

Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update



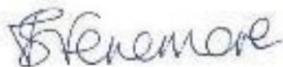
Executive Headteacher's Update continued

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday, Mr Slocombe and I met this week with Josh MacAlistair, the School Buildings Minister, and Ian Roome MP to discuss the urgent need for the replacement of the flat roof at Kings Nympton. This meeting provided a valuable opportunity to explore additional and alternative funding sources, as well as to ensure our schools' needs are represented at a national political level. It was a real honour to be welcomed to Portcullis House and the Palace of Westminster as guests of our MP, and to gain a greater understanding of how decisions affecting school buildings are made.

Across the whole federation, pupils took part in a very exciting Science Day. The children were captivated by a fantastic live science show delivered by Wonderstruck, which sparked curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day. Following the show, each class planned and carried out a range of hands-on science experiments, allowing pupils to explore scientific concepts in a fun, practical, and engaging way. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Beardon of Sam's Cider, Winkleigh, who very generously donated £200 towards the cost of the science show. Their support helped make this memorable experience possible for all our children, and we are extremely grateful for their kindness and generosity.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 26.01.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm• Mr Slocombe on site
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 1 & 2 PE Kit• Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocombe on site
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Rowcliffe on site
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 2 PE kit• Mrs Stapley on site
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 1 PE Kit

Diary dates

This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Upcoming events

Wb 02.02.26	04.02.26 Swimming – Class 2 begins 06.02.26 Whole Federation Art day with EmmyLou (Drop off & Collect at Winkleigh) 06.02.26 Staff Cake Sale at Winkleigh
Wb 09.02.26	12.02.26 Family breakfast & Pre-school Spring Crafts Stay and Play

Trips & Activities

Whole Federation – Science Day – 22.01.26



What an amazing Science day at Winkleigh Primary for our children yesterday!

There were so many budding young scientists among us. Everyone enjoyed taking part in hands-on experiments and investigations. Thank you to Wonderstruck for an amazing science experiment display.

Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week the children have continued to explore the exciting world of dinosaurs, whilst also learning all about 2D shapes! Through stories, small-world play, creative activities and group games, the children have been learning to name and recognise shapes such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. We've been spotting shapes in dinosaur pictures, creating fossils using salt dough and building dinosaurs using junk modelling materials.

What we have been learning:

- To recognise and name basic 2D shapes
- To talk about shapes using words like flat, sides and corners
- To develop fine motor skills through drawing, cutting and sticking
- To build language skills by learning dinosaur names and sharing ideas
 - To take turns, share and play together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Preschool Team



Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Betts

This week in Class One, Year 1 and 2 have been using 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl as a stimulus for their writing. They have been creating characters and describing their setting. In Drawing Club, Reception have been using 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson for the adventures this week.

In maths, KS1 have been learning about subtracting to a ten, from a ten and across a ten. They have also been learning to add and subtract 10's. Reception, have been learning about the composition of the numbers 6,7,8.

In geography, the children have been learning about Scotland, they found that it has the highest mountain in the United Kingdom, and that it is home to the King's royal castle. On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Keast joined Class One and worked with them in PE, learning about moving targets and developing their skills. They also learnt about forgiveness and why this important for us and for Christians.

The children had a fantastic time at Winkleigh for the science day. They took part in some wonderful science based activities and performed some experiments. In Year 2, the children had a visit from the dentist linking to their Animal including Humans unit in science.

Have a great weekend.
Class 1 Team



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

The class have been writing some fantastic text in preparation for their final write in English this week. Using our *Dare to Care for a Dragon* book as a model the children have been coming up with some fantastic ideas about how to care for a yet! They might even convince me to get one as my next pet!

We looked at some more formal methods of multiplication in math this week. Learning how to present short multiplication sums correctly; making sums such as 367×4 far less scary!

In history the children researched the Mayan's beliefs and how they worshipped their gods. They were able to make comparisons to the religion of Hinduism, which we are currently studying and noticed a few similarities between them.

We welcomed back Mrs Rainger in the week to deliver a wonderful singing assembly for the whole school. She has lots of songs for the children to look forward to in the coming weeks.

As well as our regular science lesson this week, the class were immersed in all things science at Winkleigh on Thursday. They were able to watch a fantastic display of science experiments including smoke guns, holding fire and even launching rockets and also enjoyed time in their year group classes carrying out their own experiments. Their scientist costumes were brilliant.

