



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at school. Despite the very warm weather, the children have coped exceptionally well and have continued to demonstrate their resilience, enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout the week.

Our Sports Days have been a real highlight, creating a fantastic buzz across the school community. It was lovely to see so many families joining us to support and encourage the children. Today, we were particularly pleased to welcome some families to Winkleigh to share in the Sports Day celebrations. The atmosphere was fantastic, and the children thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their determination, teamwork and sporting spirit.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Miali and the entire team for their hard work in organising and running such a successful event. Their enthusiasm ensured that the children had a memorable experience.

We would also like to thank families for their flexibility and understanding regarding the adjustments we made to timings due to the hot weather. Your support helped us ensure that everyone could enjoy the events safely and comfortably.

With the temperatures expected to cool down next week, we will return to our usual uniform requirements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is occasions such as these that remind us what a special school community we have.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 29.06.26

Weekly deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch deadline – midnight the day before• All sorts – 8.30am the same day• Early birds – 3pm the day before• Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. <p>Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.</p>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardening club 3.30pm-5pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 1 & 2 PE Kit
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Stapley on site• Class 2 PE kit
Thursday	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 2 Forest school• Class 1 PE Kit

Diary dates

This half term

These dates are provisional and subject to change. Details will follow.

Summer 2

Wb
06.07.26

07.07.26 Toddlers

09.07.26 Pre-school/Class 1/Class 2 Forest school

10.07.26 Colour run at Winkleigh

Trips & activities

Year 3 – Camping Residential



Trips & activities

Forest school





The Woodland Federation

Summer Holiday Club 2026

at Winkleigh Primary School

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Email: admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk for more information!

Dates:

- Monday 27th July
- Tuesday 28th July
- Wednesday 29th July
- Thursday 30th July
- Monday 17th August
- Tuesday 18th August
- Wednesday 19th August
- Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August
- Tuesday 25th August
- Wednesday 26th August
- Thursday 27th August



Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

Dear Families,

This week in the Preschool, the children have been very busy and engaged in lots of exciting learning experiences.

We have been learning all about sunflowers. The children explored how sunflowers grow, what they need to stay healthy, and even looked closely at their seeds and petals. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking lots of thoughtful questions and enjoying creative activities linked to our topic. See below for a song we have been singing.

The Preschool children had a wonderful sports day! I think you will agree they all participated beautifully!

With the recent warm weather, the children have been coping extremely well with the heat. They have done a wonderful job remembering to drink plenty of water, wear their hats, and take breaks in the shade. We have also incorporated more water play and quieter activities to keep everyone comfortable and happy.

Well done to all the children for another brilliant week!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Preschool Team

I'm a Little Sunflower (to I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little sunflower, tall and bright
Turn my face to the sun's warm light
When it's cloudy, I bend down low
When the sun comes out, I grow and grow!



Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Betts

We have had an extremely hot week in Class 1 but the children have shown amazing resilience. They have continued with their learning with lots of added water breaks, fans and water-sprays to keep them cool. They also had a little cold water spa, whilst creating art this afternoon.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Sports Day. Thank you to FOKN's for generously providing ice lollies for the children. The pupils were brilliant, displaying great sportsmanship. It was a particular highlight for me, to hear lots of the children enthusiastically congratulating their peers at the finish line.

In class, we have been reading and creating their own versions of the Dragon Machine by Helen Ward. We've had dragons hiding in brother's bedrooms and even at Bristol airport. The children have designed their own machines to take the dragons to safety.

There was a real positive energy to guided reading this week. This is thanks to the fantastic work that parents are doing at home, sharing these books with their children. The children were much more confident and eager to participate in the groups.

In maths, KS1 have been learning about mass, using the vocabulary heavy/est/er light/est/er. They have been being human balance scales carrying out the heft test, as well as using balance and numerical scales. Reception, have been learning about adding and counting on, using first, then and now stories, as well as writing addition number sentences.

In art this week, the children have been continuing to create the pieces for their final city collage. This week they are concentrating on the buildings for their city, with a special focus on perspective.

In foundation subjects, the children were learning about personal transport and how this has changed over time, where materials come from and why some people choose to go on a pilgrimage and what it involves.



Have a lovely weekend!

Class One Team



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

We started the week with sports day and the morning went well and the children were fantastic. It is always lovely to see Class 2 supporting and encouraging those younger than them, particularly in our whole school events. Thank you for supporting the children and accommodating the last minute changes.

Keeping cool has been the main focus this week and the class have remained calm, focused and productive throughout each day.

We have now completed our English text *What A Waste* and the children produced a persuasive piece of writing, informing the reader about waste, recycling and protecting our planet. The information they have learnt through this text will continue to support their learning in our science and geography sequences this half term.

Our maths unit on shape has also concluded this week. It has been an enjoyable unit, creating and finding real life examples of lines, shapes and symmetry. Our remaining units this term are position and direction and statistics, which will allow for lots of opportunity for practical learning.

The heat has been beneficial for our science lesson, this week, where we investigated climate change. The class simulated the greenhouse effect in a plastic bottle. Using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, they trapped greenhouse gases in the bottle with a thermometer and then left it out in the sun. They were able to witness the sun heating up the air in the bottle and not being able to escape, due to the gas in the atmosphere. The air temperature in the bottle rose to 43°C!

It was also a practical DT lesson this week. The class made cheese and or ham toasties and on doing so had to think about the skills they were using, as well as food safety and hygiene. This lesson has made them think about how they are going to adapt their skills in the forest.



Have a lovely (cooler) weekend,
Mrs Miali



The Woodland Federation **COLOUR RUN**

Friday 10th July 2026 from

11:45am - 3pm

@Winkleigh Primary School



- £5 entry for the run/walk

- £5 for 10 tokens to be used on various table games, fayre activities and bouncy castles

- Cake stall, bbq and Sam's Cider

- Hamper voucher draw £2.50 a ticket (pre-sale coming soon)

- Raffle on the day

Pre-payment can be arranged for the tokens and race entry with cash payments taken on the day.

Thank you for all your kind donations & sponsors so far!

See the Facebook event for more info

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Entries and token payments are still available via gateway for £5 each and that raffle tickets can be purchased and sold for £2.50 a ticket. Once again payments can be made via gateway or cash with sold ticket stubs.

Pre sale tickets £10/ £15 with food available to purchase through parish hall website or £15 on the night

★ RACE NIGHT ★



**SATURDAY 27TH
JUNE**

KINGS NYMPTON PARISH HALL

**DOORS OPEN 6PM
FOR BBQ + BAR
1ST RACE 7.30PM**

**FULLY LICENSED BAR
BBQ
BEST DRESSED PRIZES**

**9 races
(BETS CASH ONLY)
Own a horse**