Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
17.11.2025

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

In assembly today we talked about how we can 'colour our world' with being kind and caring. We looked at the meanings of words such as selfish, unhelpful and miserable and their kind opposites of sharing, helpful and joyful. The children will be trying their best to spread kindness to others as well as being kind to themselves.

Colour your world with kindness - Video used in assembly

Nightingale Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. We had a very successful Open Evening last week for prospective new parents and it was great to see current parents as well as lots of new faces.

The weather is starting to turn so please do ensure the children come to school with warm, waterproof coats, hats and gloves. Thank you to all the parents and carers who had already brought in your child's outdoor shoes. **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.

Building work in Reception began last week. This will involve an extension to the current canopy area outside Robin Class, a stage area and a new mud kitchen. A reminder that all children stay with their parents and carers at the start and end of the school day and do not run around unsupervised in the reception area 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
93.8 %	**93.6 %**

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

Safeguarding / PHSE

Anti-Bullying Assembly

Last week, the children took part in an important assembly focused on Anti-Bullying. They learnt what bullying is, how to recognise it, and why understanding *power for good, t*he theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2025 is so important in preventing harmful behaviours.

At Nightingale Infant and Nursery School, we have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, and we continue to work together to ensure every child feels safe, valued, and respected.

You can find out more about bullying and how to support children by following the link provided here. NSPCC bullying

Healthy adult relationships.

Healthy adult relationships help children feel secure and supported. Taking time to communicate openly, share responsibilities, and seek help when needed can make a significant difference to family life.

If you or someone you know is feeling isolated, at risk, vulnerable, or experiencing any form of abuse, support is available. You can find advice and guidance through the **SupportLine** website: **www.supportline.org.uk**

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

We are having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December. Please see menu below.

Please note that jacket potatoes, sandwiches, and pasta pots are not available.

- If your child is having the **Roast chicken** - You do not need to do anything.
- If your child is having the **vegetarian option** or **home packed lunch** – Please let us know by using the form https://forms.office.com/e/Zy1GSBEDKL by **Fri 28th November**.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Chicken with a Cocktail Sausage,
Yorkshire Pudding and Stuffing

or

Festive Vegetable Pastry 'Cracker' (v)

served with
Roast Potatoes,
Peas, Carrots and Gravy

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Chocolate and Orange Sundae
with a Mini Festive Biscuit




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Christmas Lunch
Christmas Plant-Based Menu
Festive Vegetable Pastry 'Cracker'
served with
Roast Potatoes,
Peas, Carrots and Gravy
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Orange Jelly with a
Cocoa Festive Shortbread Biscuit

Nightingale Nest (Robin, Wagtail, Wren)
Joint Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December 2025, 10am & Friday 12th December 2025, 2pm



The Nightingale Nest (Robins, Wagtails and Wrens) will be performing this year's Christmas Nativity.

The children will be retelling the traditional nativity story through songs and the actions they have been learning in Talk for Writing.

There is no need to buy costumes, as school will provide these. Your child may be asked to wear a specific colour, but if so, the class team will share this information in the coming weeks once parts have been allocated.

Parents may book up to two places per pupil (not per performance).

This can be either:

- Two adults attending the same performance (Thursday *or* Friday), **or**
- One adult attending each performance.

Nursery children who do not usually attend Thursday or Friday are welcome to be brought in 10min before the performance and leave afterwards with their parents.

To book your places, please go to: https://forms.office.com/e/tpZiHXV4P9

Parent Consultation for SEND parents

Mrs Boyce will be holding Parent Consultations for SEND parents and those with emerging SEND concerns.

The day and early evening for these consultations on Tuesday 25th November 2025. Please contact Mrs. Quinn in the office.

Vacancy – EYFS MSA

We are seeing to appoint a part time EYFS Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) at NIANS to start as soon as possible.

