

## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, the whole school enjoyed a truly wonderful Christmas lunch. The cabin was filled with festive music, happy chatter, and plenty of smiling faces as the children tucked into their meals. We received so many lovely comments from pupils and staff about how lovely the lunch felt.

Thank you so much to Kealley and Rachel in the kitchen, who worked incredibly hard to prepare such a delicious meal for everyone.

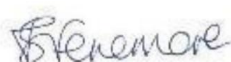
We have also been delighted to receive warm feedback from members of the village who heard the children's carol singing. Their performances brought real joy to the community, and it's wonderful to know that the children helped spread some Christmas spirit beyond the school gates.

Thank you all so much for your continued support throughout this busy festive period. We are very much looking forward to next week's Christmas play, Carol service, Christmas games day and parties. Its going to be a lovely end to the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs V Fenemore





# Diary dates

## Upcoming week



Week beginning: 15.12.25

### Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- Email admin regarding wrap-around care
- Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.

Email [admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk) to make changes.

**Christmas jumpers all week**

### Monday

- Christmas games at Winkleigh (Drop off 8.45am-8.55am, pick up 3.30pm at Winkleigh)
- Gardening club will resume in Spring 1

### Tuesday

- Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocombe/Mrs Stapley/Mrs Rowcliffe on site
- 2pm Snowmen at Sunset performance – Village hall, all welcome

### Wednesday

- Christmas art competition deadline
- Mrs Fenemore/Mr Slocombe/Mrs Rowcliffe on site
- Carol Service – St James' Church – 9.30am

### Thursday

- Class 1 & 2 PE kit
- Mrs Stapley on site
- Class Christmas parties (small plate of food required)

### Friday

- Christmas holidays – School closed today



# Diary dates

## This half term

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



### Upcoming events – Spring Term 2026 (provisional dates)

Wb 05.01.26	05.01.26 Welcome Back to School 10.01.26 10-11.30am Open morning
Wb 12.01.26	16.01.26 Grandparent's Lunch
Wb 19.01.26	22.01.26 Whole Federation science day (coach travel)
Wb 26.01.26	
Wb 02.02.26	06.06.26 Whole Federation Art day with EmmyLou (Drop off & Collect at Winkleigh) 06.02.26 Staff Cake Sale
Wb 09.02.26	10.02.26 Online safety day 12.02.26 Family breakfast & Pre-school stay and play 13.02.26 Art Exhibiton in St James' Church begins



# Trips & Activities



## Whole School – Christmas Dinner





# Trips & Activities



## Whole School – Carol Singing





# Christmas

## at Kings Nympton Primary School

Details will follow



### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas family  
breakfast & Christmas  
classrooms open morning  
8.45am



Gateway  
payment

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Pre-school Christmas stay  
and play  
9am



Cash  
payment

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Santa Run  
£2 to enter



Gateway  
payment

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner &  
Christmas Jumpers



Gateway  
payment

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Singing outside The  
Grove Inn



### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas jumpers every  
day



### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas games & raffle



Payment  
details overleaf

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Performance  
2pm – Village Hall  
Refreshments  
Snowmen at Sunset



### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service – 9.30am –  
St James Church

All welcome



### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Class Christmas Parties

Each child to bring a small  
plate of food to share



From **1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Postbox





# Christmas

## at Kings Nympton Primary School

### **FOKNs Christmas Raffle & Grand Prize Draw**

We've had a fantastic response to our letters and have already received an amazing selection of prizes; from tickets for fun days out to vouchers!

#### **Entry Details**

£2 per entry, you can buy as many entries as you like.

Prizes will be numbered. We will draw a name entry out of the hat, then draw a prize number, and match the winner to a numbered prize.

We will hold the prize draw on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be contacted by email after the draw and invited to collect their prize from the church warden or the pub.

Cash payment required please.

### **Christmas Games at Winkleigh**

Working collaboratively in D&T lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 will devise, create, set up and run games for all the children in the federation to enjoy.

This will be a "pay to play" fundraising and enterprise event for Years 5 and 6. Children can bring up to (but no more than) £3.50 in to school with them on this day to take part.

**Children will need to be dropped and collected from Winkleigh on this date.**

All monies raised go back towards whole federation fundraising.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Turkey or Vegetarian Roast

Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Gravy

Ice Cream and Biscuit

KS1: Free (50p donation gratefully received if possible) / KS2: £3

# Christmas art competition

**Enter by**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1 A4 page per entry.**

**50p per entry**

**Judging categories:**

**Nursery & Reception**  
**Key Stage 1**  
**Key Stage 2**



# Open Morning

For prospective families!



Come and see our amazing environment and meet the senior leadership team!  
Learn more about our approach, curriculum and enrichment.

**Places available for  
9 months – 11 years**

We can't wait to meet you!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

10-11.30am

*If you cannot make this date, we are very happy to offer bespoke tours at any time, please contact [admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk) to book!*



# Class news



## Pre-school– Mrs Stapley

Dear families,

What a wonderful festive time we've been having in the Preschool! The children have been busy exploring a range of Christmas themed activities, and their excitement has filled our classroom with warmth and joy.

