Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
15.12.2025

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:

Listen and Learn



Nightingale Families,

It was an absolute pleasure to watch the Reception and Nursery nativities last week. The children sang their hearts out and made us all incredibly proud. There were so many lines to learn and songs to remember, yet they performed with such confidence and joy.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and carers for providing the wonderful outfits. A special mention must go to Mrs Yallop for her amazing headpieces, which added a truly magical touch to the performances.

There's still a lot to come this week and the dates are at the bottom of the newsletter. If you are coming to the KS1 Nativity at the church on Wednesday, please remember that the children will walk to the church, go inside and get ready into their costumes, before we let the parents in and find a seat. You can sit upstairs as well as downstairs so there should be plenty of room. Please turn up promptly at 2pm. If possible, please leave buggies outside.

We look forward to seeing you back at school in 2026 on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Have a really festive week and we will see you in the new year.

Happy holidays.

Mrs McConnell and the Nightingale Team



Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
94.4 %	**93.6 %**

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

Safeguarding

Support Over the Christmas Period

As we approach the Christmas break, we understand that this time of year can bring both joy and challenges for many families. If you find that you need support over the holiday period whether emotional, financial or practical please remember that help is available.

On our school website, you'll find links to local services offering advice and support, including food banks, wellbeing organisations and helplines. If you have any concerns before we break up for the holidays, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff; we are here to help wherever we can.

We want all our families to feel supported, connected and cared for during the festive season. Please reach out if you need to.

Wishing you all peace and comfort over Christmas

Reducing congestion at the start and end of the day

To help reduce congestion, we kindly ask that parents and carers keep to the left-hand side when dropping off and picking up children at the start and end of the day. We've had a few near misses involving prams and people trying to pass each other, so your support with this from January would be greatly appreciated.

Reception end of term

On Friday 19th December Reception will have the opportunity to choose to watch a Christmas movie (U classification) and will get to have fruit and rich tea biscuit as snacks.

If you have any issues with this, please speak to Mrs Hubbard/ Mrs Hipperson.

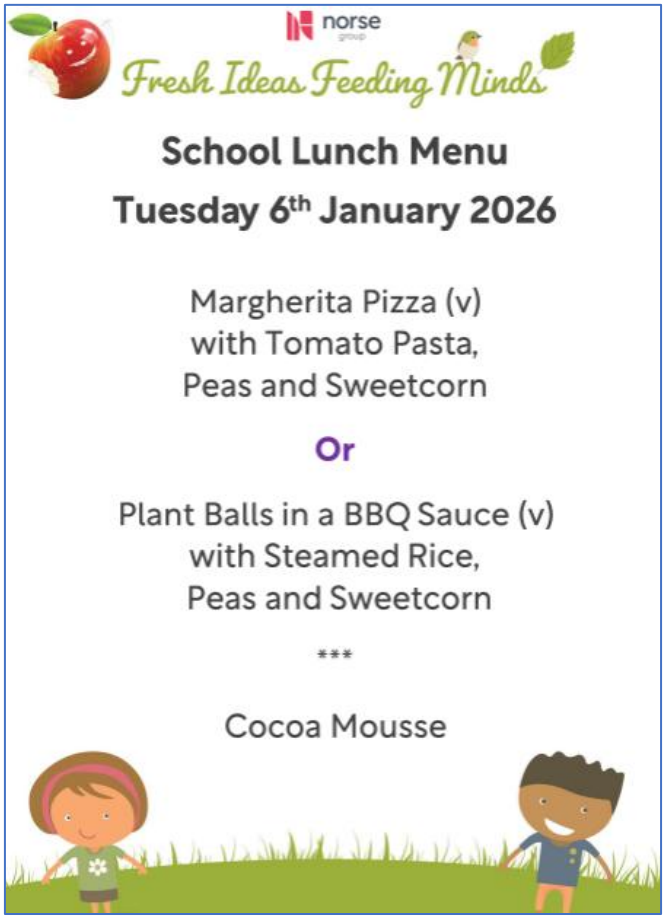


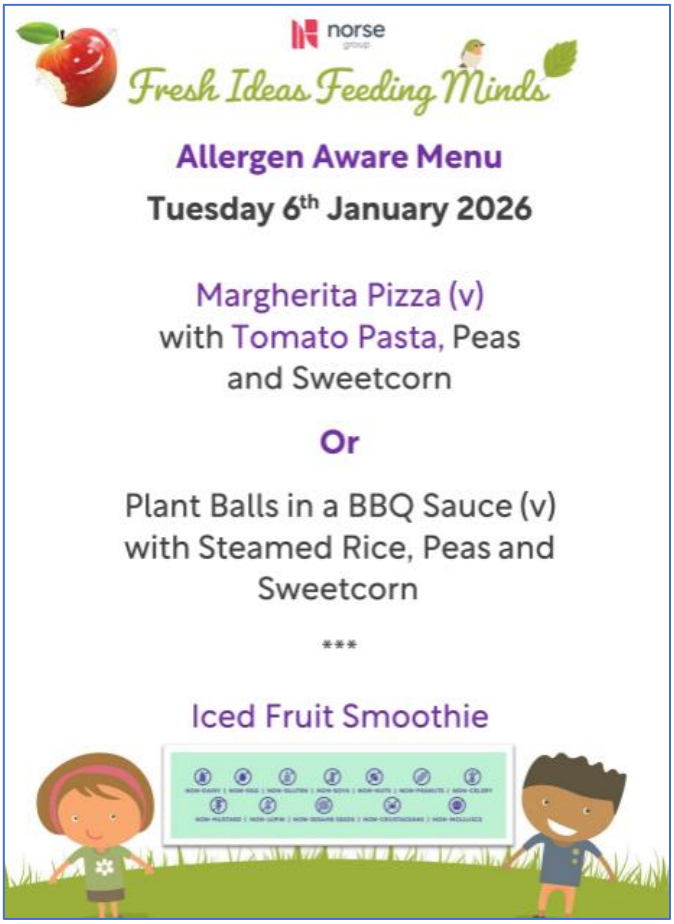






School Lunch – Tuesday 6th January 2026





Thank you – Taverham Garden Centre



We would like to say a huge thank you to **Taverham Garden Centre** for their generous donations to our Nursery. The children are thoroughly enjoying their gardening activities.

Support Our Future Fundraising Events- Christmas Gift Donations

This Christmas, if you find yourself with any unwanted or unused gifts, we would love to give them a new home! Donations will be used as raffle or tombola prizes at upcoming events to help raise money for the school.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Christmas Raffle



We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible response to our Christmas raffle—thank you all so much for your enthusiasm and support in our first fundraising endeavour!

As a partnership, we are thrilled to announce that the raffle raised an amazing £1,456! This fantastic achievement wouldn't have been possible without your generosity.

The winners were drawn on Friday and have all been notified. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to the local companies who kindly donated prizes—your support means so much to our schools.

Thank you again to everyone who took part and helped make this such a success.

Tickets for Christmas Silent Disco – Reception/Year 1/Year 2
Tuesday 16th December

Tickets for the Christmas Silent Disco are 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	16.12.2025	Silent Disco - Reception 3.00-3.45pm, KS1 4.00-4.45pm
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)
Friday	19.12.2025	School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holidays **Amended**

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 3.15pm for half term holiday **Amended**
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 3.15pm for Easter holidays **Amended**

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 3.15pm for half term holiday **Amended**

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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