



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone settling so well into their new routines as we begin another exciting academic year. The children have made a fantastic start, and there is a real buzz around the school as everyone gets back into the rhythm of learning, playing and spending time together.

We have been particularly delighted to welcome our new children into our Kings Nympton family. They have settled in incredibly well and have already become a happy and valued part of our school community. It has been wonderful to see them making new friends, exploring their new surroundings and growing in confidence each day. Our older children have also been fantastic in helping them feel welcome and showing them what makes our school such a special place.

It was wonderful to see some of our older children join their friends from Winkleigh for their first trip of the academic year to Ultimate Adventure. What a fantastic day they had! The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and plenty of smiles. From tackling the high ropes to getting involved in the water course, there were lots of opportunities for them to test themselves, work together and encourage one another. Days like these are a wonderful way for the children to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork while having lots of fun along the way.

There is certainly no shortage of things to look forward to over the coming weeks. We have lots planned, with visitors coming into school to enrich the children's learning, as well as trips and experiences outside of school.

We are especially excited about our upcoming Class 2 trip to Bath. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to bring their learning to life as they explore some of the fascinating history of the city. During our visit, we will be exploring the Roman Baths, discovering what life was like during Roman times and learning about the incredible history of this ancient site. We will also visit Bath Abbey, where the children will have the opportunity to see this remarkable building and learn more about its history and significance.

We hope the trip will be a memorable experience for the children and give them lots of exciting things to talk about, ask questions about and use in their learning back at school. We will share more details with families about the trip very soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore



Message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Board welcome you all back to another school year and we look forward to working together with you to continue to provide all the children with the very best education that we can offer.

We are exceptionally proud of the Ofsted reports for Winkleigh and thanks to all the staff across both schools for supporting during these visits. They really are brilliant to read and testament to the incredible work that goes on across the Federation. Thanks to you all as parents supporting both schools and an even bigger thanks to all the children.

The Board has some new members to ensure that governance is independent and able to fulfil its three core functions which are given below. We now meet monthly and we are starting work on a big Ethos and Vision project across the Federation.

As parents and carers you are stakeholders in the Federation and the Board would really like to hear from you. Our questions to you are:

- What do you want for your children when they leave the Federation?
- What sort of person do you want your child to grow into being?
- What's the most important value for you as a person?

We will be asking the staff and the children similar questions and all this information will help us to shape the Federation – as with anything places and people change and this is healthy and important for growth as a community. One word answers are all that is needed and there will be a flipchart board at drop off in both schools next week with pens available for you to write your words and thoughts on to.

The Board thank you for your support of the schools and we look forward to the coming year.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions either by clerk@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk or sjenkins@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

Kind regards
Siân Jenkins
Chair of Governors

The Three Core Roles of a Governor:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction. Governors help set the long-term goals and ambitions for the school, ensuring it has clear values and a solid development plan.
- Holding executive leaders to account for educational performance. They monitor pupil outcomes, evaluate school data, and act as a "critical friend" by both supporting and challenging the headteacher.
- Overseeing financial performance and making sure money is well spent. They look at the school budget to ensure resources are managed effectively and public money directly benefits the pupils.

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 21.09.26

Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- All sorts – 8.30am the **Sunday** before.
- Early birds – 3pm the **Sunday** before.
- Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.

Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.

Monday

- Gardening Club (3.30pm-5.00pm)
- Writing Curriculum Hook Day
- Mrs Fenemore / Mr Slocombe / Mrs Rowcliffe on site

Tuesday

- Class 1 & 2 PE kit

Wednesday

- Class 1 PE Kit
- Mrs Fenemore / Mr Slocombe / Mrs Rowcliffe on site

Thursday

- Class 2 PE kit

Friday

- Class 2 Forest School
- Mrs Stapley on site

Saturday 10th October

9.30am-12noon

Visit Kings Nympton Primary School!

What we offer:

- High quality, engaging learning environments
- High adult to child ratio
- Nurturing provision
- Personalised and tailored teaching
- Broad and ambitious curriculum
- Extensive enrichment opportunities through trips, visitors, residentials.
- Forest school programme and learning beyond the classroom.
- Places available for children aged 0-11 years.





Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Sunday Lunch Takeaway

Sunday 4th October

Collect 12noon-1.30pm

Roast lunch takeaway, all served
with roast potatoes, gravy and
seasonal vegetables.

Pork & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Chicken & Sage and onion stuffing - **£10**

Beef & Yorkshire Pudding - **£12**

3-meat mix & Yorkshire Pudding & Sage and onion stuffing - **£14**

Nut roast - **£10**

Apple Crumble & Custard - **£3.50**

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Toffee sauce - **£3.50**

**Proceeds to be split between Devon Air Ambulance &
School Trips and Residentials Fundraising**



Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in the Preschool as the children have continued to settle into their routines and become increasingly familiar with the rhythm of our Preschool day. We have been supporting the children to feel happy, secure and confident as they play, explore and learn alongside their friends.

Water Play – Washing the Babies

The children have particularly enjoyed our water play this week, caring for and washing the baby dolls. This has provided lots of opportunities for imaginative play, communication and language, as well as developing coordination and physical skills as the children scooped, poured, squeezed and splashed. We talked about being gentle and caring for our babies.

Colour Sorting

We have continued developing our understanding of colours and sorting. The children have been matching and sorting objects by colour, using their developing mathematical language as they explored similarities and differences.

