



# Winkleigh Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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# A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families, we hope you all had a lovely break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They have all come back ready to learn and settled back into their routines effortlessly.

This term, we warmly welcomed Tamara Parish, Vicki Ridge, and Sarah Cox to our fantastic nursery and school teams. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to all they will bring to our school community!

Our Owls, Year 1, and Year 2 children had a fantastic time at their Balanceability workshops. They displayed excellent listening skills, great control, and brought many smiles to the sessions. Well done to all.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, Year 2 could not go on their planned trip to the aquarium and theatre on Wednesday. However, a huge thank you to Mr Slocombe, who managed to arrange tickets for the final performance of Snow White today, we are so glad the children had the opportunity to enjoy the show!

Thank you all for your understanding on Wednesday. We do not take the decision to shut the school lightly but we do have to think about the safety of all the children and staff.

It was lovely to see our Kings Nympton children from Class 2 at Winkleigh today, they will be joining us on Fridays, there were many smiles throughout the day, thank you to the children at Winkleigh for their kindness to them.

Lastly, I'm excited to tell you all that we have received a grant to enable our Wraparound Care After School Club to extend our opening hours through until 6.00pm Monday to Friday. This will start the week beginning Monday 27th January and the deadline to book these sessions on the gateway will be Saturday 18th January.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

# ADMISSIONS

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2025



Was your child born between  
1st September 2020 and  
31st August 2021?

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

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](mailto: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.

Devon  
County Council

# DIARY DATES

W/C 13TH JANUARY 2025



Saturday 11th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 20th January.</i></li> </ul>
Monday 13th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Playground Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am</b></li> <li>◆ <b>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.</b></li> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5</b></li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Craft Club with Mrs Stapley</li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Flute Club with Miss McLean</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Torrington Dental Visit—Owls, Year 1, Year 2</b></li> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Owls, Year 4, Year 6</b></li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Gardening Club with Mr Walter</li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Fine Art Club with Emmylou</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 1, Year 4</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 16th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Census Day—all children in KS1 will be offered a meal to try</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Defib/CPR training for Year 5 &amp; Year 6</b></li> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6</b></li> <li>◆ <b>3pm Years 3/4 &amp; Years 5/6 Football at Bow Primary School (Those involved have received letters)</b></li> <li>◆ <b>DEADLINE—Science Day contribution on gateway</b></li> <li>◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Multi Sports Club Year 1 to Year 6</li> </ul>
Friday 17th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PE kit today: Year 5</b></li> </ul>
Saturday 18th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking Early Birds Breakfast Club and All Sorts After School Club for w/c 27th January.</i></li> </ul>

Emails sent this week: Balanceability-update re consent information, Owls Cake Sale, Bus arrangements, Utilita Cup, Torrington Dental Visit, Yr 2 Spellings, Yr 3 Spellings, Yr 1 Phonics, Science Day, Yr 6 Spellings, Enrichment Clubs Spring Term, Yr 4 Spellings, Postponed-Swimming Gala, Yr 3&4 Gymnastics, Yr 2 Aquarium & Theatre visit, All Class newsletters, Cancelled yr 2 Theatre & Aquarium trip, Applying for school deadline, Yr 5 Spellings, Rearranged yr 2 theatre trip, Cancelled All Sorts, Buses this afternoon, school closure—8th January, Collection-no busses, Thursday Y3 & Y4 Running Club, Thursday Y5 & Y6 Running Club, Level 1 Bikeability, Level 1&2 Bikeability,

# THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



## Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

It has been a joy to see the children after the Christmas holidays. We would also like to say a warm welcome to our new families and we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

We would also like to welcome two new members of staff Mrs Ridge and Miss Parish and Mrs Illman will be working with us more frequently.

This week we have shared our holiday news and observed the seasonal changes—especially the icy weather!

The children have enjoyed exploring the different areas of learning and have been playing and cooperating beautifully with each other.

Below is a song we have been singing together.

Have a wonderful weekend. The Nursery Team

### ***Incy Wincy spider***

***Incy Wincy spider climbing up the tree.***

***Down came the snow and made the spider freeze.***

***Out came the sunshine and melted all the snow.***

***So Incy Wincy spider had another go!***



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## Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

It has been a fantastic first week back to school and it has been wonderful to see the children thoroughly enjoying their balance ability sessions this week.

