Weekly newsletter



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Executive Headteacher: Mrs V Fenemore Friday 14th November 2025

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an action-packed and truly lovely week in school.

At the start of the week, the whole school joined our friends at Winkleigh for an amazing dance workshop. The children worked alongside their Winkleigh peers, learning new routines, practising rhythm and coordination, and having great fun expressing themselves through movement. It was lovely to see everyone dancing together and supporting one another — and our pupils made us so proud with their enthusiasm, confidence, and smiles throughout the day!

Back at school, our Remembrance art display in the church has been receiving lots of compliments. The children created some truly thoughtful and creative pieces to commemorate Remembrance Day, using a range of materials and techniques to show respect and gratitude to those who served. The finished display looked absolutely fantastic and was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering together as a community. On Tuesday, the whole school marked Remembrance Day by wearing red and gathering on the playground for a two-minute silence. It was a very special and reflective moment. Every child showed such maturity and respect — it was a proud moment for our whole school family.

Class 2 enjoyed an exciting skateboarding session! The children had the opportunity to try something new, build their confidence, and even learn some impressive new tricks. The coach commented on how brilliantly the children listened and encouraged one another.

Well done to everyone for your hard work, energy, and kindness throughout the week. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore

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Diary dates Upcoming week

Week beginning: 17.11.25	
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 drop off and collection from Winkleigh today (M&M Productions: Snow White)
Tuesday	 Winkleigh KS1 at Kings Nympton – sports event am – Class 1 and 2 PE kit Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm (change of day this week) Parent's evening in person
Wednesday	Mrs Rowcliffe on site
Thursday	 Class 1 & 2 PE kit Mrs Stapley on site
Friday	Mr Slocombe on site

Diary dates This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change.

Upcoming events	
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

Separate Christmas flier with December events.

Please note, in a change from the diary dates for the year sent out previously, the **Colour Run** provisional date has been changed to **Friday 10**th **July**.



Thursday 4th December

Christmas family breakfast & Christmas classrooms open morning 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



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

Classes 1 and 2 – Dance Workshop – 10.11.25











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Class 2 – Skateboarding – 12.11.25











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Remembrance - 11.11.25

On Tuesday 11th November, we gathered together on the playground to observe two minutes of silence in recognition of the dedication of the armed forces during the World Wars and conflicts. Following this, we visited the Remembrance Art Exhibition on display in the church. Children were asked to donate towards the Royal British Legion and we look forward to hearing how

much we have raised.













Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the Preschool, our learning has been inspired by the much loved story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr.

The children really enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with key phrases and actions. We explored lots of activities linked to the story, including:

Storytelling and role play – serving tea, and pretending to be the tiger!

Creative art – painting and making stripy patterns

Communication and language – talking about what happened in the story, describing the tiger, and sharing ideas about what might happen next.

The children also enjoyed setting up their own 'tea parties' in the role play area, using their imagination to create menus, serve food, and invite friends to tea.

This story gave us lovely opportunities to talk about good manners, sharing, and kindness, and to practise using polite words like 'please' and 'thank you.'

Below is a song we have enjoyed singing.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea' Row, Row, Row Your Boat'



Tiger, tiger came to tea, Knocking on the door. He ate the cake and drank the milk, And asked for more, more, more!



















Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Betts

Another great week in class one! On Monday, we have a fantastic day at Winkleigh. It was lovely to meet up with our federation peers and join in with the dance workshop.

In maths, we have been learning about place value within 100. The children have been working on understanding the value of each digit within a two digit number, so for instance 35 would be 3 tens (30 ones) and 5 ones. They have looked at grouping tens and ones and partitioning numbers flexibly 15+ 20= 35.

In reception, the children have been learning about more/less using the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears' to set up dinner time and making sure that there is enough crockery and cutlery for all. They have played simple number track games to win counters and arranged tens frames into order from the least to the most dots.

In drawing club, reception have been learning the story of the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. They have drawn their own tigers, what the tiger might like to order from the café and invented their own transport for getting the tiger back to the zoo. As part of their DT they have made their own jam sandwiches, thinking hard about each step and the actions that they will need to perform to complete their sandwich.KS1 have been learning about Florence Nightingale in history, learning about how to make popups for DT and investigating their senses in Science. We hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Betts, Mrs Blacker and Mrs Slade







Class news

Class 2 - Mrs Miali

The class have been up to lots of enjoyable, hands on activities this week, across both schools.

Dance Day at Winkleigh on Monday was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed the choreography delivered by the dance instructor, with lots of giggles and smiles throughout the day.

On Tuesday the class started the construction phase of their DT projects. After exploring how the cams would work to add movement to their designs, they began carving and placing their own into position.

Wednesday welcomed skateboarding. Wearing all the protective gear the children were fearless in their skating efforts, supporting and encouraging each other to succeed. They learnt the difference between goofy and regular skating, how to flip up the boards, drop in and much more.

In maths the children continue to work through the timetables; looking at patterns and tricks to help them remember and recall a sums quicker. They have focused on using the 2 timetables to help them answer questions on the 4 and 8 timetables.

Our English text has allowed us to look at the use of prepositions and adverbs to add more detail to the answers that may be given to interview style questions. When the children write their final piece, they are going to try and give their animal some character and using adverbial phrases will aid this.

If the children have a spare pair of wellies at home, please could they bring in to keep at school, so that we can still go onto the field for learning and enrichment activities.

Have a lovely weekend,









Admissions

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

Apply online at: devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk or call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



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