



# Weekly newsletter

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## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Class 2 began their swimming block this week and approached the session with real excitement and enthusiasm. The children listened carefully, worked hard and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout. Mrs Miali was very impressed with their swimming ability, water confidence and willingness to challenge themselves in the pool. It was a fantastic first session and we are looking forward to seeing their skills continue to develop over the coming weeks.

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic Art Day alongside our friends at Winkleigh. The theme for the day was animals, and the children took part in a range of creative activities, exploring different artistic techniques and materials. The children produced some beautiful pieces of artwork, showing imagination, creativity and attention to detail. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to work collaboratively, share ideas and celebrate their creativity.

Pre-school have been extremely busy this week as they continued their theme of dinosaurs. The children created some wonderful swamp pictures, exploring colours, textures and materials while developing their fine motor skills. They showed great concentration and enthusiasm and were very proud of their finished work.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs V Fenemore

# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 09.02.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li><li>• All sorts – 8.30am the same day</li><li>• Early birds – 3pm the day before</li><li>• Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li></ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk">admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm</b></li><li>• Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocumbe on site</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class 1 &amp; 2 PE Kit</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Rowcliffe on site</li><li>• <b>Swimming – Class 2</b></li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Stapley/Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocumbe on site</li><li>• <b>Family breakfast &amp; open morning</b></li><li>• <b>Pre-school stay and play</b></li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class 1 PE Kit</li><li>• <b>Art exhibition in St James' Church begins</b></li></ul>

# Diary dates

## This half term

*These dates are provisional and subject to change.*

### Spring 2

Wb 23.02.26	23.02.26 Writing Hook Day 23.02.26 End of Art Exhibition 25.02.26 Swimming – Class 2 26.02.26 Whole Federation Music Workshop day at Winkleigh
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



# Stay & Play

## Spring crafts stay & play

Kings Nympton – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Winkleigh – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Come and join us to explore our settings  
and enjoy Spring crafts with your child.**

£2 per family

*Following family breakfast*





# 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.**



# Class news

## Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

The children have been roaring with excitement as our dinosaur learning continues! We have been exploring positional language through play using words including: on, under, behind, next to, and in front of whilst moving dinosaurs all around our small-world area.

We have also been busy developing our fine motor skills. The children have practised their cutting skills, learning how to hold scissors safely and snip along lines or around in circles.

In our creative area, we have enjoyed printing with a variety of resources, including different tools and textures to make exciting dinosaur patterns and pictures. On Wednesday we made 'dinosaur' rock cakes and they were dino-licious! Have a wonderful weekend.

The Preschool Team



# Class news

## Class 1 – Mrs Betts

We have started a brand-new English sequence this week in Class One, all about Dear Mother Goose. The children have been predicting what the story will be about and the characters who will feature all from the clues on the front cover including the title. In maths, they have been comparing number and calculations using mathematical symbols and the language of greater than, less than and equals to.

As well as, working out missing number problems and learning how the inverse operation can be useful. Reception have been basing their drawing and coding this week on the legendary cartoon series 'Batfink'. They have invented a character, costume and a secret lair. In maths, they have been learning all about the number 9. In geography, the children learnt about the Union Jack flag and how it is constructed. I wonder which flag of the United Kingdom does not appear in the Union Jack! In RE, the children were learning about the 'Good News that Jesus brings to Christians'. The children discussed peace with no fighting, forgiveness and letting go of anger, and friendship giving up your time for people.

In art, the children are working hard on their final piece for their Kandinsky inspired art. This will be on display in the church as part of the school art exhibition. The children had a great day at Winkleigh catching up with their friends and thoroughly enjoyed working with the artist EmmyLou again.

Have a wonderful weekend

Class One Team



# Class news

## Class 2 – Mrs Miali

This week has been brimming with creativity and excitement.

We have been delving deep into descriptive writing for English and really looking at the vocabulary we use to make a reader understand how characters are feeling. We have used a wide range of emotive and persuasive language to write positive and negative food reviews, as well as trying to persuade people to visit somewhere that might not be the most desirable location!

Their understanding of lengths and measures is developing well in maths and they even had the opportunity to use their measuring skills in guided reading, to see how big Crusoe is going to grow: Too big for our classroom! The children also experienced some ancient Mayan maths in history. When looking at the glyphs that had been carved into some of the ruins, the class learned about their symbols for numbers and completed some calculations using only the symbols – no numbers.

The excitement for swimming was finally met on Wednesday, with the class attending their first PE swimming lesson. The pool was lovely and warm for them and they were fantastic at trying everything. It was brilliant to see the confidence in them all and especially how much it has grown since last year.

The children also had a fantastic art experience at Winkleigh, meeting artist Emmy Lou and creating some beautiful, creative pieces. They are very excited for you to see them all, alongside their self-portraits they have been working hard on in this term's art sequence.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Mrs Miali