This term we are introducing 'Drawing Club' to our timetable. The children have thoroughly embraced this and have loved listening to our story 'We're going on a bear hunt,' and devising their own characters and storylines.

Each week we learn a selection of new words linked to the story along with actions. **I wonder if you can remember the actions to go alongside our words this week Owls?: obstacle, joyful, capture, wade, flee, courageous and gloomy.**

In maths we have been practising subitising with numbers up to 5 and have been counting backwards to find zero. **Can you remember another word for zero?**

Our new friend 'Share Bear' has departed on his first weekend holiday and we are all looking forward to seeing which book he brings back to school with him on Monday to share with us all.

Please don't forget to share a book this weekend Owls.

**I wonder if you can spot any of our tricky words or our new graphemes in the stories you share?**



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## Year 1— Mrs Keast

Year One have eased back into our daily routine well this week and all enjoyed the excitement of Wednesday's snow!

We have been reading *The Train Ride* by June Crebbin as part of our English learning. Our Curious Quest is proving very exciting and we have been thinking about the use of verbs in our sentences. We know that changing the verb creates a completely different sentence.

In Maths we have begun a new sequence on place value and we will be working with numbers to 20. This week we have been trying to ensure that we record the numbers 12-19 correctly, making sure we write the digits in the correct order. There has been some discussion about what each digit represents and how 15 and 51 are two very different numbers!

In Geography we began learning about Sri Lanka. We had a presentation sent to us from Poppy, a former Winkleigh Primary School student. Poppy shared photos of her recent turtle conservation work in Sri Lanka and we all found this really interesting.

In Art we are learning about Piet Mondrian and his abstract artwork. We will be creating our own artwork in the coming weeks as well as experimenting with colour mixing.



## Year 2—Mr Slocombe

It has been lovely to welcome Year 2 back to school this week and hear all about their exciting Christmas breaks!

English has seen us begin our new sequence all about space! We have loved learning lots of facts about our universe and beyond!

In maths, we have finished our sequence about shape before moving on and beginning to learn about multiplication and division.

The absolute highlight has got to be our trip to Plymouth this week, despite the questionable weather at times! We were disappointed not to be able to go on Wednesday but spent the day instead learning about the aquarium and watching an alternative pantomime. Finally this afternoon we managed to make it to the theatre and watch the production of Snow White! It was a great experience and we enjoyed watching the performance and special effects! Thank you to Mrs Keast for accompanying us and to parents for your continued support when changing plans!

We have also welcomed Mrs Cox to our class this week.

Have a lovely weekend!



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## Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

Happy New Year and welcome back. The year 3s have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

We have begun our fairy tale sequence and children are enjoying writing their own version of Hansel and Gretel using year 3 writing objectives.

In maths, we have begun to use the column method to multiply a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. They are really working well.

They have been introduced to most of their new topics for this half term,. Except the golcks-due to the snow!

They are really excited about the Kings Nympton pupils coming in on Fridays and it has been an amazing day of learning and sharing. I'm very proud of how welcoming they have made the children feel.



## Year 4—Mr Walter

Happy New Year to you all! Year 4 have settled back into all of their new learning sequences this week.

In English, we have started our new text on how to care for a pet dragon. Whereas in maths, we have started the second part of our multiplication and division learning sequence.

In PE, we enjoyed learning about the rules in netball before practicing our control in hand tennis.

Our other sequences started this week include Natural Resources, Electricity, editing photos and painting.

Enjoy your weekend.



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## Year 5— Mr Saltearn

It has been fantastic to welcome back Year 5 this week after the Christmas break!

We have continued our sequence on the Lost words and have been creating Kennings poems about different animals and have also created an alliteration alphabet poem.

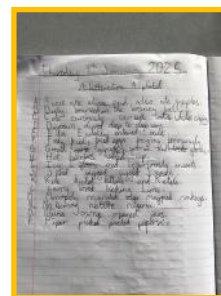
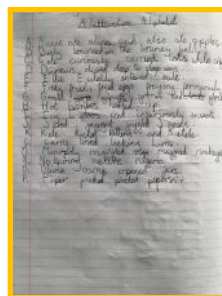
In Maths, we have been practicing the formal method of multiplication and have been following a series of steps to solve a range of different problems.

We have been busy starting our sequences and in Geography, we have been learning about the water cycle and explaining it to our partners.

