



Winkleigh Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge congratulations to all the nursery children for their fantastic singing concert this week, it was lovely to hear them singing so confidently, we hope you enjoyed it, the nursery was packed which was so wonderful to see.

Well done to Owls class this week also, who performed a wonderful nativity, their confidence was amazing. The lines were delivered perfectly! The children put on a heart-warming show that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. Well done to our youngest stars in Nursery and Owls.

This week, the children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner. It was wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate. Owls, Nursery and Key Stage 1 had theirs on Tuesday and Key Stage 2 on Wednesday. Thanks to Kealley and her team for all their hard work preparing the dinners for all of us to enjoy, including the staff too.

Year 4 had an exciting time this week at their chocolate workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed both making and tasting their delicious creations – a truly sweet and educational experience!

Congratulations to Rose Corden and her siblings who completed the GCHQ Christmas Card Challenge, it really was a challenge, well done Rose, what an achievement!

A reminder that next week, is our Christmas Games Day on Tuesday 17th December, please remember to bring up to £3.50 (no more than £3.50) cash so the children can participate and choose prizes. Year 5 and 6 have been working very hard on their games and this is always a day full of fun and festive excitement! Thursday 19th December is the last day of term and we will be having our class parties in the afternoon so please can your child bring in a small plate of food.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs V Fenemore. Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 16TH DECEMBER 2024



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NON UNIFORM - ALL WEEK

Monday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 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 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.◆ 1.10pm Nursery Creche—for younger siblings of Year 1 & 2 children, must be booked in advance◆ 1.30pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance—in the school hall, please remember your tickets, doors open 1.20pm
Tuesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Grand Prize Draw—Winners will be notified by email◆ Christmas Games by Year 5 & 6—children can bring up to (but no more than) £3.50 to play
Wednesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 9.15 am–11.15am Christmas Nursery Stay & Play◆ 1.30pm Carol Service for Key Stage 2—in All Saints Church
Thursday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Last Day of Autumn Term◆ Class Christmas Parties—please send in a small plate of food with your child to share
Friday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Christmas Inset Day—School Closed

Emails sent this week: Bikeability Balance, Nursery Singing Concert, Yr 6—Christmas Chronicles consent, Enrichment Clubs—Spring Term 2025, Deadline Today—Grand Prize Draw 2024,

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Nursery (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)—Mrs Stapley

My goodness this week has flown by! It has been a jolly festive week full of singing and dancing!

The children have been making their own Christmas cards, decorations, wrapping presents and singing songs.

On Tuesday we enjoyed our Christmas lunch and it was a lovely experience for all.

Didn't the children do well on Wednesday when they sang to you all, It was great to see so many of you, thank you for coming.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Nursery Team



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Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

There has been much excitement in Owls Class this week with our delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday and then our Nativity play on Thursday. What a wonderful job the children did of re-telling the story. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did. Well done Owls, we were so proud of you all.

In other news, the glitter has been out in full force along with wrapping paper, Christmas crafts and Christmas biscuits! We are all very much looking forward to next week where we have our Christmas games day on Tuesday organised by the year 5&6 children, and the talent show and Christmas parties on Thursday!

Have a lovely restful weekend Owls.

End of term reminders:

*Please ensure your child has a full set of spare clothes to keep on their peg in case of little accidents – our supplies have now diminished!

*Please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan and a coat with them every day.

*Please can we politely ask that children do not wear lace up shoes to school unless they can do them up themselves!



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Year 1— Mrs Keast

This week we have been rehearsing our Christmas production and enjoyed performing to the rest of the school on Thursday. We look forward to the final performance on Monday afternoon.

Our text in English has been 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' by Dr Seuss. We have been really creative with our inventuring – designing a new sleigh for The Grinch and thinking of ways that he could say sorry to the people of Whoville.

We have been finishing off our learning in History, showing what we have learned about toys from the past. We thought about what toys are made from and how they have changed over time as technology has developed.

Next week we have some lovely crafts to look forward to as well as our Christmas party on Thursday afternoon.



Year 2—Mr Slocombe

Another busy Christmas-filled week in Year 2!

We have been looking at the Jolly Christmas Postman as part of our writing in English. We have written letters to Father Christmas, considering what we would like but also what changes we would like to see in the world.

Maths has seen us recognise the properties of 3D shapes including vertices, sides and faces.

On Tuesday, we made our own Christmas placemats and enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner with Owls and Year 1. We then spent the afternoon designing and making our own 2025 calendars.

In science, we learnt about food chains involving the transfer of energy between producers and consumers. Meanwhile, we have finished our history sequence about explorers, learning about Felicity Aston and making comparisons between each of the significant individuals.

We are looking forwards to another festive week, with the Christmas Art Competition and our Christmas Play on Monday, Christmas games on Tuesday, lots of Christmas activities and our class Christmas party on Thursday!

