Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
20.10.2025

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,

It has been a busy end to the school term and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support this year. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes. This week's FLOCK theme of 'Listen and learn' really is a great value to celebrate the last week before the holidays.

Soon you will be receiving the curriculum overviews and home learning for the next term. We really want to promote the home learning that is taking place next term. I will be giving out special tokens and stickers to the super home learning I see. Two ones I would love to hear about are for KS1, the challenge to draw, photograph or write about something that you have planted or a favourite autumn plant. For EYFS, I would love to see any bonfire night pictures as I have always loved fireworks.

I want to apologise that some of the recent FLOCK photos were published with the incorrect permissions. Thank you to those families who brought this to our attention, these photos have now been corrected. This was due to an error with our system provider pupil asset and has now been fixed.

The children are really enjoying alternative play. Last week we read books, played games and did puzzles. I have been talking with the children about some of the other things they would like to have in this space. If anyone has any dolls (all sizes), construction such as magnetic tiles, lego or meccano or anything else that might be fun as an alternative play activity/toy please can you email officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk.

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
94.8 %	**93.9 %**

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

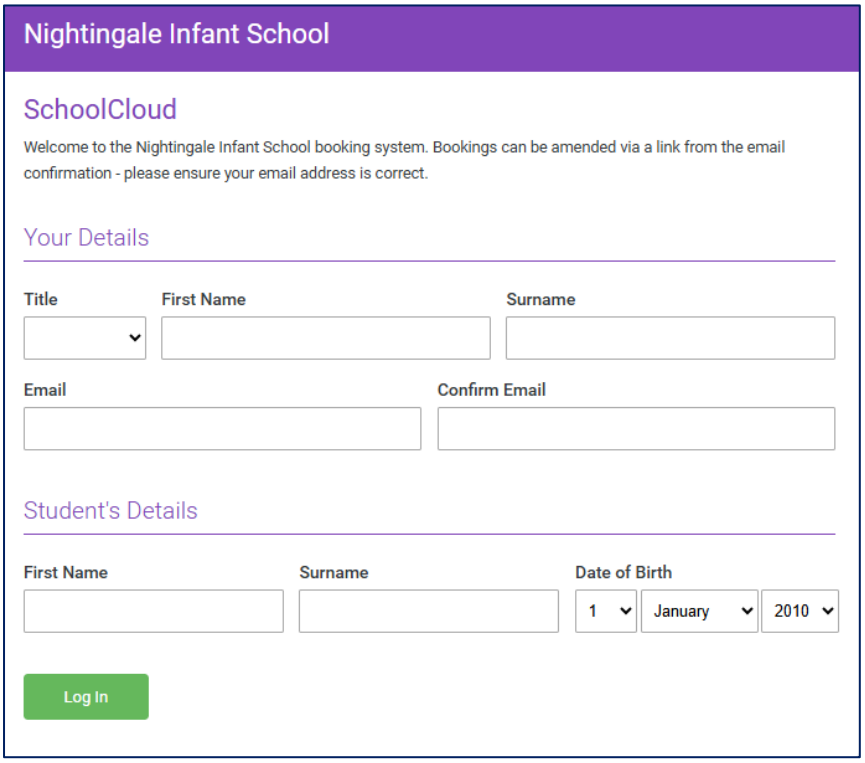
Parents Evening Booking

Tuesday 18th November/Thursday 20th November

Parents Evening booking portal is now open to parents/carers. Please note **one appointment per pupil**.

How to book:

1. Access to: **https://nightingaleinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/**
2. No password or registration required. Simply enter parent's and child's details. The details should be the same as the school record.
3. Once the booking is completed, you will receive a confirmation email.



If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Quinn in the office.

School Photos – Message from Vancols

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **27th October 2025.**

New menu

New school menu starting after October half term holiday is available to view on our website.

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

Reception PE

Please note Robin A and B will start doing PE on **Wednesdays** weekly. The first PE lesson will begin after half term Wednesday 5th November.

Children need to come into school on Wednesdays in their PE Kit.

Parent Kind Project
Parenting Language Survey – Have Your Say

As a school, we recognise that parents and caregivers play a significant role in every child's success. That's why we're inviting you to take part in our new **Parenting Language survey**.

The survey is short and easy to complete. There are no right or wrong answers – it's simply about recognising your parenting style and how you support your child.

When you take part, you'll receive a **free magazine** with useful ideas and tips based on research into parenting. Many parents find it interesting to see themselves in some of the examples!

By completing the survey, you'll be helping both yourself and the school:

What you get:

- A quick, simple survey with instant results
- A personal magazine full of parenting insights and tips
- Ideas to help you support your child and work well with school

What we get as a school:

- A better understanding of how parents see us
- Insight into how we can improve our communication with families
- Stronger partnerships between home and school

Deadline: 7th November 2025
Take the survey here: https://www.parentfriendlyschools.org/parenting-language-uk/p/parenting-language-survey-nightingale

Thank you for helping us continue to build a strong, parent-friendly school community.