In PE, we have been started our new sequences of Netball and Dance. In netball, we focused on moving the ball quickly and moving into space. In Dance, we have started to practice the start of a routine and worked in groups of 4.

In Art, we have started to look at the artist William Morris and the types of art work he was famous for, the children started to create their own unique pattern in the same style.

Have a great weekend.



## Year 6—Miss McLean

Year Six have started the term with a brilliant attitude towards their learning and have enjoyed starting all of our new sequences.

In English, we are looking at the book *The Everyday Journeys of Ordinary Things* by Libby Deutsch. We have explored the layout of the pages and taken some time to get to know the journeys of cocoa beans and recycled glass. We have also begun looking at different ways to expand noun phrases.

In maths, we have begun a sequence on decimals and percentages. The children have recalled prior knowledge about decimals and have been working with the place value of decimals as well as rounding them.

We have also started all of our new sequences in the foundation subjects: Living things and their habitats in science, South America in geography, web design in computing, keeping safe in PSHE and learning about LS Lowry in art.

A reminder that weekly spellings have been emailed home. Please ensure your child finds time each week to practice these alongside some reading and times table practice.

Have a wonderful weekend!





# COMPETITION

DEADLINE 24TH JANUARY



## The Woodland Federation

The PE and Art ambassadors invite you to create your own school sports mascot.



# SCHOOL MASCOT

## Competition

On an A4 peice of paper draw, colour, label and name your original but simple sports mascot design to be used at school.

£1

**Deadline  
24th  
January**

# AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

4TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 4TH APRIL 2025



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Mild Chicken Curry & Rice	Honey Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Golden Veggie Fingers	Cheese & Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Veggie Slice	Veggie Balls in a Tomato Sauce	Vegan Veggie Fritters
<b>Served with</b>	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Pasta, Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake with Sauce	Oat & Sultana Cookie
Week One: 4 Nov   25 Nov   16 Dec   20 Jan   10 Feb   10 Mar   31 Mar					

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Butcher's Sausages & Gravy	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Veggie Nuggets
<b>Served with</b>	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Green Beans or Coleslaw Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Pip Organic Lolly / Warm Fruit Compote with Greek Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Homemade Carrot Cake	Homemade Shortbread Biscuit
Week Two: 11 Nov   2 Dec   6 Jan   27 Jan   24 Feb   17 Mar					

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Option 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Fish Pie	Sausage Roast Sage & Onion Stuffing	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
<b>Hot Option 2</b>	Frittata	Cheesy Wheels & Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn & Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta	Margherita Wrap
<b>Served with</b>	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas or Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Arctic Roll	Iced Chocolate Cake	Fruit Jelly	Flapjack	Pip Organic Ice Lolly
Week Three: 18 Nov   9 Dec   13 Jan   3 Feb   3 Mar   24 Mar					

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You can order lunch till 8am on the same day.  
KS1 children are all entitled to free school meals.

# Wraparound Care for 2 to 11 year old's

Starting w/c  
27th January

Flexible before and after school care available Monday to Friday during term time, with breakfasts and snacks provided as well as fun activities and games. Everybody is welcome, from nursery to year 6.

## Early Birds:

Breakfast club from 7.45am to 9am everyday  
With breakfast £5.30 per session  
Without Breakfast £4.30 per session

## All Sorts:

After school club from 3.30pm to 6pm  
£5.30 per hour  
3.30pm - 4.30pm, 3.30pm - 5pm  
3.30pm - 5.30pm, 3.30pm - 6pm  
(for after Enrichment Club)  
4.30pm - 5pm, 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
4.30pm - 6pm

All sessions must be booked in advance on the gateway  
Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted

## All Sorts After School Club 3.30pm - 6pm

Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm - 6pm. £5.30 per hour. We have set activities available every day, but will adapt what's on offer depending on the child's preference. For example, art and crafts is always a Wednesday but can be provided any day of the week at the children's request. All sessions will include some outdoor play when possible. Snacks are available for those children staying after 4.30pm (except Thursday when we eat what we cook)

Book on the gateway via the clubs section

Monday  
Construction  
Club

Tuesday  
Music &  
Movement

Wednesday  
Arts &  
Craft

Thursday  
Cooking

Friday  
Fun &  
Games

# 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.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# 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>.



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](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk)