Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
12.01.2026

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:

Kind and Caring

In assembly today we talked about being 'bucket fillers' from the book 'Have you filled a bucket today' by Carol McCloud. The idea is that everyone, children and adults have an imaginary bucket which is filled with all the positive things we think about ourselves. People can help fill it with being kind but can also empty it by being unkind. We thought about all the ways we could help fill each other's buckets such as giving compliments, praising someone, inviting people to play or simply just smiling. We considered how people's buckets could be emptied by unkind words and how sometimes, if we don't have something nice to say it's better to not say anything at all.

There are lots of versions of the book being shared online. A link to one is below:
☑ Have You Filled a Bucket Today? ✨ (kids books read aloud) Bucket filler

I'm looking forward to hearing about the kind things the children have been doing this week to fill other's buckets and what people have done to fill theirs!

Mrs Hutt

Nightingale Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school last week and see them bouncing through the gate, excited to rejoin us. It was also wonderful to meet all the new children who have joined us in Nursery. We cannot wait to see you grow and flourish during your time at Nightingale Infant and Nursery School.

I'd love to see more Home Learning Heroes this term as this always put a smile on my face last half term. In Reception, I would love to hear about what they have learned about hot and cold places and how animals and humans keep warm in cold places. In Key Stage 1, I am really excited to hear you are learning all about Space and the history of space travel. I would love to see any information you have found out about astronauts such as Mae Jemison or Neil Armstrong as history is one of the subjects I am passionate about.

Have a great week.
Hannah McConnell and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
93 %	**93 %**

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

Assembly and Values

Last week in assembly, we spent time exploring our school values and what they mean to us at Nightingale Infant and Nursery School.

This work marks the start of a whole-school project that we will be developing over time. Together with the children, we will be breaking down our values to really understand what they look like in practice and how they guide our actions and choices. Our aim is for these values to be something we truly live and breathe across our entire school community.

This project is not just for the children, but for everyone who is part of Nightingale, teachers, pupils, parents, and carers alike. By working together and using a shared language around our values, we hope to strengthen our sense of community and ensure that our values are reflected consistently in daily school life.

We look forward to sharing more of this work with you as the project develops and thank you for your continued support.

CENSUS Day- Thursday 15th Jan
Menu Change

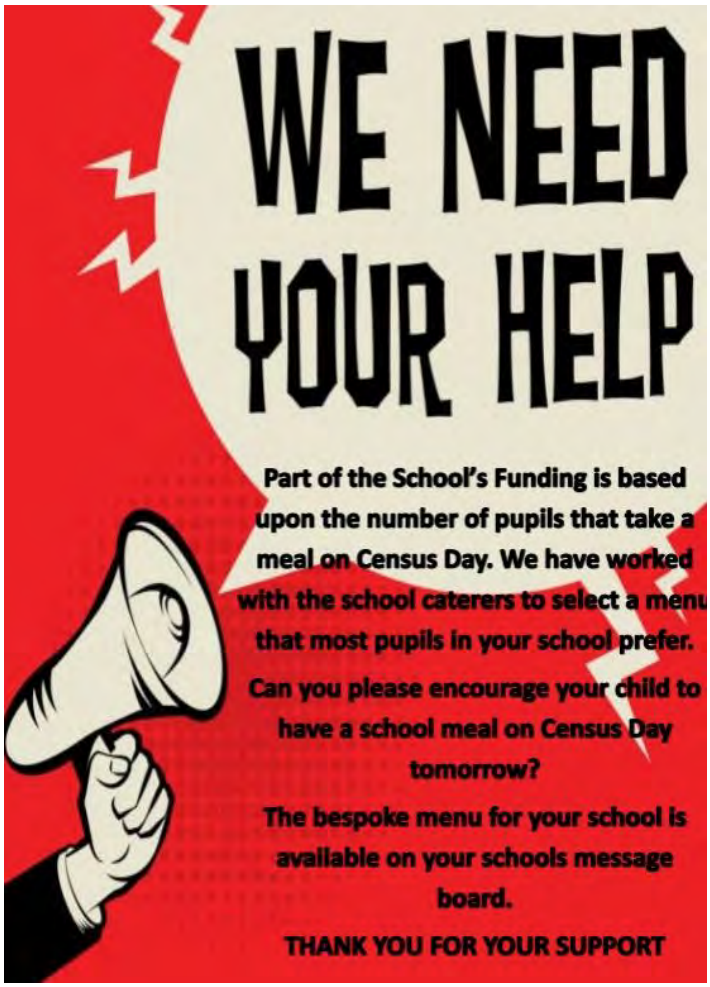
Thursday 15th January is Census Day, a key date in the school calendar that directly affects how much government funding we receive.

One of the biggest factors in this funding is the number of children who **order a school meal on Census Day. Every single meal ordered helps us secure vital funding** for resources, staffing, and support for all our children.

Thank you so much for your support. It truly makes a difference.