Christmas Cards

It's that time of year again...the children have all been busy creating their own Christmas cards!

Samples of their designs will be sent out to you this week, please use the information provided on sample

to place your orders. (there's lot of items available to purchase, not just Christmas cards!)

All orders need to be placed by Monday 3rd November.

Outdoor Shoes

We have been reviewing and improving our playtime provision for the children. For the field to be used all year round, **all children will now need to bring a separate pair of named outdoor shoes**. Please bring a pair of named wellies or outdoor shoes such as trainers that your children that your child can take on and off easily. These will stay in school for the remainder of the school year and will be returned at the end of the year unless requested earlier. This will start officially from after half term but please do start to bring these in now so that all children can be ready to play from the first day back.
Please also make sure that their school shoes for inside are also named.



Bonfire Lunch – Wednesday 5th November 2025



Bonfire Lunch

Wednesday 5th November

Allergen Aware Menu

Hot Dog

Pork or Plant-based Sausage *(v)*
in a **Homemade Roll**

served with Potato Wedges
and Baked Beans

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Homemade Iced Ginger Cake





NON-DAIRY | NON-EGG | NON-GLUTEN | NON-SOYA | NON-NUTS | NON-PEANUTS | NON-SESAME SEEDS

NON-CELERY | NON-MUSTARD | NON-LUPIN | NON-CRUSTACEANS | NON-MOLLUSCS


Bonfire Lunch
Wednesday 5th November
Plant-Based Menu
Hot Dog
Plant-Based Sausage in a Roll
served with Potato Wedges
and Baked Beans
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Homemade Iced Ginger Cake

Horror Hair Day



FUN SPORTS CLUB

FUN SPORTS CLUB IS GOING TO BE HELD ON A WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 FROM 3.15PM TILL 4.15PM. RUN BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR ALONG WITH FIRST AID AND CHILD PROTECTION.

THE CLUB WILL RUN FOR 7 WEEKS COSTING **£28** IN TOTAL. WHICH WILL MEAN THE CLUB WILL WORK OUT AT £4 PER CHILD PER SESSION.

DUE TO CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL ONLY ACCEPT BANK TRANFERS.

FOR BACS PAYMENT: SPOT ON COACHING, A/N 83834336 S/C 20-17-20 WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME AS REFERENCE. FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO: spotoncoaching1@gmail.com

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT ALL COMPLETED FORMS ARE KEPT FOR THE 7 SESSIONS THEN DESTROYED AFTER SESSION COMPLETION.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

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PLEASE TICK IF YOU DO NOT WISH US TO TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILD ○

PLEASE TICK IF YOU DO NOT WISH US TO GIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT ○

MEDICAL DETAILS:

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EMAIL: _____

(PLEASE ONLY ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU DON'T MIND FUTURE COROSPONDENTS FROM SPOT ON COACHING)

Open Day for Reception September 2026



Dates for the diary

October 2025		
Wednesday	22.10.25	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
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
Friday	14.11.2025	Children in Need (more info to follow)
Tuesday	18.11.2025	Parents Evening (YR/Y1/Y2)
Thursday	20.11.2025	WNDSSP Multi-Sports Festival (12 children, letter to follow) NEW!
Thursday	20.11.2025	Parents Evening (YR/Y1/Y2)

December 2025		
Tuesday	02.12.2025	Flu vaccination catch up if needed
Wednesday	10.12.2025	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Key Stage 1 Nativity Story at Taverham Church 2pm NEW!
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (more info to follow)
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		
Wednesday	04.02.2026	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
Friday	06.02.2026	Number Day (more details to follow) NEW!

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
Wednesday	25.03.2025	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
Friday	27.03.2026	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays

April 2026		
Tuesday	14.04.2026	School re-opens for Summer Term
W/C 20th April 2026		Parents Evening (more info to follow)

May 2026		
Wednesday	04.05.2026	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
Friday	22.05.2026	School closes at 3.30pm for half term holiday

June 2026		
Monday-Friday	01.06.2026-05.06.2026	Sports Week (Please can children wear PE kits to school all week) NEW!
Friday	12.06.2025	Class photos
Wednesday	24.06.2026	WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits) NEW!
Friday	26.06.2026	WNDSSP EYFS Multi-Skills Festival (12 children only, letter to follow) NEW!

July 2026		
Thursday	02.07.2026	Y2 multi-sports event and music event
Tuesday	07.07.2026	Y2 Water Extravaganza NEW!
Tuesday	14.07.2026	Year 2 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Tuesday	14.07.2026	WNDSSP Key Stage 1 Multi-Sports Festival (12 children only, letter to follow) NEW!
Thursday	16.07.2026	Year 2 Leavers Disco
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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August 2026

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