Over the week, the children have enjoyed:

- Creating Christmas crafts and decorations
- Exploring sensory trays filled with sparkles, snow, and winter treasures
- Practising seasonal songs and rhymes
- Taking part in festive storytelling and small-world play

We have been so impressed by their creativity, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout all of our activities.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Preschool Team





# Class news



## Class 1 – Mrs Betts

Class One have been perfecting their performances and lines this week in preparation for their Christmas production next Tuesday. They have also been learning, not only the songs for the play, but also carols for the church Christmas carol service next Wednesday. KS1 have been working hard learning about shapes and their properties. They built shapes to help with their understanding of vertices. Additionally, they have been learning about symmetry first noticing symmetry in nature, and then in shapes.

Reception have been learning about 5, they have been exploring the composition of five, and the concept of more or less, as well as recognising the digits 1,2,3,4,5. In other subjects, the children learnt about the amazing nurse Edith Cavell in history, and then in PSHE, they have been thinking about their special people and what makes these people special, as well as learning about how other people's behaviour can affect their own behaviour.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for carol singing outside The Grove now it really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Have a great weekend!

The Class One Team





# Class news



## Class 2 – Mrs Miali

The class have had a lovely week, balancing their work with festive activities.

The children have so many ideas and are keen to start writing their final piece in English, so we have secured their understanding of direct speech and how to punctuate it correctly, so that they can include conversations between characters in their writing. We also looked at the variation in sentence length, to grab the attention of the reader, so that their final pieces are interesting and make the reader want to read on. I am looking forward to reading their stories.

In the final unit of this year for maths, we have been exploring area and how to measure and compare the area of rectilinear shapes. Counting squares has been a favoured method, but the children have learnt how they can use their timetables knowledge to more efficiently calculate the area of a shape.

On Tuesday the whole school came together to enjoy our Christmas dinner. There was turkey and stuffing, crackers and music and the lovely company of Mrs Rainger and Elizabeth from the local community. The meal was delicious.

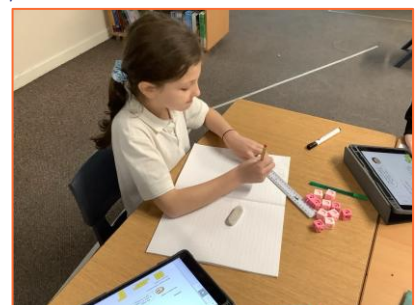
We came together again to sing Christmas carols around the village tree on Thursday. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see some familiar faces enjoying the festivities.

Next week, we have a festive day of Christmas games at Winkleigh on Monday; our Christmas play, Snowman at sunset, on Tuesday and the church carol service Wednesday morning. If you could please find some time for your child to go over their lines, so they're feeling as ready as can be to perform to an audience that would be much appreciated.

Don't forget the children can wear Christmas jumpers, with their uniform, everyday next week.

Have a lovely, festive weekend,

Mrs Miali





# Online safety



## Welcome to the December 2025 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

### Remember—Set up devices!

With Christmas almost upon us, Scomis would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important safety points to consider if your child is likely to receive a:

- SMART device (TV, Speaker)
- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

#### Check:

- the device is working correctly
- the device is fully charged
- the parental controls
- the safety settings
- filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi

#### Finally:

- Don't leave setting up the device before you wrap it up!

Check the [UK Safer Internet's 4 tips](#) for giving tech gifts this Christmas including:

**Discuss your expectations**—make sure everyone understands the importance of staying safe.

**Create a family agreement** - a brilliant way:

- to think about how your family uses the internet,
- to help make sure that everybody understands the importance of staying safe and being responsible online.

#### You could include:

- daily screentime allowances
- where the device is kept at night
- approving friend requests
- permission to download or purchase apps
- use of social media – Remember most social media sites have a minimum age of 13!

Check [Childnet's](#) free family agreement template available for download [here](#) (examples for different ages)



Visit the following websites for sound advice and guidance:

- [Childnet Key Topics for Parents](#)
- [Online Issues and social media guides on UKSIC](#)
- [Keeping Under-Fives Safe Online](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
- [Ask About Games](#)

### Reminder—Be a good digital parent

- Keep passwords safe and **do not** share them
- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day
- Talk about things you read online with your children
- Think about what **you** are sharing online
- Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content or contact
- Show your child how to take screen shots
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

#### Need help?

Visit the following websites for more guidance:

[Vodafone's Digital Parenting](#) Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life

[Childnet's Parent and Carers Toolkit](#) Three resources offering practical tips on keeping your child safe online

[UK Safer Internet's Centre's Advice on online issues](#) includes guidance on how to report, when to report and where to report.

[Internet Matters Helping parents keep their children safe online](#) includes guidance on buying new tech

### Internet Connected Devices

#### Did you know many devices now connect to the Internet?

- Internet connected devices can send and receive data
- respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app.

#### Examples of internet connected devices include:

- Doorbells, CCTV
- Toys, robots, drones and much more

#### If not set up properly, the risks include:

- Developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the [NSPCC's website](#)

### HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the NSPCC helpline **0800 800 5000**

Childline **0800 1111** email: [childline.org.uk](mailto:childline.org.uk)

Websites to check:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

Have a happy safe Christmas!

**SCOMIS**  
Your ICT Partner