



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am not quite sure where the half-term has gone! The children have worked so incredibly hard over the past few weeks, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, effort and commitment to their learning. They should all be very proud of what they have achieved. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Family Breakfast. It was lovely to see so many families getting involved, and thanks to your generosity, we raised approximately £150 across the federation. Your continued support makes such a difference to our school community, and we are very grateful.

We are also delighted that our pre-school continues to grow, which is fantastic news! It is wonderful to see our pre-school community expanding, and we look forward to welcoming more little learners as they begin their school journey with us.

Well done to Class 2, who took part in Bikeability! The children did brilliantly, and their instructor was particularly impressed by how polite and enthusiastic they were throughout the sessions. It is always lovely to receive such positive feedback about our children, and they should be very proud of themselves.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Working together helps us to create the very best opportunities for our children, and we really do appreciate everything you do.

Well done to Frankie who joined some of his Winkleigh friends and took part in the tag rugby festival at Winkleigh, he showed great resilience and enthusiasm.

The children have certainly earned a well-deserved rest after such a busy and productive few weeks! I hope you all have a lovely half-term break, enjoy some quality time together and return refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term of learning, new experiences and opportunities.

Have a wonderful half-term, everyone!

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 02.11.26

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

- Curriculum Hook day
- Mrs Rowcliffe on site

Tuesday

- Mrs Fenemore / Mr Slocombe on site

Wednesday

- Tempest family & individual photos
- Class 1 & 2 PE kit
- Mrs Rowcliffe on site

Thursday

- Class 1 & 2 PE kit
- Craft club with Mrs Keast

Friday

- Mrs Stapley on site

Forest school report

Fun in the Forest...

We have enjoyed an incredible few weeks at Forest School, made even better by the beautiful weather.

Class 1

I have been especially impressed with the Reception children, who have shown great resilience and fully embraced the Forest School experience. They have already developed new skills, including using strikers to light mini fires and safely using tools to create keyrings and furniture for fairy houses.

As always, the zip wire has been a firm favourite, along with the slackline, hammock, swing and den building.

The children have made crowns from ivy and honeysuckle, crafted keyrings, and built and furnished fairy houses with tables and chairs made during Forest School sessions.

There was great excitement in Week 3 when we discovered numerous deer prints around the campfire circle. We followed the tracks in the hope of spotting some deer, but unfortunately, I think we were a little too noisy and scared them away!

After lunch, we always enjoy cooking over the fire. This term, we have made toffee apples, a giant chocolate chip cookie and delicious s'mores.

Class 2

It has been fantastic to see the Year 3 children rise to new challenges at Forest School. Working in groups, they have learned how to build and maintain small fires, with the aim of eventually contributing to the main campfire. They select their own wood and quickly discover just how much kindling is needed, and how fine it must be, to create a successful fire.

Class 2 enjoyed exploring the upper part of the woods, where they built dens and discovered new areas. We collected soft rush to make small boats, which were later sailed along the river. The children also created keyrings and practised whittling by making wooden mice.

During our deer print hunt, we took plaster casts of some of the tracks. We also estimated the age of several trees by measuring their girth and using a simple calculation to determine their age.

This year, I introduced a new piece of equipment: the "Swingamejig" - a cross between a swing and a roundabout. The children thoroughly enjoyed trying it out, alongside all their usual favourite activities.

As always, the river was a popular place to finish the day. Class 2 seem to hold an unofficial "who can get the wettest" competition each week!

As we prepare the woods for winter, we are already looking forward to returning in the spring.

Mrs Blacker

Forest school report





Art exhibition

Remembrance



Saturday 7th November– Monday 16th November



All Saints Church, Winkleigh

St James the Apostle, Kings Nympton

Classes have been working hard on art work to commemorate the sacrifices made by many during the World Wars.

We are proud to present a Remembrance exhibition in our federation parish churches.

The exhibition can be viewed at any time during the churches' usual opening hours.



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.



Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children have been exploring autumnal treasures, including colourful leaves, conkers, twigs and pinecones. We looked closely at their colours, shapes and textures, encouraging lots of new descriptive vocabulary.

The children enjoyed leaf printing, choosing leaves and autumn colours to create beautiful patterns. This activity supported creativity, colour recognition and fine motor skills.

At the investigation area, we explored filling and emptying containers with natural materials. The children scooped, poured and transferred objects between containers while developing coordination and early mathematical ideas such as full, empty, more and less. It has been a super half term, filled with lots of fun, learning and special moments. We hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone again after the break!

You can continue the learning at home by collecting autumn treasures together and using them to create your own autumnal collage.

See below a song we have been singing.

The Preschool Team

Leaves Are Falling

(London Bridge Is Falling Down)

Leaves are falling all around,
All around, all around.

Leaves are falling to the ground,
It is autumn!



Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Keast

Class One have had some very creative ideas this week in Drawing Club. We loved watching Thundercats and were engrossed in the story, learning some fantastic new vocabulary including 'chasm' 'alliance' and 'combat'. We have been focusing on re-reading our writing to check that it makes sense and then using a purple pen to edit and improve it. We will begin next half term with our next text, Leaf Man. Please look out for the Hook Day letter with more information.

In Maths we are nearing the end of our unit of learning about addition and subtraction.

This week we have learned about fact families and have used our understanding of addition and subtraction to solve missing number problems.

We have completed our art unit on sculpture this week, creating some wonderful rockets from recycled materials. We enjoyed adding some details before flying them to space.

The children have worked so hard this half term and we wish everyone a wonderful half term break.



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

A fantastic final week in class 2, filled with lots of fun going-ons and the children continuing to deliver their best work all the way through to the end of the half term.

Concluding our English sequence, The Fossil Hunter, the class enjoyed publishing their final written pieces onto A4 paper, where they could express the natures of the text through illustrations – a key feature of informative texts.

For year 3 and 4, they have completed their maths unit of addition and subtraction and have grasped the column method well. Year 5 and 6 will continue their learning of fractions after half term, but could continue to develop their understanding through pizza and chocolate bars during the break!

In their last gymnastics lesson, the class worked in small groups to produce routines that demonstrated a variety of travel and movement. The key focus in this unit has been to show control and this was displayed beautifully in their final performances. They have really developed their ability to give, receive and apply constructive feedback effectively this half term, as this shone through in their PSHE lesson working together on a script to demonstrate assertiveness.

I hope the children are looking forward to starting our new sequences, as much as I am, after their well earned week off!

Well done Class 2 for all your hard work in the first half of the Autumn term.

