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# Kings Nympton Weekly Newsletter

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## A note from the Head

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to everyone who came to our Mother's Day Cream Tea last Friday, we hope you all enjoyed it and felt spoilt by your children. The children enjoyed baking the scones with Mrs Blacker and preparing the event for you and did a very good job!

Class 2 enjoyed their gardening again on Wednesday with the Wildlife Trust, the top garden is looking really good, we can't wait to see the finished result. Well done Class 2.

Our next family breakfast is coming up in the last week of term, please try and book by the deadline date, Monday 18th March, as we will be ordering the food next week. Once again, we look forward to seeing as many families as possible.

We have streamlined our admin team and Mrs Moyies is now working alongside Mrs Dennis and our Business Manager, Mrs Crosby, based at Winkleigh Primary School. This has allowed us to delegate and share the different responsibilities and work more efficiently. Members of the Admin team will continue to visit Kings Nympton Primary School periodically to support as necessary. If you need to contact school please continue to either email [admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk) or telephone on 01769 580512 and the Admin Team will continue to direct the email or call to the most appropriate member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs V Fenemore : Executive Headteacher

# DIARY DATES

W/C 18TH MARCH 2024



<b>Saturday 16th March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for the w/c 23rd March</i></li></ul>
Monday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>School door opens at 8:45am and will shut promptly at 8:55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9am, <u>late arrivals will need to be signed in, in the admin office</u></b></li><li>◆ <b>DEADLINE - Gateway Payment - Family Breakfast Order</b></li></ul>
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ PE kit - Class 1 &amp; Class 2</li><li>◆ Class 1 - Educational Trip - RHS Rosemoor</li></ul>
Wednesday 20th March	
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ PE kit today: Class 2</li></ul>
Friday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ PE kit today: Class 1</li><li>◆ Forest School - Class 2</li></ul>
<b>Saturday 6th April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for the w/c 15th April</i></li></ul>

Emails sent this week: Spellings Class 1 & 2, Devon Wild Life Trust Visit, Parents Evening, Parents Morning  
Preschool, Family Breakfast Deadline

# THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



## Preschool - Mrs Stapley

This week we have been looking for and talking about early signs of spring! This has included creating spring inspired collages, making flowers using play dough, drawing flowers and as a maths activity we have been rolling a dice and adding the correct amount of seeds to each pot.

We have also been talking about different animals and their babies.

***Maybe over the weekend see what signs of spring you can spot when you are out and about?***

See below for a song we have enjoyed singing this week.

Have a wonderful hopefully less wet weekend!

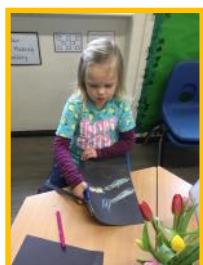
The Preschool Team

***Spring Song (Sing to the tune of 'The Farmer's in his Den'.)***

***The sun is shining bright, The sun is shining bright, Oh how I love the warmth, The sun is shining bright.***

***The rain is falling down, The rain is falling down, Oh how I love the sound, The rain is falling down.***

***The flowers start to bloom, The flowers start to bloom, Oh how I love the sight, The flowers start to bloom.***



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## Class 1 - Mrs Betts

The children have been amazing this week they have worked really hard and been very focussed on their quizzes. In between the quizzes they have had some fun joining in with preschool.

In DT this week, the children have been continuing to create their roly-poly toys by designing the middle of their roly-poly toys to make it look appealing.

In Science we are learning about the parts of the flower and their function. First we dissected flowers and looked at them in depth with magnifying glasses. Then we made our own with recycled materials.

In RE we've been looking at Easter traditions around the world such as flying kites, the Bilby, egg rolling and the Polish tradition where boys splash water and perfume over girls.

***I wonder if your child can remember which country celebrate with the Bilby?***

In history, we were learning about how poor families made their own toys because they could not afford them for their children. Then we made our own Victorian Peg dolls from old wooden pegs and various materials. The children were very creative making soldiers and even a Doctor Octopus like doll.

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## Class 2 - Mrs Godly

This week, the children have been working hard completing a variety of assessment tests. These have been assessing the children's English and Maths knowledge and understanding. They have all tackled these with confidence and positivity, well done to you all.

The children had a great afternoon on Wednesday with Lucy Robinson from the Wildlife Trust, who worked with us all to improve parts of our school grounds. We have prepared an area at the back of the school and sown wildflower seeds on it. This will hopefully become our wildflower meadow to attract bees and other insects. We also worked very hard in the school garden in the top playground. We weeded in the tyre planters and planted bulbs, flower seeds and herbs in them. We would like this area to become a sensory garden for children to go to and relax in during play and lunchtimes. It was great to see the children working together and all taking part in this activity. Thank you to the FOKNS who provided the soil, wood and herbs we used from their dealings with local companies to support the school.

This week we also had our first Forest School session of this year. We have all been looking forward to it and had a great time. Thank you Mrs Blacker for teaching it!

Have a lovely weekend.



# ATTENDANCE

## What does the law say about attendance?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16 yrs) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent **you are responsible** for making sure this happens.

Parents and carers commit an offence if a child does not attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school.

## Will an absence be authorised by the school?

Schools can only agree absences for a limited range of exceptional circumstances, these are typically absences that are completely unavoidable. Absences that **will not be agreed** might include:

- Arrival after registers have closed.
- Absences that are not properly explained.
- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Leaving the school without school authorisation during the day.

Repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to Devon County Council for Parent Responsibility measures to improve attendance.

## Who can help you?

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.

Parents and carers should reach out to the school to explore how they can support and/or contact other services available to help.



**Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership**

[www.devonscp.org.uk/](http://www.devonscp.org.uk/)

## Public Health Nursing Hubs

Tel: 03332341910

[www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/)

## Early Help

Northern Devon: [Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

Southern Devon: [Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

Mid & East Devon: [Earlyhelpmidwestsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelpmidwestsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk)

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**Devon Independent Advisory Service**

[DIAS devonias@devon.gov.uk](mailto:DIAS.devonias@devon.gov.uk)

## School attendance matters

**Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers**

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Childrens Services please see our website:  
[www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/)

## Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child or young person to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- learn
- make and manage friendships
- develop new skills
- have fun
- experience new things in the world around them
- develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- build confidence and self-esteem
- achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- prioritise their well-being and happiness
- be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

## Missing school... missing out!

Don't let your child be the one to miss out!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	402

## "We are only a few minutes late" - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child or young person for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

## How you can help your child or young person to have excellent attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and advocate, speak up on behalf of their needs.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Take truancy seriously - consider where are they? Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Where possible attend parent consultations and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.

Young people regularly missing school without good reason = increased risk of becoming isolated from their friends, underachieving in their learning and/or have vulnerability to become involved in anti-social behaviour.

A good diet and sleep routine adds to successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a positive start to their day.

Regular school attendance teaches a young person life skills like time keeping, problem solving and independence.

Help your child by encouraging them to get their uniform and school bag ready the night before.



# FOKNS - EASTER FUN

THURSDY 28TH MARCH 2024



JOIN OUR

**EASTER  
FUN!**

THURSDAY 28TH  
MARCH  
3.30-4.30

BAKE SALE  
EASTER EGG HUNT

MORE ACTIVITIES TO  
COME VIA EMAIL



thanks For supporting  
**THE FOKN**

# AUTUMN/WINTER MENU



## Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

## Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

## Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				



# ATTENDANCE



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



## 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
Scabies	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



#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

### Are you entitled?

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Kings Nympton Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to [admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk)

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme



The aim of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

To help you find the guidance you need, please visit:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-easter-2023/>

