Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
01.12.2025

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,

And just like that we've entered December! We have lots of exciting things happening over the next three weeks as we approach the Christmas holidays. We try to keep things as 'normal' as possible in school with lessons and timetables while enjoying this festive time of year.

Thank you to all prospective parents who attended our Reception Class opening evening.
We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout. We also appreciate the feedback we received: several parents shared that they would like an opportunity to see the school in action during the school day and that the busy atmosphere made it difficult to speak one-to-one with staff.

We completely understand, and we want to ensure everyone has the chance to feel informed and supported. If you would like another opportunity to look around the school during the day, please contact the school office at **officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk** to arrange a visit.

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
93.1 %	**93.6 %**

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

Safeguarding and PHSE

Over the past two weeks in our safeguarding assemblies, we have been focusing on **Road Safety** and **Friendship**. The children have been learning how to stay safe when out and about, understanding the importance of being aware of their surroundings, and knowing how to cross roads safely. We have also been exploring what it means to be a good friend showing kindness, including others, and seeking help from a trusted adult if needed. These themes have led to thoughtful discussions and excellent participation from our pupils.

Just a reminder to all adults: if you need to speak with a **Designated Safeguarding Lead**, please look out for staff wearing **purple lanyards**. We are always available to talk. If you see us on the gate and would like to speak privately, please let us know and we will arrange a suitable space to meet with you confidentially

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for lunch time staff at both Drayton Infants and Nightingale Infant and Nursery. The role includes setting up the hall/nursery ready for lunch, supporting and encouraging children while eating, supervising and playing with the children and helping to clear away.

The hours vary between schools (anything from 11am to 1.30pm), working 1-1.5 hours per day. We're happy to consider someone for 5 days, or on a part time basis, working 2-3 days.

If you are interested, please speak to a member of SLT on the gates or call/email the office for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Reminder
Book your place to watch Christmas Performance Wagtail, Robin

To ensure the best experience for all children and parents during our Christmas performance, we kindly ask that siblings do not attend. We appreciate your cooperation.



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

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

Reminder - Christmas Sugar Collection

Sugar for Shelters

Christmas School Sugar Collection

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

We are collecting sugar to support local shelters. If you are able to donate, please bring in to school by 5th December.

Thank you so much for your support.

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.



Dates for the diary

December 2025		
Tuesday	02.12.2025	Flu vaccination catch up
Tuesday	09.12.2025	Reception children visiting Taverham Day Centre to sing 2pm-2.30pm **NEW!**
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 Wagtail & Robin Christmas performance in the school hall/ Wren performance in the classroom
Friday	12.12.2025	2pm Wagtail & Robin Christmas performance in the school hall/ Wren performance in the classroom
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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