Have a lovely weekend!



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Year 3— Mrs Rowcliffe & Mrs Manning

Here we are the penultimate week before Christmas. We have kept ourselves busy! We have finished our Mog sequence and begun our How Santa really works. It is a fun book that we can dip into and enjoy.

We have finished most of our learning sequences and are looking forward to next week, having lots of Christmas activities planned. Mrs Fenemore asked us to make some Christmas cards for local businesses, which we did in groups. We then delivered some of the local ones and children took other cards to organisations who had been part of their lives this year. It was so lovely and we had such a positive response from where we went. We are hoping to revisit a couple of places next week, as they invited us back to sing some Christmas songs!



Year 4—Mr Walter

Year 4 enjoyed some food related activities this week. At the start of the week, we took part in a chocolate workshop to link with our history sequence of the Mayan civilisation. We learnt all about the history of the Theobroma cacao tree and how the Mayans used the cacao beans for trading and other purposes. We had a go at making our own bitter chocolate drink (xocolatl) before then creating our own chocolate slab. We also concluded our history sequence by looking into the Mayan letter and number system having a go at deciphering hieroglyphs. The food continued with our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, thank you to the kitchen for such a wonderful serving.

In English, we have started a sequence which focusses around a snow globe at Christmas. From this text we have created our own story maps and inferred the main characters' feelings throughout the story. In maths, we have continued to look at the perimeter of shapes and being able to convert between metres and kilometres.

It was great to have the opportunity to watch the fantastic KS1 Christmas play. Thank you to Mr Slocombe and Mrs Keast for inviting us to watch, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

We look forward to playing the Year 5 & 6's Christmas games next week and sharing our songs and readings in the church. We hope you can make it.

Have a great weekend everyone!



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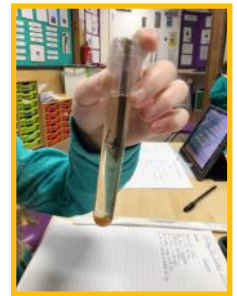
Year 5— Mr Saltearn

This week we have finished off our teaching sequence on Kensukes Kingdom where we have written our own chapter for the book and have been editing this week looking how we can improve our sentences. We have also written a letter to Kensuke after being rescued. The children thought about what they wanted to say to him. On Wednesday, the children had a debate on the book about key questions that we thought of. “ Was Kensuke keeping Michael prisoner on the island”.

In Maths, we have started our new sequence on multiplication and have looked about multiplying two numbers using the area model.

In science, this week we have been looking at how rust is formed and the children created their own experiment to test how rust is formed and will spend the next week observing the results.

Have a great weekend Year 5.



Year 6—Miss McLean

KS2's Christmas dinner on Wednesday went down particularly well with Year Six, they had a brilliant time and enjoyed eating in the hall with everyone! They also loved watching KS1's dress rehearsal of their Christmas production on Thursday morning.

They have continued to work hard to complete our sequences in the foundation subjects as well as maths and English. In history, we finished the sequence by learning about crime and punishment as well as Tudor entertainment.

In science, we evaluated the experiment that the children carried out last week, learning that the voltage in a series circuit has an impact on the electrical components.

In maths, we are coming to the end of a sequence on converting units of measurement. The children have been working hard on this and have related back to their real-life experiences to support their understanding.

Finally, we are having a treat day on Monday to celebrate Year 6's hard work so far this year. They are also looking forward to our other Christmassy events next week such as the carol service and the school talent show.

Have a lovely weekend!



AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

4TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 4TH APRIL 2025



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Mild Chicken Curry & Rice	Honey Roast Gammon	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Hot Option 2	Golden Veggie Fingers	Cheese & Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Veggie Slice	Veggie Balls in a Tomato Sauce	Vegan Veggie Fritters
Served with	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Pasta, Green Beans & Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
Dessert	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
Hot Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butcher's Sausages & Gravy	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
Hot Option 2	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Veggie Nuggets
Served with	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potatoes Cabbage & Carrots Gravy	Green Beans or Coleslaw Crusty Bread	Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
Dessert	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
Hot Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Fish Pie	Sausage Roast Sage & Onion Stuffing	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Hot Option 2	Frittata	Cheesy Wheels & Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn & Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta	Margherita Wrap
Served with	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
Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans	Cheese or Beans
Dessert	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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As of the 4th November 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 olds

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 5.30pm
£5.30 per hour

3.30pm - 4.30pm

4.30pm - 5.30pm or 4.30pm - 5pm
(after Enrichment Club)

3.30pm - 5.30pm

All sessions must be booked in advance on the gateway

Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted

All Sorts After School Club 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Come and join us for fun and games after school every day during term time. Sessions available from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. £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
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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>.



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!

Are you entitled?

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

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

