Weekly newsletter



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Executive Headteacher: Mrs V Fenemore Friday 07th November 2025

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers.

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week following half term, there were lots of smiling faces!

It was wonderful to see our toddler group and members of the community join us for the grand opening of our new 9-month provision. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and share in this special event. It marks a really exciting new chapter for our school as we begin to welcome our very first under-twos next week. We are so proud to be able to offer high-quality early years care and education right from 9 months old – such a positive step forward for our school and local families.

Some of you may also have received our new marketing postcard this week. We hope it helps to spread the word about the exciting things happening here and encourages even more new families to come and visit. Please do share our news with friends, neighbours, and anyone who might be interested in joining our wonderful school community.

Class 2 had a fantastic day out in Exeter on Wednesday. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the cathedral, where they learned about its fascinating history and architecture. After exploring, they had a delicious lunch at Pizza Express. It was a lovely day for them to spend time with their friends from Winkleigh, and everyone represented our school beautifully.

A huge thank you goes to Zoe and Katie, who organised the parish grant for our garden project. The space looks absolutely amazing — it has been completely transformed into a vibrant, welcoming area for play and outdoor learning. The children are already excited to explore, plant, and enjoy this beautiful new space. We are so grateful for the support and teamwork that made this possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Winkleigh for Dance Workshops next week, thank you for you continued support in enabling amazing opportunities for our children.

If you have the chance over the next week, please do visit the Parish Church to view the Remembrance art work on display. Thank you to staff who have worked hard to support the children in creating such poignant pieces.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore



Grand opening Tuesday 04th November

It was wonderful to open our Under 2's room on Tuesday with the children, staff, parents and members of our community. Thank you to everyone who came and made the event so special. We look forward to welcoming our first new Under 2 child next week, with many more soon to come!



Diary dates Upcoming week

Week beginning: 10.11.25	
Weekly deadlines	 Lunch deadline – midnight the day before All sorts – 8.30am the same day Early birds – 3pm the day before Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.
Monday	 Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm Class 1 & Class 2 PE kit Class 1 & 2 drop off and collection from Winkleigh today (Dance workshops)
Tuesday	 Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocombe on site Wear red for Remembrance Day (Cash donations for the Royal British Legion)
Wednesday	 Mrs Rowcliffe on site Class 2 Skateboarding workshops (PE kit required)
Thursday	 Class 1 & 2 PE kit Mrs Stapley/Mr Slocombe on site
Friday	 Virtual book fair begins Mrs Fenemore on site End of Remembrance Art Exhibition

Diary dates This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Upcoming events	
Wb 17.11.25	17.11.25 M&M Productions – Snow White at Winkleigh
	18.11.25 Winkleigh KS1 to visit Kings Nympton – sporting event
	18.11.25 Parent's evening – postponed from before half term
Wb	
24.11.25	
Wb 01.12.25	01.12.25 Class 2 Chocolate workshop at Winkleigh with Year 4
	02.12.25 Toddlers
	04.12.25 Christmas family breakfast and open morning
	04.12.25 Pre-school Christmas crafts stay and play
	05.12.25 Santa run



Thursday 4th December

Christmas family breakfast & Christmas classrooms open mornina 8.45am



Gateway payment

Thursday 4th December

Pre-school Christmas stay and play 9am



Cash payment

Friday 5th December

Santa Run £2 to enter



Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers



Thursday 11th December

Carol Singing outside The Grove Inn



Monday 15th December -Thursday 18th December

Christmas jumpers every day



Monday 15th December

Christmas games & raffle



details overleaf

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Performance 2pm – Village Hall Refreshments Snowmen at Sunset



Wednesday 17th December

Carol Service - 9.30am -St James Church

All welcome



Thursday 18th December

Class Christmas Parties

Each child to bring a small plate of food to share





From 1st December – Christmas Postbox



FOKNs Christmas Raffle & Grand Prize Draw

We've had a fantastic response to our letters and have already received an amazing selection of prizes; from tickets for fun days out to vouchers!

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.

We will hold the prize draw on Saturday the 20th. Winners will be contacted by email after the draw and invited to collect their prize from the church warden or the pub.

