

A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, huge congratulations goes to all our wonderful children who really shone at our recent Ofsted inspection, they were able to talk with enthusiasm and clarity about the school, their learning and the wider curriculum such as trips and residential. It was very clear that the children feel safe and secure at school and enjoy coming. Well done, we are very proud of you all. The staff work exceptionally hard to ensure that all children have the opportunities to achieve great things. We were absolutely delighted with the overwhelmingly positive responses and texts that were received. Your support is invaluable to us. Thank you again. We are very pleased with the result and as soon as the report is out we will be sharing it with you. This usually takes about 4 weeks.

Thank you to the Friends of Kings Nympton for organising the Halloween Disco, they raised an amazing £166. Well done to all involved, the children had a great time.

The feedback from the skateboarding afternoon was incredibly positive, watching the children master some new tricks and gain confidence was great. The instructor was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and behaviour throughout. Well done Class 2!

Forest School last week was another success. The session started with children building their own fires, Mrs Blacker was amazed at the resilience and how they went off to collect better wood each time. The children then made some brilliant dens and Oliver, Stan and Jago went off and collected several armfuls of wood for our fire - without being asked to! Well done!! They also picked their favourite leaf and each made some observations " I notice that... I wonder, and it reminds me of... " there were some very good observations and ideas. Some children made wood animals (horses) using the tools. They played hide and seek - now they have worked out being quiet is best they are really good! The children cooked s'mores and played in the river. Unfortunately, we had to cancel Forest School today due to the forecast of thunderstorms; the safety of the children is paramount as always. We have rescheduled for Friday 4th November.

Mrs Catling will be leaving us before Christmas and moving onto pastures new. Although she has only been with us for a short while she has been highly regarded by her colleagues, parents and our children. I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to the team. Both she and Mrs Singer were instrumental in getting our new website up and running, which we love! We wish her all the best for the future.

Lastly have a lovely restful break and we look forward to seeing you all again after half term.

Best wishes



HALLOWEEN DISCO

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL



DIARY DATES

W/C 31ST OCTOBER



Daily	0800 deadline for booking school meals on the Gateway 0800-0900 Before School Club
Monday 31st October	Class 2 wear PE kit
Tuesday 1st November	
Wednesday 2nd November	SSW After School Sports Club, 1530-1630
Thursday 3rd November	Stay & Play, 0930-1100 (note new time)
Friday 4th November	Years 5 and 6 Forest School

Please note that the new school lunch menu starts after half term. Please see page 10 for details.

Remember: Before School Club bookings must be made one week in advance via the Dinners Section of the Gateway

Emails sent this week: FSM Vouchers (as applicable), Ofsted Inspection, Skern Lodge, Halloween Events, Class 1 Spellings, Year 4 Spellings, Drama Refund, Year 5 & 6 Forest School

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUTUMN HALF TERM 2



A welcoming and friendly session
for babies, toddlers and their
parents/carers



CHRISTMAS BINGO



A cartoon clown with a large red nose, wearing a red and yellow striped hat, a red jacket with yellow polka dots, green pants, and red shoes. He is balancing on a large, striped ball (purple, yellow, and orange). He has his arms outstretched and a wide smile.

A colorful illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary, in a pink robe and blue headscarf, stands on the left. Joseph, in a green robe and blue headscarf, stands on the right holding a wooden staff. The baby Jesus lies in a wooden manger filled with yellow straw, with a glowing halo around his head. A large, bright yellow star shines in the dark blue night sky above the manger.

parents
forum

Thursday 8th
December, 0930



An illustration of three children, two boys and one girl, singing Christmas carols. They are all wearing red Santa hats with white pom-poms, red scarves, and red boots. The boy on the left is holding a green book and singing with his mouth wide open. The girl in the middle is also holding a green book and singing. The boy on the right is holding a green book and singing. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflakes and musical notes.

THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Class 1

This half term has rushed by and we cannot believe how much we have managed to fit in. All the children have worked hard, tried their best and risen to the daily learning challenges they have faced. Well done to you all!

Although this week has been different, we have still managed to complete all our work and had great fun. Reception have been thinking about how to cope with any worries they may have using the book, *The Huge Bag of Worries* by Virginia Ironside. They have written messages for our class friendship tree, thought about how we can cheer ourselves and others up and shared ways we could welcome new people into our lives and school so they won't have to worry. They have also been making and repeating simple patterns using objects, paints and number shapes.

