



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school was filled with excitement as the children arrived in amazing costumes, proudly dressed as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm, with everyone eager to share the stories and characters they love. The day was full of smiles, imagination and a real celebration of reading. It was lovely to join Winkleigh for a whole federation assembly.

Our staff also embraced the fun by taking on the theme of Julia Donaldson, bringing some of her much-loved stories and characters to life. The children enjoyed a variety of reading activities, sharing stories together, talking about their favourite books and celebrating the joy that reading brings. World Book Day is always a special opportunity to inspire a lifelong love of books, and the children truly embraced it.

Meanwhile, Class 2 continued their swimming lessons, showing great effort and confidence in the pool. It was fantastic to see them developing their swimming skills and building their confidence in the water.

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 09.03.26

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">• Mrs Rowcliffe on site• Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 1 & 2 PE Kit
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Rowcliffe on site• Swimming – Class 2
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Stapley on site• National Child measurement programme – Reception
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 1 PE Kit• Mother's day cream tea

Diary dates

This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Spring 2

Wb 16.03.26	18.02.26 Energy from Waste visit – Class 2 19.03.26 Parent Forum – 9.15am 20.03.26 Wear Red for Devon Air Ambulance - £1 donation
Wb 23.03.26	24.03.26 Rosemoor visit – Class 1 24.03.26 Parents' evening 26.03.26 Pre-school Easter crafts stay and play
Wb 30.03.26	30.01.26-01.04.26 Year 5 Skern lodge residential 01.04.26 Winkleigh Year 4 Sporting visit to KN 02.04.26 Cross country event at KN 02.04.26 Family breakfast

Gardening club

Spring has definitely arrived in the school garden, and we have been making the most of the lighter evenings. The children have been busy sowing seeds, planting our new fruit trees down on the playing field, and keeping a close eye on the tiny green shoots beginning to appear. Our lettuce and other seedlings are already starting to come through, which is always a lovely moment to see.

We have also potted up our blueberry bushes and have been learning about how to keep our soil healthy so everything can grow strong and resilient. Recently, we began pruning the beautiful old apple trees around the school grounds. With a bit of care and some sunshine, we are hoping for a bountiful harvest later in the year.

Gardening Club is open to all children from Reception to year 6, including preschoolers aged 2 and over, every Monday from 3.30 to 5.00pm. The cost is £3 per child. We are always very grateful for any donations of compost, seeds or gardening equipment if you would prefer to support us in that way.

If your child would like to join, please let any of the teachers know, or contact **Zoe on 07841 692474** or **Katie on 07783 622491**.

Next week we have a special **Mother's Day** themed session planned and we are really looking forward to it.

Mother's day cream tea

Mother's Day Cream Tea

Inviting: Mums, Grans, Significant females

*Friday 13th March In
school from 2.15pm*

£5.00

- * *Homemade scone*
- * *Jam & Clotted Cream*
- * *Tea or Coffee*
- * *A biscuit for the children*

*Please pre-order your
cream tea on the
gateway by Friday 6th
March*

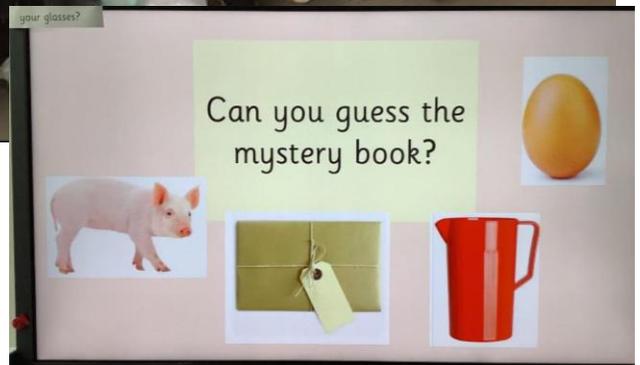
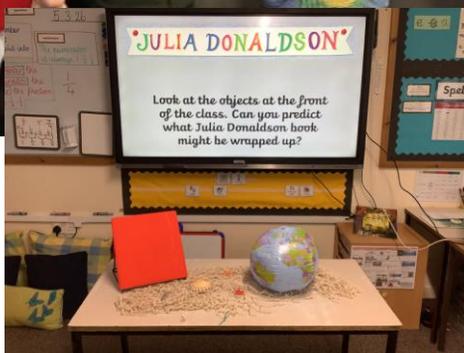
*Please note, cream teas are
pre-order only.
We will be unable to provide
a cream tea on the day.*



Author Visit – Ellie Jackson



World Book Day



Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families, This week in the Preschool we have been learning all about how we have grown and changed since we were born.

The children loved talking about what they were like as babies and what they can do now. We discussed how babies need lots of help, but now we can do so many things independently i.e. putting on our coats, washing our hands and tidying up!

We have also been talking about animals and naming what their babies are called. The children have enjoyed building towers and comparing the heights of our structures using key vocabulary associated to size such as tall/taller/tallest/short/shorter/shortest and the same.

Each Monday we aim to provide a cooking activity and this week we made spinach pinwheels and they were delicious! Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of how much the children are growing in confidence, skills and independence every single day!



Have a wonderful weekend.

The Preschool Team



Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Betts

This week, reception have been working hard learning their double letter digraphs. They have been amazing reading multisyllabic words too such as: fantastic. In drawing club, reception were drawing and coding stories using the stimulus of the traditional tale, 'The Little Red Hen'. KS1 have been writing their own versions of the 'Giant Jam Sandwich' by John Vernon Lord. We have had some interesting infestations such as: bad bunnies, wild cats and even rats. Hopefully, the children will come up with some ingenious ways to rid their villages of the pests.

In maths, Reception have been learning about time. They are learning the days of the week and even learnt how to sign them using British Sign Language. KS1 are learning about division through grouping and sharing.

In geography, we have been learning about Sri Lanka. The children explored some of the artefacts and produce from the island. They used globes to find continents and the country of both the UK and Sri Lanka. In RE, we have all been thinking about friendship and learning about Jesus and his disciples through stories such as: A boat full of fish.

It was fabulous to see all the children come in their character costumes for World Book Day. They worked both individually and collaboratively on their activities.

Class One Team



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

It's been another wonderful week in Class 2

The children have been working hard on their descriptive writing skills, using expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to add more detail in their descriptions. The idea of a magical place has led their imagination and creativity of different vocabulary they could use to new heights.

The class have a clear understanding of the numerator and denominator in fractions now. They have started to look at mixed number fractions and understanding how the whole can be represented as a fraction.

We have started learning about South America in geography and the children have recalled lots of prior knowledge that is linked to the continent. We have enjoyed looking back through their folders, at previous sequences about the rainforest and climates and biomes, which have connections to South America.

In science, the children conducted their first investigation of properties and changes of materials. They explored magnetic materials around the classroom and were surprised to learn that not all metals are magnetic.

In their penultimate swimming lesson we looked at breast stroke. They used the woggles to practice the stroke on both their front and back and appreciated the challenges frogs must have when they swim! Next week is the children's last swimming lesson for this school year.

The class had a fantastic World Book Day on Thursday and all looked amazing in their character costumes from their favourite books. It was very enjoyable going through the many Julia Donaldson stories and using them to inspire their writing for the day.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Miali

