Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
29.09.2025

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:
Caring and Kind

Nightingale Families,

It will be a busy week with lots of exciting sports opportunities taking place for our children. This includes tomorrow (Tuesday 30th September) where children will all have the opportunity for a golf taster session. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should come to school in their PE kit please.

The children had wonderful ideas in assembly today for how we can be caring and kind to everyone and everything. These including tidying up at home and at school, looking after toys and equipment, paying people compliments and saying kind things, sharing and doing things that brighten someone's day. I hope to hear of lots of examples of this in action both in school and at home this week!

Please remember that using mobile phones on the school site is not allowed – this includes when you are leaving the school site after dropping off your children or while waiting to collect them at the end of the school day.

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
92.6 %	**93.7 %**

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

Census Day – Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 2*nd* October is **Census Day**, a key date in the school calendar that directly affects how much **government funding** we receive.

One of the biggest factors in this funding is the number of children who **order a school meal on Census Day. Every single meal ordered helps us secure vital funding** for resources, staffing, and support for all our children.

Thank you so much for your support it truly makes a difference.

School Lunch – Change of menu

Please be advised that we are swapping the menu this week, having Friday menu on Thursday 2nd October and Thursday menu on Friday (Week 3 menu).

You can view the menu on our website:

https://www.nightingaleinfant.co.uk/parents/school-lunches/

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please be advised that children should stay away from school **at least 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea** to prevent spreading infection.

Children can return to school once they are feeling well enough and no longer have a temperature, without the need for medication.

Food Safety for under 5's

As you will be aware, there are guidelines regarding the preparation and food for children under 5. It has been recommended that small fruits and vegetables such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and cherries should be cut into quarters rather than just in halves. This guidance has been updated in our school kitchens. The full guidance can be found on our school website under our school lunches tab.

Early Years Food Choking Hazards

Alternative provision

Alternative Lunchtime Provision – Mobile Classroom
Starting 6th October 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting all children during less structured times, we are introducing a new **Alternative Lunchtime Provision** in the **mobile classroom**, starting from **Monday 6th October 2025**.

This space will provide a **calmer, more structured environment** during lunchtime for a small number of pupils, and will operate on a **rota basis**.

The provision is designed to support:

- **Children from each class** who may benefit from a quieter space at lunchtime.

- **Children with medical needs** who may find the playground environment challenging.
- **Pupils who need extra support** in developing positive social interactions or making good choices during less structured times.

Staff will be identifying children who may benefit from this provision based on individual needs and will also speak with all children who may be interested in using the space. This might include those who:

- Struggle with sensory overload or busy environments
- Are finding playground dynamics challenging
- Would benefit from a calmer space to reset and regulate
- Are working on improving behaviour or social skills and would benefit from a more supported setting

Please note: once a child has chosen to use the mobile for that day, they will be expected to **stay for the full lunchtime session**, rather than coming and going.

If you have any questions or feel this provision may benefit your child, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raven class - P.E. Day

Raven P.E. day will be changing to **TUESDAY.** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for P.E. every **TUESDAY.**

Flu Immunisation (Reception/Y1/Y2)

From Norfolk Immunisation Team:

Flu has had a serious impact on the health of England's population over the past two winters. Vaccinating your child helps reduce the risk of serious illness and plays an important role in protecting vulnerable individuals in your community, friends and family.
Our team will be visiting your child's school soon to offer the flu vaccine. **You can choose between the quick, painless nasal spray or a pork gelatine-free injection.**

For further information about the vaccines, please read information sent by the school. Alternatively, click here **https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/Norfolk** . The form is available in 10 languages—select yours when it opens.

If you **do not** wish your child to be vaccinated, please **submit a decline** via the same link to avoid further contact from our team.

Note: School aged children cannot receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals



£15 A MONTH GIVEAWAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2026*

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

* To FSM eligible pupils on roll in an IST School

If they are, we can send you a voucher for a minimum of £15 each month for you to spend in a Supermarket of your choice.

More than one child—we will give you a voucher for each eligible child on roll within an IST School.

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, visit Free School Meals or complete an application form available from your school office.

Horror Hair Day



Nest Nursery Open Day



Open Day for Reception September 2026



Dates for the diary

September 2025		
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
Thursday	02.10.2025	Chaffinch Football Festival
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 - Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2 (Sibling school photos will be available from 8:00am and must be taken with a parent present. Wagtail children who do not usually attend on Mondays are also welcome to come in for an individual photo. Siblings photos are only for children who are on rollParents are kindly asked to stay for the duration of the session)
Monday	13.10.2025	3.30-4.30pm Nuthatch Nursery Open Day
Tuesday	14.10.2025	Y1/Y2 Cross Country (invited children only)
Friday	17.10.2025	1.30-3pm Flu vaccination for Reception/Year1/Year2
Friday	24.10.25	Horror Hair Day. Normal school uniform to be worn.
Friday	24.10.25	School closes at 3.15pm 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
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Silent Disco - Reception 3.00-3.45pm, KS1 4.00-4.45pm (more info to follow)
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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