Weekly newsletter



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Executive Headteacher: Mrs V Fenemore
Friday 05th December 2025

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

The whole school is beginning to feel wonderfully festive. Decorations are going up and the children are buzzing with excitement. Class 1 and Pre-School enjoyed a magical morning with storyteller Clive Pig — the children were absolutely enthralled by his imaginative tales and lively performance. Families also enjoyed some delicious mince pies, thank you to Mrs Stapley's mum for such a lovely festive treat! It was amazing to see so many families. Thank you also for all those who came to our festive family breakfast, we raised over £30 which is fantastic.

Rehearsals are now well underway for our Christmas performance, Snowmen at Sunset. The children are working incredibly hard, learning songs, lines, and actions, and the school is filled with the sound of festive music. We can't wait to share the finished production with you — it's sure to be a highlight of our Christmas celebrations.

On Monday, Class 2 enjoyed a chocolate workshop with their peers at Winkleigh. All the children had a great day and enjoyed spending time with the Year 4s, thank you for your continued support in enabling children to access these opportunities.

Despite the weather the children and staff enjoyed the Santa run. There were some fantastic costumes. Thank you to Mrs Miali for organising a great event.

Have a lovely, festive weekend! If you are heading to FOKNS Christmas fayre, have lots of fun!

Kind regards

\$ Fenemore

Mrs V Fenemore



Diary dates Upcoming week



	Week beginning: 08.12.25
Weekly deadlines	 Lunch deadline – midnight the day before Email admin regarding wrap-around care Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.
Monday	 Class 1 & 2 PE Kit Gardening club will resume in Spring 1
Tuesday	 Mrs Rowcliffe on site Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	
Thursday	 Class 1 & 2 PE kit Mrs Stapley on site Carol Singing outside The Grove Inn 1.30pm
Friday	



Diary dates This half term



These dates are provisional and subject to change. Details will follow.

	Upcoming events – Spring Term 2026 (provisional dates)
Wb	05.01.26 Welcome Back to School
05.01.26	10.01.26 10-11.30am Open morning
Wb 12.01.26	16.01.26 Grandparent's Lunch
Wb 19.01.26	22.01.26 Whole Federation science day (coach travel)
Wb 26.01.26	
Wb	06.06.26 Whole Federation Art day with EmmyLou (Drop off & Collect at Winkleigh)
02.02.26	06.02.26 Staff Cake Sale
Wb 09.02.26	10.02.26 Online safety day
	12.02.26 Family breakfast & Pre-school stay and play
	13.02.26 Art Exhibiton in St James' Church begins



Christmas Grand Prize Draw



We are very grateful to all of the following businesses for the kind donation of prizes to our

Christmas Grand Prize Draw!

£2 per entry via the gateway.

- Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur park (2 complimentary entry)
- Exeter City Football (£25 Voucher)
- Exeter Chiefs (2 tickets)
- RHS Rosemoor (Voucher)
- Seven Stars (£50 Voucher)
- The Kings Arms (£30 Voucher)
- Arla Cheese (Hamper)
- Scribbleton (Voucher)
- Graylings, North Tawton (£20 Voucher)
- Plymouth Argyle (2 tickets)
- Joules Sandwich Bag
- Homeleigh Garden Centre (Cream tea for two)
- Trago Mills (£20 Voucher)
- Tesco hamper
- The Plough, Torrington (Voucher)
- Hockings Ice Cream (2 litre tub voucher)
- Devon Plant
- Instant Images (£25 Voucher)
- Kitchen @ 25 (Hamper)
- The Nook (Cream tea for two)
- Devon Railway Centre
- · The Bookery
- River Dart (Guest pass for four)
- Sarah's Bakes and Treats (Homemade treat)
- Bow Garden Centre (Cream tea for two)
- Timber Tek (Golf for four people
- Farmer Luxtons (Cream tea for two)
- The Mad Butcher (£25 Voucher)
- Woolley Animals farm entry (Voucher)
- Wildwood Escot family ticket
- The Waie2Play (Voucher)
- Southwest Fixings Ltd (£30 Voucher)

Well done to our Year 6s whose fantastic letters have secured some brilliant prizes!

For your chance to win, enter before Wednesday 10th December. Draw will be held on Monday 15th December and winners will be notified via email.



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



Christmas art competition



Enter by

Wednesday 15th December

1 A4 page per entry.

50p per entry

Judging categories:

Nursery & Reception Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2





Open Morning



For prospective families!















Come and see our amazing environment and meet the senior leadership team!

Learn more about our approach, curriculum and enrichment.

Places available for 9 months – 11 years

We can't wait to meet you!

Saturday 10th January 2026

10-11.30am

If you cannot make this date, we are very happy to offer bespoke tours at any time, please contact admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk to book!



Class news



Pre-school- Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the nursery we've been learning all about penguins! The children have enjoyed exploring how penguins waddle, slide, and care for their eggs. We talked about where they live, what they eat, and how they stay warm in icy places.

We also shared the wonderful story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, which the children loved. It helped us think about friendship, kindness, and of course—penguins!

On Thursday the we welcomed the story teller 'Clive Pig' and the children listened beautifully to his energetic and interactive stories!

Thank you to FOKNS for funding this event.

Have a wonderful weekend.

























Class news



Class 1 – Mrs Betts

Class One really enjoyed joining pre-school this week, for our visit with Clive Pig. It was fantastic to see the children really engaged with the visual storyteller.

Preschool have also joined us to learn the songs for the school Christmas play, and it is wonderful to see the older children helping and modelling the actions for the younger ones to learn.

We have finished our maths unit on place value (within 100) this week, and are now ready to start learning about the properties of shape. Reception have been focusing on the composition of number four.

This week in RE, we have been learning all about the nativity and the meaning of advent. The children were able to link this to the Christmas carols that we have been learning.

Thank you so much for your support at the Santa Run, we know how much it means to the children.

Have a cosy weekend!

Mrs Betts and the Class One Team

















Class news



Class 2 - Mrs Miali

It's starting to feel festive in class 2; decorations are up; carols are being sung and the Santa run has been ran! Thank you everyone that came along and took part and well done to the children for their brilliant efforts.

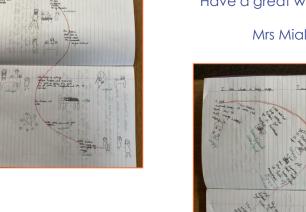
We have started a new sequence book in English called the The Snow Globe, which is a magical story based around Christmas wishes. The children have been mapping the key parts of the story and the emotions of the main character. Next week we will be focusing on direct speech and how to punctuate correctly with inverted commas.

The children finished the unit of multiplication and division in maths this week and they are looking forward to starting area next week. If the weather is good we will be able to get out and do lots of practical activities for their lessons.

They had a fantastic day at Winkleigh this week and thoroughly enjoyed the chocolate workshop. The class learnt about the history of chocolate, which will link to our history unit of the Ancient Mayas after Christmas.

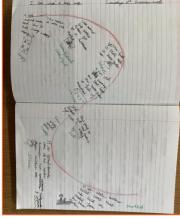
Have a great weekend,

Mrs Miali

















Illness







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
Scables	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://grco.de/minfec.

For the information of SEND parents- Introducing a new peer support group – Connecting Moments

Connecting Moments is a new digital peer support group for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

This is a safe, welcoming space to:

- Connect with other families
- Share experiences and ideas
- Build supportive relationships

Topics include:

School attendance and building positive relationships Taking my child out in the community and avoiding isolation.

Join the first session on 12 December 2025 at 10am online via Microsoft Teams. Future sessions will be shaped by your ideas and feedback.

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