Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
10.11.2025

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:
Open and honest

Nightingale Families,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the fireworks over the last week. I would still love to see any pictures or paintings that you have made as part of the home learning tasks set by your teachers.

A polite reminder please that we are committed to providing a safe environment and to setting a good example by being professional, courteous and following our FLOCK values. We expect the same conduct and courtesy from our families towards staff. If you have a query or concern, we will always listen and seek to solve any issues. Please be aware however, that are staff are working hard throughout the school day and may not always be able to respond to you straight away if it is not an emergency.

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
92.9 %	**92.9 %**

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

Reminder for Parents/Carers

Please be reminded that children are expected to arrive in the morning at 8.45am. Classroom doors will close promptly at 8.55am.

School day ends at 3.15pm, except for Reception children who are currently on Soft Finish at 3.05pm.

We kindly ask that all children are dropped off and collected on time to ensure a smooth start and end to the school day. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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 book via the school office.

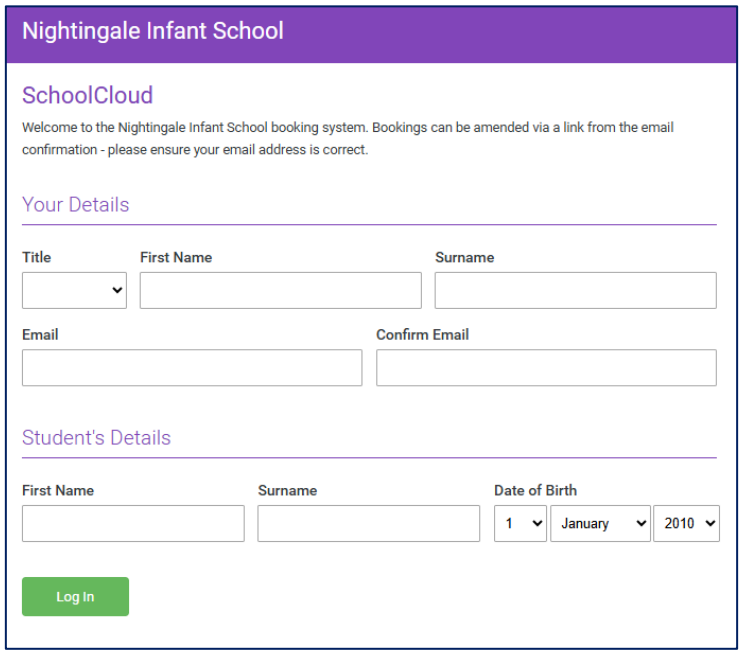
Reminder - Parents Evening Booking

Tuesday 18th November/Thursday 20th November

Parents Evening booking portal is 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.

Thank you - Horror Hair Day

A total of £178.25 was raised on Horror Hair Day across both our partnership schools, we are very grateful to everyone who participated and donated with all funds going towards bulbs and books for our schools.

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Cafe Tuesday 11.11.25

We look forward to seeing KS1 parents tomorrow at our phonics cafe. Come and join your child in their daily phonics lesson. The children are taught in phonic groups across the Key stage. Please come to the hall after morning drop off and you will then be directed to classrooms. We use the phonic programme Little Wandle. Below is a link to the parent section of their website which has useful videos and resources to help at home.

https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Bikeability

We are very excited to be introducing Bikeability in school this year.

This will initially be with year 1 pupils who are unable to ride a pedal bike. Get Cycling Balance is a program which uses games to help riders develop cycling handling and awareness skills off-road on balance bikes, propelling the bike with their feet rather than pedals. The attached document provides more information.

If your child can't ride a pedal bike please complete the attached form, children will complete the course in small groups throughout the year so please don't worry if you child is not in the first group.

Any further questions please see Mrs Hart.

Access to the form : **Year 1 / Bikeability form – Fill in form**

The Bikeability Trust

Get Cycling: Balance

We are learning to Balance!

Get Cycling: Balance is a programme which uses games to help riders develop cycle handling and awareness skills off-road on balance bikes, propelling the bike with their feet rather than pedals.

THEY WILL TAKE PART IN GAMES WHICH WILL HELP THEM TO:

- Develop core strength
- Learn how to stride and glide on a balance bike
- Learn how to stop!
- Understand how to move around obstacles and other riders

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Let them show you what they have learnt and give them loads of time to practice!
- Go for a ride with them, use local park, cycle tracks or bridleways
- Don't hold onto them while they are riding, it doesn't help!
- Make sure their feet are flat on the floor and knees slightly bent
- Make sure they are sitting on the saddle, letting the bike take their weight
- Make sure that riders are looking up and in front of them rather than at the floor

The Bikeability Trust

WHAT'S NEXT:

- They will be ready to learn to ride a pedal cycle!

REMEMBER

If one child cycled to and from primary school every school day for an academic year instead of going by a car, they could save 164 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent: that's the equivalent of charging a smartphone almost 20,000 times.

Children in Need- November 14th 2025



This year we are asking children to come in dressed in something spotty! This can be anything from spotty socks, a plain t-shirt with spotty stickers, face paints or some other spotty ensemble of your choosing! There is no need to wear any school uniform, but children may come to school in their uniform if they wish.

Donation link here: Children In Need Donations

We are also expecting a visit from a very special yellow bear, so keep an eye out on your way into school.

Netball Club

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.**



Christmas Silent Disco

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.



Reminder - Parent Kind Project

The Parenting Language survey deadline has been extended!
There's still time to take part and get your free magazine with helpful parenting ideas. Don't miss out – it only takes a few minutes.

This short survey has two purposes:

- **For you**, you'll receive a free magazine with tips and insights based on different parenting styles. Many parents find it fun to spot themselves in some of the examples, and the articles include practical ideas you might find useful at home.

- **For us as a school**, we'll gain a better understanding of how parents perceive us and how we can enhance our partnership with families.
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Every parent has their own strengths. There are no right or wrong answers – it's just about recognising the different ways we all guide and support our children.
Please don't miss this chance to take part. It only takes a few minutes, and your views really matter.

Take the survey here: https://www.parentfriendlyschools.org/parenting-language-uk/p/parenting-language-survey-nightingale

Open Day for Reception September 2026



Dates for the diary

November 2025		
Tuesday	11.11.2025	Phonics Cafe KS1, after morning drop off until 9.45am
Friday	14.11.2025	Children in Need (please wear something spotty)
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 (more information to follow)
Friday	12.12.2025	2pm EYFS Christmas performance (more information to follow)
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Key Stage 1 Nativity Story at Taverham Church 2pm
Wednesday	17.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (more info to follow)
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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