Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
15.09.2025

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:
Listen and learn

Nightingale Families,

We had a wonderful first full week back and the children continue to impress us with how well they have settled into their new classes. Thank you all for your support in this with getting the children in smoothly and on time – it really does make a big difference to how happy and settled the children feel.

Please can I remind parents and carers that collection at the end of the day is 3:15pm. While we understand that there are those rare occasions when you are unable to collect on time, we would always expect a call through to the office to let us know that you may be a few minutes late. Staff members are not available to supervise children after 3:15 and we have had a few incidents already where late collections have caused disruption to the team.

The weather remains autumnal and unpredictable! Please can you ensure the children are prepared for all weathers – named hats and coats are needed every day please.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,
Mrs McConnell, Mrs Hutt and the Nightingale Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
95.8 %	**95.1 %**

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

Teacher Welcome Meeting

We've arranged an opportunity for Year 1 and Year 2 parents to meet the new teachers.

After collecting your child/ren from the playground at normal home time, all parents are warmly invited to come to the classroom. This will be an informal session where you can chat with the teachers and have a look around the new classroom.

We've scheduled two dates for these meetings and hope you can join us on one of them.

Monday	22.09.2025	3.15pm - 3.45pm KS1 Teacher Welcome Meetings
Thursday	25.09.2025	3.15pm - 3.45pm KS1 Teacher Welcome Meetings

Times Tables Rock Stars



Year 1 children have been sent home a letter to explain how to use Times Table Rock Stars. This is an excellent game for the children to play to support their counting in twos, fives and tens.

If you are in year 2 and need a new letter with your log in details or have any questions, please see Mrs Hart.

Thank you.

Home Learning

This half term curriculum is available to view on our website (https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/, under 'Parents').

Emails were also sent via Weduc.

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher.

Bookbags

Please could all children have a bookbag in school. Please do not send a rucksack to school each day as this causes difficulties at home time trying to pack everything into it. Our cloakrooms / bookbag boxes are very small! They just need a bag (any type is fine) on their peg that stays at school with spare clothes in, a bookbag and their water bottle.



School photos – Monday 6th October

We've arranged a photographer from Vancols to take children's school photos. Individual photos will be done during the school day.

If you would like sibling photos to be taken, please bring your children in via school office at 8am and stay with them during the photo session. It should be done by around 8.35am so you can drop your children off at normal time in the playground.

Nursery Policy Updated

Please be advised that nursery policy has been updated recently. Please see on our website for more information:

https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/nursery/

Open Day for Reception September 2026



Recipe from Norse

Serves 4

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Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry

A tasty recipe that is both filling and nutritious!



Ingredients list

- 200g Red Lentils
- 600ml Water
- 750g Sweet Potato – diced
- 1x Onion – diced
- 10ml Vegetable Oil
- 20g Curry Powder
- 1x Garlic Clove – crushed
- 5g Ground Ginger
- 1x Tin of Chopped Tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp Tomato Puree
- 50g Frozen Spinach (optional)



Method

1. Cook the lentils as per packet instructions using the water. Drain well and set aside.
2. In a saucepan, heat the oil and cook the diced onions and sweet potato until soft.
3. Add the crushed garlic, ground ginger and curry powder to the onion and sweet potato and cook for 2 minutes.
4. Add the tomato puree and chopped tomatoes and simmer for 10-15 minutes, until the sauce has thickened.
5. Add the cooked lentils and frozen spinach and simmer for a further 5 minutes, until the vegetables are soft.

Delicious served with steamed rice and naan bread!

Norfolk Parent Carer Service



Dates for the diary

September 2025		
Monday	22.09.2025	3.15pm - 3.45pm KS1 Teacher Welcome Meetings
Thursday	25.09.2025	3.15pm - 3.45pm KS1 Teacher Welcome Meetings
Thursday	25.09.2025	Y2 Active 60min Festival (invited children only)
Tuesday	30.09.2025	Golf Taster Session (all children to wear PE kit please)

October 2025		
Thursday	02.10.2025	Menu swap - Week 3 whole Friday menu today
Friday	03.10.2025	Menu swap –Week 3 whole Thursday menu today
Friday	03.10.2025	SESMA Taster Sessions (all children to wear PE kit please)
Monday	06.10.2025	School photos (Sibling photos are available to be taken at 8am accompanied with parents)
Friday	17.10.2025	1.30-3pm Flu vaccination for Reception/Year1/Year2
Friday	24.10.25	School closes at 3.30pm for half term

November 2025		
Monday	03.11.2025	School re-opens for Autumn term 2
Tuesday	11.11.2025	Phonics Cafe KS1, after morning drop off until 9.45am

December 2025		
Tuesday	02.12.2025	Flu vaccination catch up if needed
Friday	19.12.2025	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas holidays

January 2026		
Tuesday	06.01.2026	School re-opens for Spring Term
Tuesday	20.01.2026	Maths Workshop KS1 after morning drop off until 9.45am

February 2026		
Friday	13.02.2026	School closes at 3.30pm for half term holiday
Monday	23.02.2026	School re-opens

March 2026		
Thursday	05.03.2026	Book Look KS1 2.30pm
Friday	27.03.2026	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays

April 2026		
Tuesday	14.04.2026	School re-opens for Summer Term

May 2026		
Friday	22.05.2026	School closes at 3.30pm for half term holiday

June 2026		
Friday	12.06.2025	Class photos

July 2026		
Friday	17.07.2026	Last day of the academic year

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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