Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 19.01.2026

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:

Keep Trying

Nightingale Families,

Today, in assembly we listened to the song 'Try everything' by Shakira from the movie Zootropolis as we begin our FLOCK focus on 'keep trying' this week. It was so lovely to hear the children joining in, even though it is not one we have learned yet in singing lessons! We talked about making 'new mistakes' as she sings about and how these helps us to learn. We also talked about Incy Wincy Spider and how they kept trying, even in the face of a challenge! I read the following rhyme for them to think about this week:

When you face a challenge, do the best you can.
We all feel down when things don't go to plan.
Look on the bright side. Have another try.
Be like Incy Wincy, and keep on aiming high!

I have asked the children to challenge themselves this week and come and show me their achievements when they have learned something new.

Have a great week.
Hannah McConnell and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
95.3 %	**94.3 %**

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

Start and end of the day

When you are collecting and dropping off on the playground and reception area, please can you keep to the left-hand side of the playground and pathways when walking. This will allow other parents and carers to leave and enter the area safely.

Please can you also ensure all children, those at NIANS as well as older and younger siblings, always stay with the adults.

This makes it much easier for people to enter and leave the school safely, especially for those parents with prams, those who may need to take care due to medical needs and those that need to leave swiftly for work.

If you are collecting your children at the end of the day in Robin Class, please do not come to the windows and instead, wait in the playground. Now reception children are leaving at the end of the normal school day at 3:15pm, there is no need to let us know you are there and it can be distracting for children and staff if parents and carers are looking through the windows!

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Safeguarding

Sharing Bedrooms — Tips for Making It Work for Your Family

We know every family's situation is different, and for some of us, having siblings share a bedroom makes the best use of space and can even help children feel close and supported. According to the NSPCC, many families find this works well when the children get along and routines are respected.

Here are some simple, positive suggestions to help make bedroom sharing a happy experience:

- **Talk with your children:** Let them share how they feel about the room and any changes — and listen to their ideas on making the space their own.
- **Agree some room rules together:** Think about quiet times, toy sharing, and respecting each other's things — this can help everyone feel comfortable.
- **Create personal space:** Even small personal touches or designated storage can help each child feel seen and valued.
- **Chat about routines:** If bedtimes or morning schedules differ, a quiet plan can help everyone get the rest they need.

Every family is unique — what matters most is that your children feel safe, respected and heard. If you have specific concerns about space or comfort, it's always okay to reach out for extra support or advice.

More information can be found https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/sharing-a-bedroom/?ac=174455

KS1 Maths Workshop

Year 1 and Year 2 Maths Workshop is tomorrow Tuesday 20th January at 9.45am.

Please come through the main school entrance. There will be a sign in sheet by the school hall. Once signed in please wait in the hall. Your child's classroom staff will meet you and take you to their classroom.

Thursday 22nd January – Reception/Year1/Year2

On Thursday, could Reception/Year 1/Year 2 children come to school **wearing PE kits** today please. SESMA Martial Arts are visiting to run the Karete taster session.

Orchard Toys – Games, Puzzles please

If you have any games and puzzles by Orchard Toys at home that you no longer need, we would love to have them.

Thank you.

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.

Fundraising

The team are continuing to look at ways we can raise money for the school and also provide some fun events for both the children and their families.

We have pencilled in a family prize bingo night on Friday 20th March. More information to follow very soon!

Nursery

As a trial, Nursery children will begin eating lunch in the school hall with the rest of the school. The **same Nursery staff will be with the children**, supporting them throughout lunchtime to keep the experience calm and positive.

Wagtail children - If you are collecting/dropping off your child at 11.45am, please come through the main school entrance instead of the Nursery door. Please ring the bell if no one is in the office, Wagtails staff will be with you shortly.

We will monitor how the children settle and review the trial before making any long-term decisions. Thank you for your continued support.

Tots2Teens Activity clubs

Broadland District Council

Lots of activities organised by the Broadland District Council. Please see the following link for more information.

Tots2Teens | Broadland and South Norfolk

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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