In English, Year 1 and 2 have produced a factual piece of writing about the human skeleton. I am sure they would love to share some of the interesting facts they have learned! In Maths, Year 1 have been learning how to subtract two numbers less than ten. They have written subtraction sums, used part-whole models and pictures to show their calculations. Year 2 have been adding 2- digit numbers. They have used Base 10 and place value counters to help them. They have also used the column addition method to calculate their answers. The class enjoyed having a non-uniform day on Thursday and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Friends' Halloween Disco. Thank you to the Friends for organising it!

We all hope you have wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

A great half term, Class 1, well done!

Mrs Godly



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Class 2

Class 2 have rolled into the final week of this half term, with their skateboarding workshops. The children enjoyed their afternoon of skateboarding and enjoyed learning new skills. All the children had a great afternoon showing off their skills.

This week we have finished our sequence in Geography and the children have been recalling their knowledge of regions of the UK. In Maths, Years 5 and 6 have been learning short division and practising the skill of using short division and applying it into word problems. Year 3 and 4 have finished their sequence on addition and subtraction and have started their new sequence on multiplication and division. Sadly, Forest School was cancelled today due to the weather. This has been rearranged for the first Friday after half term.

It was great to see all the children in their Halloween costumes for non-uniform yesterday, they all looked very scary.

Have a great week off, Class 2.

Mr Saltearn



LITTLE WOODLANDS

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL



How this half term has whizzed by! We have been so impressed with how the children are becoming increasingly independent and how they follow the routines and play/learn beautifully with each other.

This week we have enjoyed the story *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper which is a lovely tale about working together and friendship. Ask your children about the story and what happened when the duck wanted to stir the soup! We enjoyed making and of course tasting our own pumpkin soup! The children had great fun scooping out the pumpkin seeds.

We have also been busy creating our own patterns using different shapes and colours and, in the garden, we were serving up our own 'pumpkin soup' in the water play area.

We even had a visit from a little frog this week!

Wishing you all a very happy half term.

Mrs Stapley and the Preschool team



ENGLAND ROCKS

14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER

7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT DAILY

Winning class will have the highest
number of correct answers per pupil.

PLAY IN
ANY
GAME TYPE

1-HOUR
TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON

Ask your teacher for full details or visit:
TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/ENGLANDROCKS22



DIARY DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23



Please note, the dates of activities and events may be subject to change. More events may be added.
Further information about each event and activity will be sent out to parents and published on the website nearer the time.

September 2022 5th—Autumn Term starts w/c 12th—After School Clubs Start 13th—Class 1 & 2 Welcome Meetings 16th—Class 1 Forest School 22nd—Family Breakfast & Open Morning 23rd—Class 1 Forest School 26th—Flu Vaccinations 26th & 27th—Bikeability Years 5 & 6 30th—Years 3 & 4 Forest School	October 2022 5th—Class 2 Eden Trip 6th—Census Day: all KS1 children to have a school meal 6th—Scarecrow Competition & Cake Stall 7th—Years 3 & 4 Forest School 11th—Class 1 Northam Burrows 13th—Parent Forum Meeting 14th—Year 5 & 6 Forest School 18th—Class 2 Skateboarding 20th—Non-Uniform & Halloween Disco 21st—Years 5 & 6 Forest School w/c 24th—Half Term 31st—Return to School	November 2022 11th—Poppy Day 14th—M&M Productions—Cinderella 15th—Tempest Individual Class Photos
December 2022 8th—Stay & Play Christmas Session 9th—Dogs Trust Workshops 12th—Reports 13th—Christmas Fair 14th—Class 1 & Preschool Nativity 14th—Christmas Lunch 15th—KS2 Carol Service 16th—Class Christmas Parties	January 2023 4th—Spring Term starts 19th—Census Day—all KS1 children to have a school meal	February 2023 9th—Family Breakfast & Open Morning w/c 13th—Half Term 20th—Return to School
March 2023 2nd—World Book Day w/c 20th—Reports 28th—Parents' Evening 30th—Parents' Evening 31st—Years 3 & 4 Forest School & Last Day of Term	April 2023 w/c 3rd—Easter Holidays 17th—Summer Term starts 17th-19th—Year 5 & 6 Skern Lodge Residential 21st—Years 3 & 4 Forest School 28th—years 3 & 4 Forest School	May 2023 1st—Bank Holiday—School closed w/c 8th—SATS Week 5th—Years 3 & 4 Forest School 12th—Year 5 & 6 Forest School w/c 15th Art & Culture Week 18th—Census Day—all KS1 children to have a school meal 19th—Years 5 & 6 Forest School 26th—Years 5 & 6 Forest School w/c 29th—Half Term
June 2023 5th—Return to school 21st-23rd—Year 6 London Residential 28th—Sports Day 29th-30th—Y3 Camping Residential	July 2023 3rd—Parents' Evening 4th—Parents' Evening 6th-7th—Year 4 Escot Residential 11th—Year 3 Roman Day in school 12th-14th—Y6 Surf Residential	17th—Year 6 Splashdown Trip 19th—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 19th—Last Day of Term for Pupils 20th-21st—Inset Days 24th-25th—Occasional Days 26th—Summer Holidays Commence

