



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We've had a wonderful end to the half term, packed with creativity and community spirit. The children's artwork is now proudly displayed in the church and it truly looks amazing. Every piece reflects the time, care and effort the children have put into their learning. From colourful paintings to detailed drawings and creative projects, there is so much to admire. We are incredibly proud of them all and hope you are able to take a moment to pop in and see the display for yourselves.

It was fantastic to welcome so many families to our Family Breakfast. We hope you enjoyed sharing breakfast with your children and looking through their books and work from this half term. The children have shown great determination and enthusiasm in their learning, and it was lovely to see them so proud to share their achievements with you.

Our Nursery Stay and Play session was buzzing as usual, with lots of exciting activities for the children to explore. From creative crafts to hands-on play experiences, there was plenty to keep everyone busy and engaged. Thank you to those who joined us – it's always such a pleasure to see our youngest learners enjoying their time in school.

As we come to the end of a busy and productive half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and that the weather brightens up a little so everyone can spend some time outdoors.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 23rd February, ready for another busy and exciting half term at Kings Nympton!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 23.02.26

### 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](mailto:admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk) to make changes.

### Monday

- Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm
- Writing hook day – information has been emailed out

### Tuesday

- Class 1 & 2 PE Kit

### Wednesday

- Mrs Rowcliffe on site
- Swimming – Class 2

### Thursday

- Mrs Stapley/Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocombe on site
- Music curriculum day at Winkleigh – Class 1 and Class 2 drop off 8.45-8.55am and collect 3.30pm.

### Friday

- Class 1 PE Kit

# Diary dates

## This half term

*These dates are provisional and subject to change.*

### Spring 2

Wb  
02.03.26

03.02.26 Toddlers in school  
04.02.26 Swimming – Class 2  
05.02.26 World Book Day

Wb  
09.03.26

11.02.26 Swimming – Class 2  
12.02.26 – Reception: National Child Measurement programme visit  
13.02.26 Wear Red for Devon Air Ambulance - £1 donation  
13.02.26 Mother's day cream tea

Wb  
16.03.26

18.02.26 Energy from Waste visit – Class 2

Wb  
23.03.26

24.02.26 Rosemoor visit – Class 1  
26.02.26 Family breakfast, open morning and pre-school Easter crafts stay and play

Wb  
30.03.26

01.04.26 Winkleigh Year 4 Sporting visit to KN  
02.04.26 Cross country event at KN  
02.04.26 Display of Easter crafts

# Hook days

As you will know from our recent communications, we are aiming to increase excitement and engagement around writing. As part of this work, we are introducing curriculum Hook Days.

Each class has a new text after half term and children are invited to attend school in fancy dress (detailed below).

Parents/carers are invited into school to work alongside your children from 2.45pm and view their writing from the day.

Class	New text	Non-uniform theme
Class 1	The Giant Jam Sandwich	Baker, farmer, townsfolk, wasp
Class 2	Leon and the place between	Magician or circus performer



# Art exhibition



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Winkleigh – All Saints Church  
Kings Nympton – St James the Apostle  
Church**

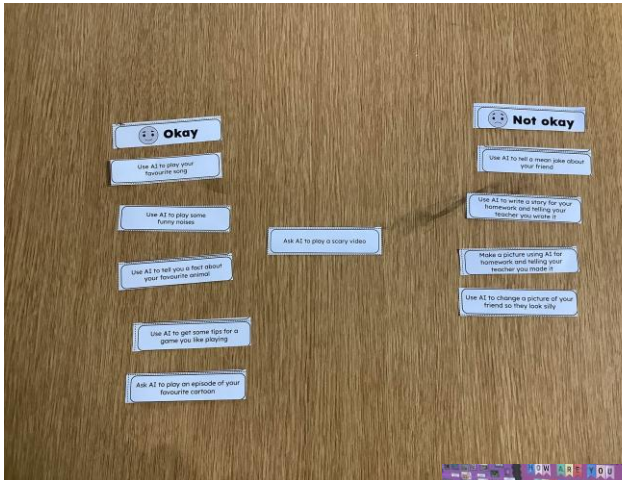
**Available to view during usual church  
opening hours.**

**Every child has produced artwork for the  
exhibition.**





# Safer Internet Day



The children came together to work, learn and discuss internet safety. They then worked collaboratively with their partner to design an internet safety poster.



# Class news

## Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

We have had a ROAR-some time in the preschool as we continued exploring the exciting world of dinosaurs, practised our ball and bean bag skills, and created beautiful marble paintings!

Throughout this half term our classroom has been full of curiosity and imagination for our dinosaur topic.

### Our topic highlights:

- Learning the names of different dinosaurs like Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops, and Stegosaurus
  - Talking about herbivores and carnivores
  - Exploring the idea of fossils and how scientists learn about dinosaurs
- Engaging in imaginative dinosaur play and movement activities (stomping, stretching, roaring!)

Through these experiences, we developed our vocabulary, practised listening skills, and encouraged creative storytelling.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you after the half term break.