Learning Our Routines

A big focus continues to be learning and following our daily routines. The children are becoming more familiar with tidying away, washing hands, snack and lunch times, putting on coats and shoes, and moving between activities. These everyday routines help children develop independence, confidence and a sense of belonging within our school community.

Please Remember

Please make sure your child arrives at Preschool each day with everything they may need, particularly as we settle into the new term.

Please provide:

Plenty of spare clothes, including socks!

Nappies

Wipes

Nappy bags



Please ensure that all belongings are clearly named so that they can be easily identified. Thank you for your continued support as the children settle into Preschool. We are enjoying getting to know them and watching their confidence grow each day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Preschool Team



Class news

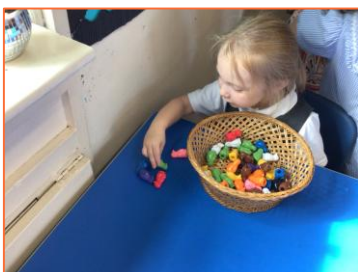
Class 1 – Mrs Keast

Class One have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk this week in English. We have begun our Drawing Club sessions, creating our own Giants and their homes. We have enjoyed having discussions and time to draw our ideas before thinking about what we would like to say in our written work. We have been remembering to form our letters properly and use punctuation to end each sentence. We have also been remembering how to hold our pencil correctly - nip it and flip it!

In maths we have continued learning about numbers to 20 and have been thinking about ways these numbers can be represented. We have used the mathematical language 'one more' and 'one less' to talk about quantities and create our own groups of objects.

The class had a fantastic day at Forest School on Wednesday, exploring the woodland and learning lots of new skills!

Some super discussions took place in science this week, when talking about what makes day and night. We learned how Earth spins on its axis whilst the sun remains still. We enjoyed demonstrating this with a torch and a globe and linked our learning to the story Night Monkey, Day Monkey by Julia Donaldson.



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

Another super week in Class 2. The children are in full swing of the daily routine and working together really well. Some of our year 5 and 6 children have also enjoyed their first, of many, school trips for the year.

They have been continuing their work on Greta Thunberg, in English and have enjoyed publishing their non-fiction final writes ready for display.

All the children have been handling the use of larger numbers in their maths really well. Year 5 and 6 are working up to ten million and year 3 and 4 up to ten thousand.

In the afternoons, the class have been fully immersed in their foundation subjects. At the start of the week, the class went up to the village hall for their PE lesson to participate in gymnastics. They explored the different ways they could travel and move their bodies by changing the speed, level, direction and body parts being used.

The children refreshed their knowledge of continents, countries and cities to start their geography learning, before focusing on Europe and Italy. They asked lots of geographical questions to learn more about Italy and compare it to other countries in Europe.

To end the week the class enjoyed a fabulous day at Forest school, where they will be able to use their adventurous experiences in English for our new text.

Have a lovely weekend.



Vacancies

Teaching Assistant

Kings Nympton Primary School

Grade B-C Dependent on experience

Full Time

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and committed **Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly team at **Kings Nympton Primary School**.

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a nurturing Federation where children are at the heart of everything we do, situated within the heart of the Devon countryside.

The school and nursery are growing rapidly, and we are looking for someone who is passionate about giving young children the very best start to their education.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a genuine passion for working with young children and supporting their development.
- Provide a warm, caring and stimulating environment where children feel safe, valued and confident.
- Plan and deliver engaging experiences that support children's learning and development.
- Work effectively as part of a supportive and committed team.
- Build positive relationships with children, parents and families.
- Have high expectations for children's learning, development and behaviour.
- Be reliable, enthusiastic and willing to contribute to the wider life of our schools and federation.

Further information:

- A Level 3 qualification in Early Years is desirable.
- We would be interested to hear from candidates who would be willing to work in our extended wrap-around provision.

What we can offer you

- Supportive federation with a strong commitment to professional development and high-quality provision (Ofsted, 2026).
- Comprehensive CPD programme.
- Shared expertise across the federation.
- Environments that ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve, thrive and belong.
- A dedicated staff team that act in the best interests of supporting all children, including highly skilled practitioners.
- An inclusive setting that welcomes every child with open arms (Ofsted, 2026).
- A unique setting that draws on the natural environment.
- A child centred approach that fosters an holistic focus on every child and their learning, nurturing and celebrating their individual interests, needs and strengths in a warm, caring and inspiring environment.

We would love to hear from you if you are an enthusiastic and caring person, looking to support the pupils in our school communities.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to arrange a visit with a member of SLT or phone 01837 83354.

Please return completed application forms to admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk

Gardening club




KINGS NYMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

GARDENING CLUB

Have some fun with your friends 😊
Every Monday - Term Time only
3:30-5:00pm
Open for all children from Preschool (age 2+) to Year 6
Pack some wellies and spare clothes!

Pay using this QR code



Fresh Air
Growing fruit & vegetables
Maintaining Chickens

New Skills
Making bird & bug houses
Creating wild flower gardens

Price
£3 per child includes snack
Cash & Card accepted on the day

Contact Zoe: 07841692474 or Katie: 07783622491

CFHD Open day 2026

We want to give you the chance to find out more about CFHD.

Join us for a fun-filled day for everyone! Enjoy crafting and games, advice from CFHD professionals, tasty treats, wellbeing activities and much more.



Evergreen House
Victoria Park Road
Exeter
Devon EX2 4NU
what3words: ///things.merit.popped

Crafting and games

Talk with CFHD professionals

Face painting

Tasty treats

Saturday
19 September
2026
09:30AM-
3:00PM

To register your interest, visit our website or
use the QR code provided:
www.childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk

