Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 26.01.2026

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,

While the rain may be staying away for a few days, the colder weather is very much still with us. Unless it is extremely wet, we go outside in all weathers to ensure the children have time to run around and enjoy some fresh air! Please ensure your child has a winter, waterproof coat every day and their wellies are in school so they can use the field.

Our lost property bin is getting full again due to a large amount of clothes coming into school which are not named. Please ensure you name every item of your child's clothing, including their shoes to ensure it gets back to them.

We are becoming increasingly concerned regarding the unsafe parking taking place outside of the school site. Yellow lines are clearly marked on the road, indicating it not legal to park. There are also several people double parking by the layby, making it an unsafe place to cross and difficult for vehicles to drive safely. We are fortunate to have safe parking just around the corner at the library as well as several roads nearby. Please leave plenty of time to get your child to school, avoiding unsafe and illegal parking. Ticketing does take place and concerned residents have been informed to report any such parking to local police. The safety of our children and families is our biggest concern and ask that everyone keeps this in mind when travelling to school.

Thank you so much for all the kind donations for alternative play. The children are really looking forward to playing some new games and completing the puzzles. We don't need any further donations at this point but will let you know if we are looking to refresh again in the future. We really appreciate all your kindness.

Have a great week.

Sarah Hutt, Hannah McConnell and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
93.6 %	**93.65 %**

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

Cake Sale



School council have decided that in honour of Number Day next week Fri 6th Feb they would like to hold a cake sale. To make it more exciting they talked about decorating the cakes with numbers. More details to follow.

Dental Screening



Last year, we invited Beechcroft Dental Practice to carry out free dental screening for our children.

If there is enough interest, we may be able to arrange this again.

Please email us via Weduc by Friday 30th January to let us know if you would like your child to take part. We will then contact the dental practice to check their availability.

Conversations with Staff

We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid having in-depth conversations about individual children or specific concerns with staff at the school gate or at the classroom doors.

While a member of staff is always present and happy to pass on messages or have a brief chat, the gate is not the appropriate place for longer or confidential discussions, particularly with children present. Our priority at these times is ensuring a safe and calm start to the school day for all children.

If you need to speak in more detail with a member of staff, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We are always here to support you and are very happy to schedule a time where we can give your concerns our full attention.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

The Big Schools' Birdwatch

Our school has signed up for the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch. Over the coming weeks, our children will go into the school grounds to observe what species of birds are present and how many of them there are. We will submit our data to the RSPB to be collated. It is a great opportunity to take part in some outdoor cross-curricula learning and to give children the opportunity to gather fieldwork data.

The birdwatch takes place this year between the 6th of January and the 23rd of February.

Dates for the diary

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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