The Preschool Team





# Class news

## Class 1 – Mrs Betts

In our English sequence, the children have been learning to write letters. They each chose a nursery rhyme character and thought about what their problem could be. They then wrote a letter to Mother Goose asking for some advice. They also had a go at writing a response which included some humorous advice. In maths, KS1 began their new unit on multiplication and division. They began by counting in 2, 5, 10's and 3's. Then, they looked at recognising equal and unequal groups, and investigated finding equal groups.

In Drawing Club, reception have finished off drawing and coding for Batfink and the Mad Scientist. This week, the scientist wanted to invent a machine that would do a good deed, so the children had a go at drawing their good deed machines. In maths, reception have been learning about length and height. They have been using the vocabulary tall, short, taller and shorter, as well as, long, short, longer and shorter. The children have made long and short worms and had a go at drawing around themselves to see how tall they are. They are beginning to compare their heights using shortest and tallest.

In our foundation subjects, the children have been finishing off their final tasks and using their new knowledge and work to complete them. The children's artwork is now on display in the church and it looks amazing! Some of the artwork was carried out with the artist EmmyLou at Winkleigh and the other pieces were created in class with Mrs Blacker. The children should be super proud of their hard work and their final pieces. I know that we are!



Have a wonderful half term.

The Class One Team





# Class news

## Class 2 – Mrs Miali

The final week before half term, as always, has been full of action. The children have worked exceptionally hard this week, completing all their end of sequence assessments. They have demonstrated their learning and understanding so well and deserve a good break.

The classroom has been buzzing during the morning English lessons, collating a wide range of descriptive words and creating expanded noun phrases, inspired by images related to the text. They've worked hard on their planning and have transferred their ideas beautifully into their books for their final write.

When we return after half term the class will be starting a new sequence on fractions for maths. The children erupted in a little cheer and are genuinely excited to start working on fractions. We will also be switching from history to geography and art to technology after half term.

Swimming continues to be a huge success and the class are thoroughly enjoying their time at the pool, as am I! Swimming will continue on Wednesdays after half term for a few weeks.

The work produced in art this half term is being displayed at the church, along with the pictures they created with Emmy Lou. I hope that you get a chance to visit over half term to see the amazing pieces they have created – the children have worked very hard on their self-portraits and are very proud of the work they have produced.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term together and look forward to seeing everyone back and rested for the second half of the spring term.



Take care ,

Mrs Miali



# Online safety

## Welcome to the February 2026 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Schools

### Less than one week to Safer Internet Day!

Less than a week to go until Safer Internet Day 2026!

Taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the UK Safer Internet day will focus on the theme:

**'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**

Check the **free resources available**, including:

[Top tips for parents and carers](#)

[Parents and carers of 3-7 year olds](#)

[Top tips for young people](#)

- 7-11years; 11-14years; 14-18years

[Education resources](#)

- 3-7years; 7-11years; 11-14years; 14-18years

[Quiz for 7-11 years](#)

[Quiz for 11-14 years](#)

[Safer Internet Webinars](#)

- Primary Educators and professionals
- Secondary Educators and professionals
- Starting a conversation

It is not too late to join the 2,000 other organisations who have already registered their support for Safer Internet Day on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026!

[Register your support now!](#)

**Safer Internet Day 2026** Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

### DfE Technology and Digital Standards Updated

The DfE updated its guidance on **2nd February 2026** for [Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges](#). You should:

- Read each technology category and its standards.
- Review the standards and see if your school or college meets them.
- Speak with your ICT supplier or in-house support team to find out what needs to be done if you're not currently meeting the standards.

If you need to buy new technology you can [get help buying for your school](#).

### How resilient is your school's IT network

Scomis reminds schools to consider the following question:

#### Is your Data Safe?

**Cyber Security** is an extremely important consideration for school's senior management, Governing bodies and Trustees. Robust Network security will prevent loss of data, accidental damage, damage to reputation and malicious activity (cyber attacks).

#### Strengthening Cyber Security in Schools

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 2.00 to 3.00pm

**Free Webinar** for schools from South West Grid for Learning in partnership with [Secure Schools](#):

*'This one-hour session is designed specifically for education professionals who want to move beyond awareness and take meaningful, achievable steps towards building cyber resilience across their setting.'*

Book your ticket [HERE](#)

Consider the following questions:

**Do your staff know how to report 'phishing emails'?**

Consider Cyber Security training on Staff Inset

**What can your staff access on your network?**

Check user access and privileges— Staff should only have access they need, NOT more!

**Is your data being backed up?**

Remember having data stored 'in the cloud' - Google Drive/Microsoft Office 365' **IS NOT** the same as a Cloud Backup

**Is your software updated and upgraded?**

Ensure software is updated and upgraded to latest versions as soon as they are made available

**Need help?**

Check the National Cyber Security Centre's [Cyber security for schools](#) section of their website.

**Or contact Scomis for impartial and objective advice** Scomis: 01392 385300

### Staff Helpline

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH):

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