WINTER MENU FROM 31/10

Side salad is offered with the main course and fresh fruit or yoghurt as an alternative to the daily pudding is also available.



One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Hunters Chicken (Homemade BBQ Sauce) & Rice	Roast Chicken & Stuffing (Optional)	Westcountry Sausage (Pork) & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Crumble	Quorn & Vegetable Fajita with Rice	Leek & Potato Layer Bake	Gnocchi with Quorn Mince Ragu	Quorn Dippers
Sides	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans & Potato Wedges	Broccoli & Peas	Roast or Boiled Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Country Mixed Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips, Peas, Baked Beans or Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Pancakes with sliced Banana & Honey	Apple Crumble & Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Cake topped with Toffee Sauce & Langage Farm Ice Cream	Homemade Chocolate Drop Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna			Cheese, Beans or Tuna	
Packed Lunch		Cheese Salad Baguette	Tuna Salad Baguette		
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative				
Week starting:	31/10/22; 21/11/22; 12/12/22; 16/01/23; 06/02/23; 06/03/23; 27/03/23				

Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Quorn Curry & Tilda Rice	Cottage Pie (Beef)	Roast Gammon & Pineapple (Optional)	Organic Pork Meatballs & Wholemeal Pasta	Salmon Bites OR Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato & Bean Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread	Vegetable Wellington	Vegetable Chilli	Vegan Sausage Roll
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Beans, Swede & Gravy	Roast or Boiled Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli & Potato Wedges	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips, Peas, Baked Beans or Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Homemade Banana Muffin	Jam Sponge & Pink Custard	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Cracknel
Jacket Potato		Cheese, Beans or Tuna		Cheese, Beans or Tuna	
Packed Lunch	Egg Mayo & Cress Filled Sandwich		Cheese & Onion Wrap		
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative				
Week starting:	07/11/22; 28/11/22; 02/01/23; 23/01/23; 20/02/23; 13/03/23				

Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza Margherita	Tuna Pasta Bake	Roast Pork & Stuffing (Optional)	Lasagne (Beef)	Cod Goujons
Option 2 (v)	Plant Power Burger	Cheese Wheel & Potato Wedges	Veggie Roast	Singapore Style Noodles	Quorn Sausage
Sides	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans & Herby Diced Potatoes	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Boiled Potatoes, Swede, Carrots & Gravy	Crusty Bread, Winter Rainbow Salad & Roasted Winter Vegetables	Wholemeal Pasta or Chips, Peas, Baked Beans or Crunchy Veg Sticks
And for pudding	Flapjack	Apple & Custard Cake with Langage Farm Ice Cream	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt	Sticky Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Jammy Dodger Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna		Cheese, Beans or Tuna		
Packed Lunch		Tuna Baguette		Pork Bap	
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative				
Week starting:	14/11/22; 05/12/22; 09/01/23; 30/01/23; 27/02/23; 20/03/23				

Daily deadline for orders: 8am

TRANSITION



DISCOVERY MORNING

For all girls aged 3 - 11 years

Saturday 19 November

9:30 - 11:30am (Doors open: 9am)



A totally FREE morning of fun-filled activities for all our guests to enjoy!

REGISTER NOW AT
www.maynard.co.uk

A totally FREE morning of fun-filled and age appropriate activities for **ALL GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6**

9:30 - 11:30am (Doors open: 9am)



PIPE CLEANER PETS

Let your creative juices flow in this super fun activity to create your perfect pet!