Allergy menu the same. Jacket potatoes and pasta pot also available.





Midday Supervisory Assistant

We are seeking to appoint two part time EYFS Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs).

Please see further information on the role and how to apply: **2 EYFS Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSAs) | Education Job Finder**

Wraparound Support Playworker – Drayton Community Infant School

We are interested to hear from parents/carers who may be interested to work 2 hours a week (Friday 3-5pm) as a Wraparound Support Playworker to supervise, guide and assist the children attending our after-school provision at Drayton Community Infant School.

If you wish to find out more information, please contact the school office.

Tennis Club

Still space available in Tennis Club.



After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

Nightingale Infant After School Tennis Club Details

Thurdays - 6 weeks (8 Jan - 12 Feb)
Year 1-2
3:15 - 4:00pm
Cost - £30

How to Enrol?
For more information and booking please click or visit the below link.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

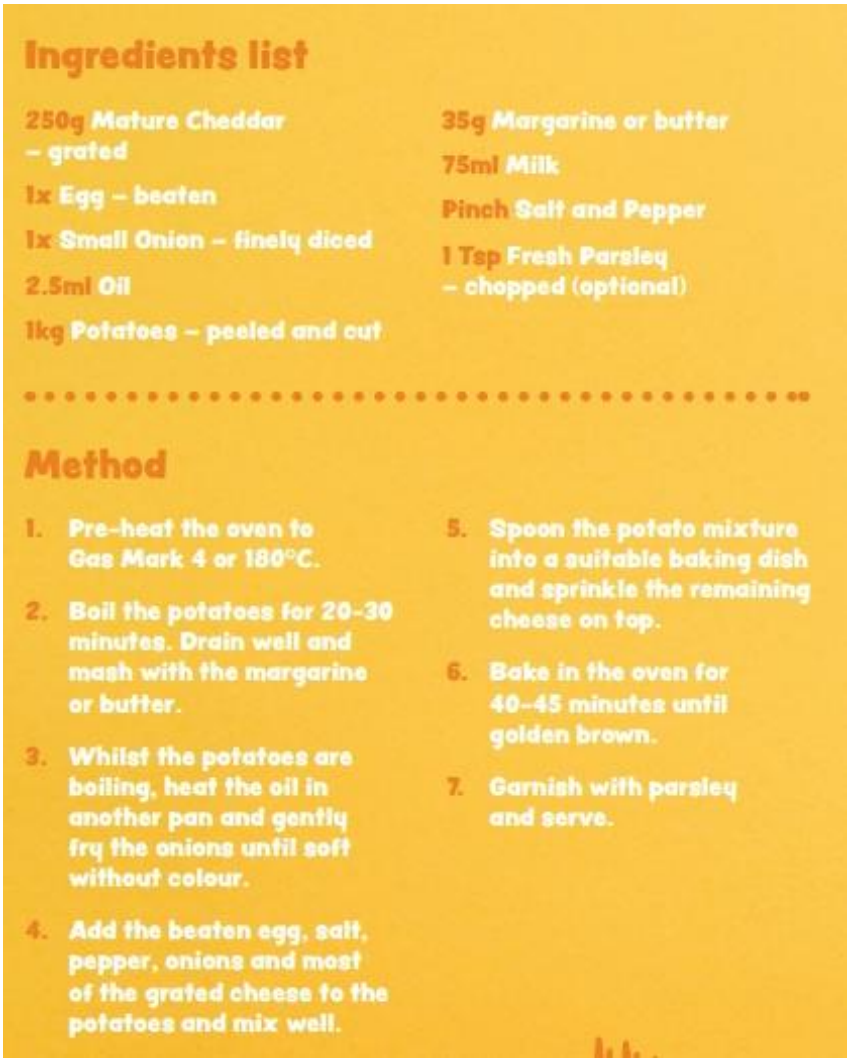
Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk

Recipe from Norse





Ingredients list

250g Mature Cheddar – grated
1x Egg – beaten
1x Small Onion – finely diced
2.5ml Oil
1kg Potatoes – peeled and cut
35g Margarine or butter
75ml Milk
Pinch Salt and Pepper
1 Tsp Fresh Parsley – chopped (optional)

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to Gas Mark 4 or 180°C.
2. Boil the potatoes for 20-30 minutes. Drain well and mash with the margarine or butter.
3. Whilst the potatoes are boiling, heat the oil in another pan and gently fry the onions until soft without colour.
4. Add the beaten egg, salt, pepper, onions and most of the grated cheese to the potatoes and mix well.
5. Spoon the potato mixture into a suitable baking dish and sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
6. Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes until golden brown.
7. Garnish with parsley and serve.

Dates for the diary

January 2026		
Tuesday	20.01.2026	Maths Workshop KS1 after morning drop off until 9.45am
Thursday	22.01.2026	SESMA Taster Session (Whole school to wear PE kits please) **NEW!**

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 (dress up for digits, raising funds for the NSPCC)
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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