

Winkleigh Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to Ange and Mel in the kitchen who cooked Christmas dinner for Nursery, Owls and Key Stage 1 on Tuesday, and for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday. The children absolutely loved it! Thank you so much for all your hard work, they cooked over 250 meals, what a great effort!

What a great success our Santa run was on Wednesday! Each class completed their laps dressed in their Christmas attire, some of the older children did over 20 laps of the track. Well done all, they loved their medals which were presented by Mr Walter in assembly. Thank you to Mr Walter for organising this event, and dressing up as Father Christmas! All monies raised will go towards the food for the Christmas Parties.

Well done to all our Key Stage 1 children who performed their play 'Snowman at Sunset' today, how brilliant they were! They have been working so hard on dances, delivering lines and acting, it really paid off today. Thank you to all the staff that have been working tirelessly on this over the past few weeks. Special thanks to Mrs Rowcliffe who made many of the costumes!

Well done to Year 3 who enjoyed their day in Exeter yesterday, they were so well behaved on the train, in the Cathedral and whilst walking around Exeter, which was very chilly! We finished off the day with a meal at Pizza Express followed by a walk around Winter Wonderland.

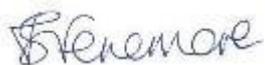
The classrooms are all looking very Christmassy, we have a competition across the federation for the most decorated classroom. Each member of staff is voting for their favourite, the results will be revealed next week.

Thank you to my Mum who raised over £200 for the school selling her lovely knitted wares at her village Christmas Craft Fair. This has gone into our trips pot.

We have so many exciting activities going on next week, so don't forget to check the Christmas events on page 10, and don't forget Christmas jumpers can be worn all week too.

Final call to get your grand prize draw entries in on the Gateway, the deadline is today!

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 12TH DECEMBER 2022



Monday 12th Dec	<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> <p> Christmas Jumpers may be worn every day </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE lessons today: Year 5◆ 2.30pm Nursery Singing Concert in the Nursery
Tuesday 13th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 4, Year 6◆ Christmas Fun Day! Games, Grand Prize Draw◆ 3.15pm-3.30pm Year 6 Cake Sale (<i>donations of cakes to sell gratefully received</i>)◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 1/2 Multi Sports Club (Saints Southwest)
Wednesday 14th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE lessons today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4◆ 2.00pm Owls Nativity in the Church
Thursday 15th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3◆ 1.30pm Carol Service in the Church (Years 3 to 6)
Friday 16th Dec— LAST DAY OF TERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE lessons today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6◆ Entertainingly Different Visit◆ Class Christmas Parties

Emails sent this week: Year 5 Spellings. London Residential Instalment Reminder. Skern Lodge Instalment reminder. Scarlet Fever in School. Christmas Performance—Friday 9th December. Santa Run Donation Reminder. URGENT School Bus Broken Down. Face Paints. Crèche During Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance. Year 3 Collection from Eggesford Station. Christmas and Half Term FSM Voucher Code. Scarlet Fever and GAS Communication. Owls Nativity—Monday 12th December. Nursery Singing Concert—Monday 12th December. Carol Service—Thursday 15th December. Reminder of Severe Weather Guidelines. Christmas Fun Day—Tuesday 13th December. Nursery Singing Concert—Change of Venue.

THE LEARNING ZONE

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 having a sparkly time busily making Christmas cards, counting and adding baubles to Christmas trees, making salt dough decorations to name a few activities. Each day the children have excitedly unwrapped a festive themed book from under the tree as part of our advent calendar.

On Tuesday the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch and we have also been practising our songs ready to share with you next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Nursery Team



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

There has been an awful lot of glittery fun going on in Owls Class this week, from decorating trees, to making party hats and so much more! The children all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Tuesday, and amazed us with the amount they ate. Some children even had three helpings of those delicious roast potatoes!

Each day our cheeky elf leaves us a new Christmas story to read, and the children have enjoyed listening to (and then acting out and re-telling) a number of funny stories this week. ***Can you remember all the cheeky things he has been up to this week Owls?***

In our role play area they have been busy wrapping presents, weighing them at the Christmas Post Office and then pretending to be Santa by delivering them. Our kitchen area has become a Christmas Bakery and there have been many delicious treats served up this week!

The children have been busy cutting out snowflakes and icicles along with threading snowflakes to turn our playhouse into a winter wonderland!

They are all very excited about our forthcoming Nativity and have been busy practising their songs ready to share with you next week. ***Please could we remind you to send in clothes for your child to wear under their costume for our Nativity play next week. Notes have been sent home in book bags to those children requiring long sleeved T-shirts and leggings. Thank you.***

Have a lovely weekend Owls and we look forward to more glitter and Christmas fun next week!



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Year 1—Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Keast

This week we have been very busy rehearsing the Christmas performance. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it!

We have read 'Dogger's Christmas' in English and thought about what we would wish for from Father Christmas. We wrote sentences independently and tried to include an adjective to describe our toy.

In Maths we have enjoyed some Christmas-themed activities, working on our numbers - counting backwards and also calculating 'one more than' using tree decorations. We had a trip to Winkleigh Church on Tuesday and saw how the Church is prepared for Christmas. In History we have finished our learning about toys from the past, drawing and labelling a Victorian toy and comparing it to a present day toy. We can't wait for next week and all the fun Christmas events that are planned, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rowcliffe has made our classroom look beautiful - here are some photos!



Year 2—Miss Jones

It's been a very festive week in Year 2! On Monday we made hats ready for our Christmas dinner on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their dinner with their friends. On Wednesday it was the Santa run and the children challenged themselves to complete as many laps as they could on the running track. The weather was sunny and the children thoroughly enjoyed being active outdoors. Their hard work was rewarded with a special Santa run medal which was presented in assembly.

On Friday it was our Christmas play and it was fantastic to finally share the production with parents and carers, we hope you enjoyed it!

In Maths this week we learned about vertices and explored the relationship between the number of sides and vertices that 2D shapes have.

In English we completed our shared write on the story Father Christmas and the three bears ready to complete our final independent write next week. In Science we compared an arctic, desert and woodland habitat and have been working hard on our presentation. Then in DT on Thursday we completed our Christmas fridge magnets. Have a good weekend everyone.



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Year 3—Mr Slocombe



Year 3 have had a great, Christmas-fun filled week! We enjoyed our trip to Exeter yesterday, pictures and more information attached.

In English, we have been practising our writing, by generating a shared story together based on Mog's Christmas Calamity. **Keep practising those spelling words at home, it's great to see them in writing!**

In maths, we have considered number bonds to 10, 20 and known facts that we can work out, generating fact families. We have also considered doubles and near doubles and how they can help us with our calculations.

We applied our writing knowledge to science and wrote explanations around forces and our investigation.

I was very proud of the writing Year 3 produced! We have evaluated our instruments in D&T, considering what went well and what we could have improved.

Have a super weekend and see you on Monday for our final festive week!



Year 4—Miss McLean

It's been a fantastic week in Year Four this week with a very Christmassy day on Wednesday. The children loved taking part in the Santa run on the track and took on the challenge to complete as many laps as they could. They also loved eating their Christmas dinner in the hall with the whole of KS2.

In maths this week, we have looked at what the word factor means. We worked systematically using factor bugs to find all the factors of numbers of some one and two-digit numbers.

In English, we have used our prior learning of direct speech to write some conversations with all the correct punctuation and some interesting reporting clauses.

Next week, we will have a go at using direct speech as part of a Christmassy story.

In history this week, we learnt about the Mayan calendar and their writing system. We had a go at drawing some Mayan hieroglyphics to make our own version of their calendar.



Finally, we have finished the week with our class treat for earning 1,500 dojos this term! Well done for all your hard work, have a fantastic weekend!



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Year 5—Mr Walter



Year 5 have had a brilliant penultimate week! On Monday, we enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of KS1's Christmas production and was looking into the difference of reported and direct speech in English.

On Tuesday, we brought together our whole unit of work about properties of materials and retrieved all of the key

knowledge to finish our science for this term.

This week we have continued to work hard with Year 6 to design and construct our games for next Tuesday.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed taking part in the Santa run followed by a delicious Christmas lunch.

We have also been continuing our discussion on the meaning of Christmas and what is important to each child alongside finishing our sequence of learning on the Victorians.

Finally, the week has finished with a Year 5 & 6 World Cup in PE, with more pictures available on our Facebook page. Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 6—Mr Davis

We have had a very festive week in Year 6 this week.

In English, the children have had the chance to apply some of the cohesive devices they have learnt about as well as recapping the punctuation of speech. The class were given some pages from the Northern Lights graphic novel and were tasked with rewriting the extracts from different perspectives. In maths, Year 6 have continued their sequence around fractions by looking at the rules for multiplying and dividing fractions by integers. The children then had the chance to apply these skills to some word problems with more than one step.

In DT, Years 5 and 6 have nearly finished their Christmas fair project. The team work and negotiating skills that they have demonstrated during this sequence has been outstanding, so well done. In History, the children have learnt about Tudor crimes and punishment. They discovered some of the awful methods of torture and what crimes one would have to commit in order to receive them. They then had a go at role-playing the various punishments in groups. In ICT, the children had the chance to plan their own model for printing in the new year.

Thanks to Mr Walter for organising the fun run and thank to all of the kitchen staff for a fantastic Christmas lunch!

Finally, the children took part in a Winkleigh World Cup on Friday afternoon. It was slightly chillier than the real World Cup but there were lots of examples of competitiveness and good sportsmanship. Have a lovely weekend.



SANTA RUN

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER



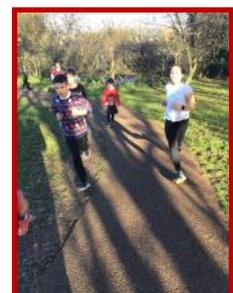
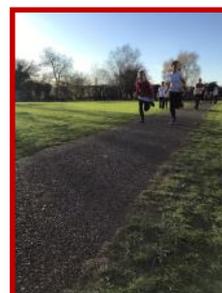
On Wednesday, the whole school took part in our first Santa Run!

The weather was perfect for us to participate in our Christmas jumpers, hats, glasses and antlers.

Each class came out at a different stage of the day and did fantastically well to complete and go further than their targeted amount of laps.

At the end of the day, we held a special assembly to hand out the medals which were well earned.

Well done to everyone!



EXETER CATHEDRAL

YEAR 3—THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Year 3 had a brilliant time in Exeter yesterday!

We visited the cathedral and learnt all about its history and its importance to the local area. We completed a trail around the cathedral and spent some time sketching the front of the building.

After that, we enjoyed our 3-course lunch in Pizza Express before exploring the Christmas markets and Winter Wonderland! The train was definitely the highlight of the experience and we were very excited about it!

Thank you to parents and carers for taking your children to/from the station, we really do appreciate the support as we can offer this high-quality trip experience.

Once again, thank you to FOWs and parents/carers for your fundraising efforts, helping to significantly reduce the cost of the trip. We're certainly feeling very festive now!



Christmas Events 2022

LAST WEEK OF TERM



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.



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.





Christmas Fun Day!

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, and more!



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.





**YOUR
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JOIN OUR LOTTERY



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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- 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



UK Health
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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



SCAN ME

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)