Cash payment required please.

Christmas Games at Winkleigh

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 the federation 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.

Children will need to be dropped and collected from Winkleigh on this date.

All monies raised go back towards whole federation fundraising.

Christmas Dinner

Turkey or Vegetarian Roast

Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Gravy

Ice Cream and Biscuit

KS1: Free (50p donation gratefully received if possible) / KS2: £3

Trips & Activities

Class 2 – Exeter Cathedral & Pizza Express – 05.11.25

On Wednesday, Class 2 visited Exeter by train! It was a fantastic day exploring the cathedral and enjoying Pizza Express!

Mrs Bourner, Mrs Rowcliffe, Mrs Williams, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Miali



















Art exhibition



Remembrance

Friday 7th November – Friday 14th November



All Saints Church, Winkleigh

St James the Apostle, Kings Nympton

Classes have been working hard on art work to commemorate the sacrifices made by many during the World Wars.

We are proud to present a Remembrance exhibition in our federation parish churches.

The exhibition can be viewed at any time during the churches' usual opening hours.

Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

What an exciting week we've had in the preschool! The children have been full of curiosity and creativity as we explored animals through our story of the week, Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell, and celebrated the colourful excitement of fireworks!

Our Story: Dear Zoo

We've been reading and retelling Dear Zoo, talking about the different animals in the story and why they might (or might not!) make good pets. The children loved lifting the flaps and guessing which animal might come next. We practiced describing animals using words like big, furry, spotty, and noisy.

Fireworks Fun!

To celebrate Bonfire Night, we talked about fireworks—what they look and sound like—and how to stay safe when watching them. The children created beautiful "firework skies" using paint, glitter, and chalk. We used ribbons to make "whoosh" and "bang" movements in the playground.

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Preschool Team





















Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Betts

The first week back and it has been lovely to welcome you all back to school. The children have settled back in their daily routines and adapted well to changes in our timetable.

KS1 have jumped straight back into their Curious Quest and have encountered the Greap already! They have been writing noun phrases, expanded noun phrases and even had a go at writing some instructions for their vehicle inventions all just to grow Brain who has been slowly shrivelling. Their quest this week has been based up the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. Reception have started their Drawing Club this week, which has been inspired by 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We've had some fabulous dragons, new broomsticks and potions, as well as writing their codes to make extraordinary things happen.

In other subjects, the children have been learning and sharing their experiences of going to hospital and the role of a nurse. Our new history unit is Significant Nurses and will help us to understand how nursing has changed. In DT, the children were looking at and evaluating pop-up products. This is to help them think about what makes a good pop-up product for when they create their own Christmas product.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Betts, Mrs Blacker and Mrs Gibson











Class news

Class 2 - Mrs Miali

What a fabulous week back to school after the half term break. It was brilliant to see all the children ready and raring to learn Monday morning and they're super excited at some of the new topics we will be learning about this half term.

We started the week with a new text in English; Interview with a Tiger and other clawed beasts. The children were surprised to learn that it is a non-fiction book, but not set out in the usual factual and informative way. They are already thinking about which animal they would like to interview at the end of this sequence.

Maths also starts a new sequence; multiplication and division. They have recapped there knowledge of arrays, grouping and sharing to help them with work this week and will be focusing on each timetable, individually, to see if there are any patterns or relationships between them that will help their timetables recall up to 12.

The class had a fantastic trip to Exeter in the middle of the week with their Year 3 peers from Winkleigh. They enjoyed every aspect of the day; from the train journey; seeing the inside and learning about the Cathedral; to eating their pizza and pasta! They will be using this experience to support their learning in RE this half term to understand why Christians see God as holy and loving.

On Thursday we were immersed in history, in particular the Anglo-Saxons. The class spent time in the afternoon looking at artefacts and texts about the Anglo-Saxons, discussing their invasion, how they lived and why they settled in Britain.

We have another busy half term to look forward to, so please keep an eye on the calendar, emails and messages being sent out about the upcoming activities and trips.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week – have a lovely weekend.





Mrs Miali