Please visit the following link for more information or/and apply for the role.

https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/job/9badde8f-c5cb-472c-9263-d27bb21e4c33?search=MSA

Christmas cards/gifts order

Final closing date has been extended to Friday 21st November.
Please refer the link in the order card you received preciously and use the code provided. Any questions, please contact the organiser directly.

Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. It is a good idea to check for head lice and nits regularly. More information, please see:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Reminder – Bikeability form to return

Please complete the form to indicate if your child can/can't ride a pedal bike.
Access to the form : **Year 1 / Bikeability form – Fill in form**

Children who can't ride a bike will complete the course in small groups throughout the year so please don't worry if your child is not in the first group.
Any further questions please see Mrs Hart.

Christmas Sugar Collection

Christmas School Sugar Collection

Help our LOCAL shelters support the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia

This year we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of collecting sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk. Once again, we will be continuing this much needed support for Shelters and for families in crisis. Over recent years we have been successful with our Christmas sugar collections with more than 80 schools, collecting over 5,500 bags of sugar each year.

- Sugar for Shelters works together with a NORFOLK farm based Christmas food charity (BEFA) founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, to collect sugar from schools.
- The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) provides the food for more than 10,000
- Christmas dinners of which our sugar is an important part.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Last year we collected nearly 6 tonnes of sugar, every bit of which was needed!
- Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless.
- Sugar is an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes.
- Collecting sugar is simple, affordable and helps children focus on the Christmas spirit of giving.

Thank you for your support.



Netball Club – Space still available

Play Netball Juniors are running the Netball Club from Monday 24th November for 4 sessions.

If you would like to sign up for your child, please visit: **https://play-sports.classforkids.io/info/160.**



Tickets for Christmas Silent Disco – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Tickets for the Christmas Silent Disco are now available to purchase on Pupil Asset.

Please log in Pupil Asset and go to 'Payments'.

Please contact Mrs. Quinn if you have any problems accessing the portal.



Recipe from Norse

Makes 8

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Sausage Pastry Pinwheel

This recipe can be a tasty snack, great on a picnic or as part of a main meal!



Ingredients list

- 400g Sausage Meat
- 350g Puff Pastry
- 1x Egg
- 1x Small Onion – finely diced
- 5g Mixed Herbs
- Pinch Salt and Pepper

Method

1. Using a little oil in a pan, gently cook the onion without colouring it.
2. Beat the egg in a mixing bowl and keep to one side.
3. Mix the sausage meat, onion, seasoning and herbs in a bowl.
4. Roll out the pastry into an oblong shape, approx. 30cm x 20cm.
5. Spread the mixture evenly over the pastry leaving a small gap at each end.
6. Roll the pastry from one of the long sides (like a Swiss roll).
7. Brush the egg over the pastry and then cut into 8 pieces. Place the cut side up onto a greased and lined baking tray.
8. Bake for 30 minutes at 180°C or gas mark 4 for 25-30 minutes.

Dates for the diary

November 2025		
Tuesday	18.11.2025	Parents Evening (YR/Y1/Y2)
Thursday	20.11.2025	WNDSSP Multi-Sports Festival (12 children informed)
Thursday	20.11.2025	Parents Evening (YR/Y1/Y2)
Tuesday	25.11.2025	SEND Parent Consultation with Mrs. Boyce

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)
Thursday	11.12.2025	10am EYFS Christmas performance
Friday	12.12.2025	2pm EYFS Christmas performance
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Key Stage 1 Nativity Story at Taverham Church 2pm
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch (only roast dinner option available
Tuesday	16.12.2025	Silent Disco - Reception 3.00-3.45pm, KS1 4.00-4.45pm
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)
Friday	06.02.2026	Number Day (more details to follow)
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)
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)
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)
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)
Friday	26.06.2026	WNDSSP EYFS Multi-Skills Festival (12 children only, info to follow)

July 2026		
Thursday	02.07.2026	Y2 multi-sports event and music event
Tuesday	07.07.2026	Y2 Water Extravaganza
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)
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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