Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
08.09.2025

Be **F**air
Listen and Learn
Open and Honest
Care for yourself, each other and the world
Keep Trying

Our **FLOCK** Value this week is:
Be Fair

Nightingale Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school after the break. The atmosphere has been full of excitement as the children reunited with their friends, welcomed new classmates, and began to settle into their new routines. The children have amazed us in the way they have returned to school, and for our youngest children, it's been a pleasure getting to know them and see them settle so well.

We are busy finalising dates for this term and will get these out to you alongside next week's newsletter. This will include parent events, clubs and other events taking place in school. Mrs Quinn in the office will also be adding these dates to the school diary which can be accessed via Weduc.

Curriculum plans are will also be making their way to you if you haven't received these already. Alongside these, you can find lots more information, resources and support on our school website.

As I've walked around the school last week, it has been wonderful to see so many children engaged in their learning. From crafting and making playdough models to exploring mathematical concepts like "one more and one less," there has been a real buzz of creativity and curiosity across all classrooms.

In our assemblies, we've been talking about the important role all adults play in keeping children safe in school. We've also reminded the children of our Designated Safeguarding Leads and revisited our FLOCK values, helping everyone feel grounded in the shared expectations and ethos of our school community.

This week, our FLOCK value focus is BE FAIR. We read the book 'Fair Share' by Pippa Goodhart and talked about how sometimes fairness is not about everyone having the same, but everyone having what they need to help them to succeed. The children had great ideas about how we can be fair including treating each other with kindness and respect, sharing and making sure no-one is left out.

We're looking forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions, queries or worries, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of the team.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,
Mrs McConnell (formerly Mrs Kingsley!), Mrs Hutt and the Nightingale Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
95.5 %	**95.5 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.

Nursery Funding Forms

Reminder

If you haven't returned your funding form, please complete and return to either nursery staff or the office by **Friday 12th September latest**.

Thank you.

Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still register below. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium).

Parents/carers can receive food vouchers provided by Norfolk County Council. The scheme is extending to March 2026.

If your child is attending a nursery school, they must be in a maintained school nursery as a registered pupil at the school, your child must be in receipt of education before and after lunch on the same day and you must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit to be entitled.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Apply for free school meals https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If it is confirmed that your child is entitled, please inform the school office so our records can be updated.

Safeguarding

Being absent from school

We would like to remind you of the importance of informing the school whenever your child is absent—whether due to illness, holiday, or any other reason. As part of our duty of care, it is essential that we know where all children are during school hours to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Please ensure to report your child's absence by **8.45am** when they are absent. It can be reported via Weduc or call the mail office number 01603 867976 and leave a message.

If we are unable to contact anyone on your child's emergency contact list, we are obliged to carry out a home visit. To help us avoid this and ensure we can reach you quickly if needed, we kindly ask that you provide at least **three up-to-date contact numbers**. This is in line with best practice and ensures we can get in touch in case of an emergency or for important communications.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our children safe.

You can update your contact details by emailing the school office: officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk

Introducing the NSPCC PANTS Rule

Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing and/or recapping the NSPCC's PANTS rule with the children as part of our ongoing work to help them understand how to stay safe.

The PANTS rule is a simple, age-appropriate way to teach children that their body belongs to them, and to recognise the importance of speaking up if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

If you would like to find out more about the PANTS rule and how you can support these conversations at home, please visit the NSPCC website here:

 NSPCC PANTS Rule Information

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children safe.

Please remember that we have lots of resources available on our school website to support you and your child https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/information/safeguarding/

Weather

As we move into the new season, the weather can be quite unpredictable. Even if it feels warm in the morning, it can quickly change throughout the day.

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day so they can stay warm and dry during playtimes and outdoor learning.

Thank you for your support in helping the children stay comfortable whatever the weather!

Lunches



Important Meal Reminder – Pasta Snack Pot

Please be aware that the pasta snack pot option will contain cheese. If your child does not eat cheese, we kindly ask that you choose an alternative meal option for them.

If your child has any specific dietary needs, a separate menu is available from the school office. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need support with meal choices.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Year 1 & Year 2 PE

Please can the children come to school in their PE Kits on the following days;

Monday - Swallows
Wednesday - Ravens
Thursday - Chaffinches

The children will need to wear:

- a white t-shirt
- navy blue shorts / leggings or joggers
- a navy blue jumper / hoodie
- trainers (no plimsoles please)

Please also ensure if you child has long hair it is tied up.

No Jewlery should be worn, please cover stud earrings with tape or we can cover them at the start of the PE lesson.

Please do not worry if you get the days mixed up and your child comes to school not in PE kit, they will still be able to join in with the lesson.

Any question please come and talk to Mrs Hart, PE Lead.

Dates for the diary

September 2025		
Tuesday	30.09.2025	Golf Taster Session (all children to wear PE kit please) **NEW!**
Friday	03.10.2025	SESMA Taster Sessions (all children to wear PE kit please) **NEW!**

October 2025		
24.10.25	Friday	School closed at 3.30pm for half term

November 2025		
03.11.2025	Monday	School re-opens for Autumn term 2

Term dates

Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Norfolk County Council 2025-2026 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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