingerbread men

23 Nov: Coconut snowballs

30 Nov: Christmas Tree biscuits

7 Dec: Mince pies

14 Dec: Party food

Fridays—Allsorts

Outside: Football/ ball games/ bikes

Inside: table games/ art/ construction /quiet time

+ SNACK (sandwich)





AUTUMN/WINTER MENU



FROM 30TH OCTOBER 2023

One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Grean beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pa Peas or Baked Beam
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownle	Oat and Sultana Cookle	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lottles
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
lvoilable each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:		30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11	1/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/	24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24	()
Week					
Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Bean
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Chresie, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
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Week starting:		06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18	/12/2023: 15/01/24; 05/02	/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/2	4
Week					
Three	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option Z (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcom or Winter Colesiaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Grean beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beams or Tuna
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Week starting:		13/11/23; 04/12/2	23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19	9/02/24; 11/03/24	
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ADVICE FOR PARENTS



Reporting Absences

To report your child absent please do so by telephoning the school and choosing Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.

You can also report an absence through the Gateway app.





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 hour 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	



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

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





Advice and guidance

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



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