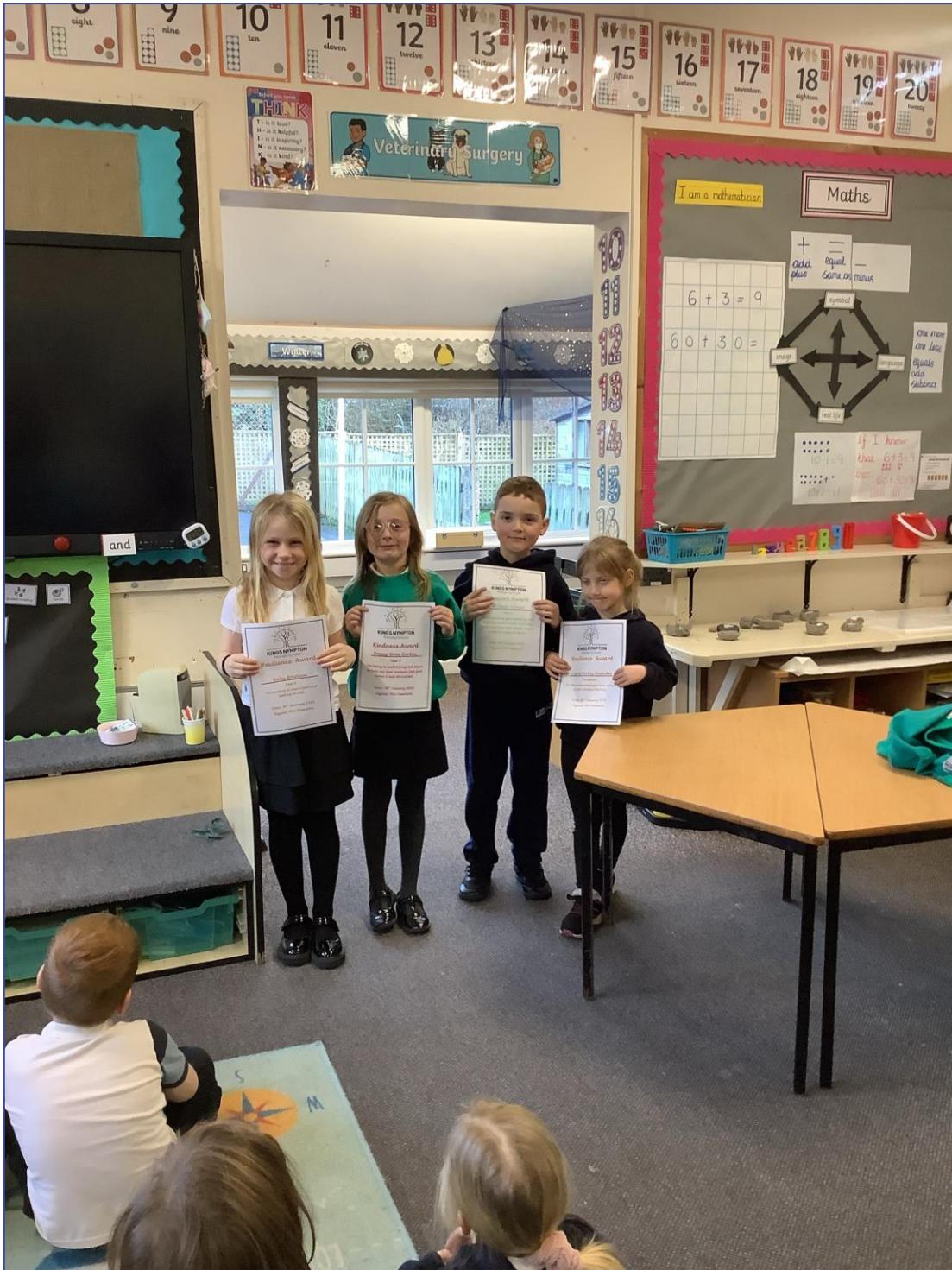


Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Miali



Celebration assembly



Colour run

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Save the date

Friday 10th July 2026

Whole Federation at Winkleigh

- planned route
- game stalls
- raffle
- cake stall
- refreshments
- other fun activities