SLIME BALLS

Who doesn't love making slime? A perfect activity choice for all budding scientists or for those who simply can't resist the slippery stuff!



FRAZZLE

A truly unique wildlife experience. Get up close to an array of animals: snakes, chameleons, stick insects and who knows what else?

GYMNASTICS

Fun floor and flight skills in our purpose-equipped Gym. Please wear leggings or shorts and socks will have to be taken off! No jewellery, please!



TREEMENDOUS FOREST SCHOOL

Get ready for the great outdoors in our on-site Forest School. Toasted marshmallows around the campfire a highlight!



PAINT A PARROT

Join our resident artists and learn how to paint a life-like parrot. Yours will be framed, ready for you to take home!



FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 3 - 6 YEARS

Batten down the hatches and join us for a truly unique journey of discovery right here on our doorstep, designed especially for all girls from Pre-School age through to Year 1.

Bring your parents along and see who can blaze the 'Ahoy me Hearties Party' trail - a typically Maynard treasure hunt featuring 'Walk the Plank', 'Hook a Pirate', 'Dig for Treasure' and a bounty of other pirate-themed activities ... all polished off with oodles of crafts to make and take home. Not to mention a booty full of cookies, snacks and coffees galore for children and parents.

REGISTER NOW* at www.maynard.co.uk

*Activities book up so we advise early registration to avoid disappointment!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



GIRLS - FANCY GIVING FOOTBALL A GO?

Chulmleigh Youth FC (accredited with the FA) is actively looking to recruit for our girls' teams. If you fancy trying football and you are a girl in Year 6, 7, 8 or 9, please get in touch to organise a free taster session. We train on Fridays from 5pm – 6.30pm and participate in matches as part of the North Devon Youth League.

Contact our girls' co-ordinator Becki:
bxmiali@gmail.com



Photo credit – Fremington FC

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Kings Nympton Playing Field Presents

Bonfire & Fireworks *night*

Sat
5th
Nov



£4 Adults

£2 Kids

6PM (Fireworks 6.40pm)
Hotdogs & Soup.
Kings Nympton Playing Field.

October Half-Term Activities



Sat 22nd October - Sat 29th October:

Fantasy Door Trail. Drop-in during opening hours. 10p a trail.

Tues 25th October 10am - 12noon: Board-games morning. Drop in to play board-games & do jigsaws with your friends & family. FREE drop-in.

Thurs 27th October 10am - 12noon: Fantasy Door Craft. Come along to make your own Fantasy Door. FREE drop-in (donations welcome).

Sat 29th October 10am - 12noon: Badge-making workshop. Design & make a badge. 50p suggested donation.

Libraries
Unlimited



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

Parent Talk



Parent Support

There's a lot of pressure on parents at the moment. Parent Talk is a free and confidential service for parents of 0-19 year olds in the UK. You can get support with anything that's worrying you about parenting or your child.

We're on hand to support parents, when you need us. Browse our articles on the most common parenting questions from our experts. Or talk one-to-one with a qualified parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing.

Visit:

www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

We're here:

**12:30-19:30 Monday
10:30-16:30 Tuesday
9.30-16:30 Wednesday
12:30-19:30 Thursday
09:30-16:00 Friday**



TERM DATES

ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: SEE PARENT INFO SECTION



Devon School Term Dates: 2022-23 Academic Year

School Name (s)		Winkleigh Primary School																				
DfE number (s)		8782252																				
Contact name																						
Date submitted																						
		Sep-2022							Oct-2022							Nov-2022						
Monday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28							
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29							
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Saturday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		4	11	18	25								
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Sunday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			13	20	27								
		days within Devon's school terms							days outside Devon's school terms							Days off school						

School Holiday Bank Holidays
26 Dec 2022 (Christmas)
27 Dec 2022 (Boxing Day)
2 Jan 2023 (New Years Day)
7 Apr 2023 (Good Friday)
10 Apr 2023 (Easter Mond)
1 May 2023 (May Day)
29 May 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday)
28 Aug 2023(Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths	37	72
Sept to Oct half term	37	72
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	29	59
Feb to Easter	30	
Easter to June half term	29	66
June to end of term	37	
197		
Training Days	-5	
Occasional Days	-2	
190		

key:

days within Devon's school terms

days outside Devon's school terms

Bank Holidays



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

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 Citizen Portal Devon

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCsCitizenPortal_LIVE

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot
of your confirmation to

admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk