Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
02.02.2026

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:

Listen and Learn

Nightingale Families,

It has been lovely celebrating the children's achievements outside of school during our Flock Star assemblies.

Please remember, if your child has received a certificate or award from a sports club or another activity outside of school, we would love to celebrate this with them during our Friday FlockStar assembly.

Thank you for helping us recognise and celebrate the children's successes.

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
93.9 %	**94 %**

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

Home Time

We kindly ask that you leave the school premises promptly once you have collected your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cake Sale and Number Day



School council have decided that in honour of Number Day this 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.

We kindly ask that all cake donations are taken to the office on Friday morning.

The cake sale will take place on the playground from 3pm on Friday. Please ensure you bring change, as no change will be provided.

School council would love to help sell the cakes. If your child is a member of school council and cannot stay for a little bit after school please let your class teacher know. Thank you.

Remember to come dressed up on Friday with a number theme. This is to raise money for the NSPCC. Donation can be made on NSPCC website: Donate | NSPCC

We have lots of exciting number activities planned.









The Reception Mud Kitchen is Open!

As many of you have seen we have had a fabulous new mud kitchen built in our reception garden which Reception have loved using this week. We have had amazing spaghetti and meatballs, chocolate cake, worm soup and the vocabulary and conversations this space has created has been wonderful!





However, we need some **spoons**, **potato** **mashers**, **spatulas**, **whisks**, **tongs** or any other donations of kitchen utensils.

Similarly, we are looking at supporting the children's independence and creativity in the mud kitchen with adding water to their creations. So, if anyone has anything like the below picture (a water container with a tap) they would donate it would be much appreciated.

If you have any donations, please pass them onto Mrs Hubbard. Thank you 😊





Nursery

In Nursery, we are delighted to be introducing our school value of Caring and Kind. We will be focusing on being kind to others and taking care of our school and its property.

Each week, Mrs Findlay will choose a child from **Wrens and Wagtails** who has shown our school value consistently during their nursery sessions. Children do not need to attend nursery on a Friday to be chosen, as Mrs Findlay will speak to all the Key workers.

Mrs Findlay will write the award certificates each Friday. If your child does not attend on a Friday, she will speak with the nursery staff and the certificate will be presented to your child on the next day they attend by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote these important values.

Please remember we are a **nut-free setting** , **no nuts or products containing nuts** (e.g. peanut butter, hazelnut spreads) in packed lunches. Also, for safety reasons **popcorn should not be included**.

To reduce the risk of choking, **grapes must be cut into quarters** before being packed in lunchboxes, as recommended for young children

Values Club – The Values Brigade

Mrs Findlay will be running a School Values Club for the children on Thursday lunchtimes during the Spring 2 term.

Children who would like to join can sign up by speaking to their class teacher. During the sessions, children will explore our school values and discuss what each value means to us at Nightingale Infant and Nursery School. The sign up will be on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of 3 children per class initially depending on the number of children who would like to participate.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children engage with and reflect on our values in a fun and meaningful way!

SENCO and Family Liaison Advisor

Should you need to contact Lou Boyce or Louise Dobson please do not hesitate to contact the school office on any of their working days.

Lou Boyce is the Deputy Head of Drayton Infants and SENCO at both Nightingale and Drayton Infants

Louise Dobson is the Family Liaison Advisor and works across both schools.

Vacancy – Cleaning Staff



We wish to appoint an enthusiastic and hardworking cleaning staff as soon as possible to join our team here at Nightingale.

2.5 hours per day. This could be 6:30-9.00 or 3.00-5.30. Split shifts between these hours may be considered.

For more information and to apply, please go on the link below:

Cleaner - Nightingale Infant and Nursery School | SAMpeople Recruit

Thank you – Sugar Appeal

Christmas School Sugar Collection

For the homeless and hungry, families in crisis, and those seeking refuge from domestic violence in East Anglia.

January 2026

Dear Headteacher,

Despite very challenging times for many people it is heartwarming that schools and families supported our Christmas sugar collection and that it was again a great success. I just wanted to write to thank you for the part that you played in this wonderful effort.

Firstly I must say a big thank you for allowing us to collect sugar at your school. Also I would ask you to pass on our thanks to the staff who facilitated the collection and to the parents and children who contributed. We, and more importantly, all the people in the homeless projects that Sugar for Shelters helps, are extremely grateful. We will be forwarding a Certificate of Appreciation to you shortly.

Sugar is needed in great quantities, both in cooking and in hot drinks where it provides a much needed energy boost. Once again, this Christmas, we had 80 schools and groups collecting. Even in these very difficult and challenging times, together, we collected nearly 3.5 tonnes of sugar, not to mention numerous tea bags, jars of coffee, packets of biscuits, other goods and cash donations of over £300. A really brilliant achievement.

As you may know, Sugar for Shelters is part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA), Norfolk's own Christmas Food Charity. It was founded in 1985 by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham and focuses on using donations of food from local farmers, producers and processors. This is supplemented by cash donations and provides food for traditional Christmas meals for the homeless and hungry and for families in crisis throughout East Anglia and further afield.

Together we helped 211 projects (Open Christmases, Drop In Centres, Soup Kitchens, charities working with families in crisis, agencies such as the Salvation Army, homeless projects, and domestic violence refuges) provide approx 20,000 festive meals on Christmas Day alone!!

Depending on their storage capabilities, the residential projects and soup kitchens also received enough additional food (tinned meats, fresh vegetables, sugar, breakfast cereals, etc.) to last well into the New Year. This year the number of winter meals made possible by food donated to BEFA grew to around 70,000 !
Sugar was an enormously important part of this and, once again, we thank all of you for your help.



We hope that, come next Christmas, we can count on your support once again for Sugar for Shelters.

With best wishes

Helen Lamb

Sugar for Shelters Coordinator

February Half Term Tennis



Dates for the diary

February 2026		
Wednesday	04.02.2026	Reception/Y1/Y2 WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits)
Friday	06.02.2026	Reception/Y1/Y2 Number Day (dress up for digits, raising funds for the NSPCC) Cake sale at 3pm

Friday	13.02.2026	School closes at 3.15pm for half term holiday
Monday	23.02.2026	School re-opens

March 2026		
Wednesday	04.03.2026	Tennis Taster session (Please can Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 wear PE kits) **NEW!**
Thursday	05.03.2026	Book Look KS1 2.30pm
Wednesday	25.03.2025	Reception/Y1/Y2 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

April 2026		
Tuesday	14.04.2026	School re-opens for Summer Term
W/C 20th April 2026		Reception/Y1/Y2 Parents Evening (more info to follow)

May 2026		
Wednesday	04.05.2026	Reception/Y1/Y2 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

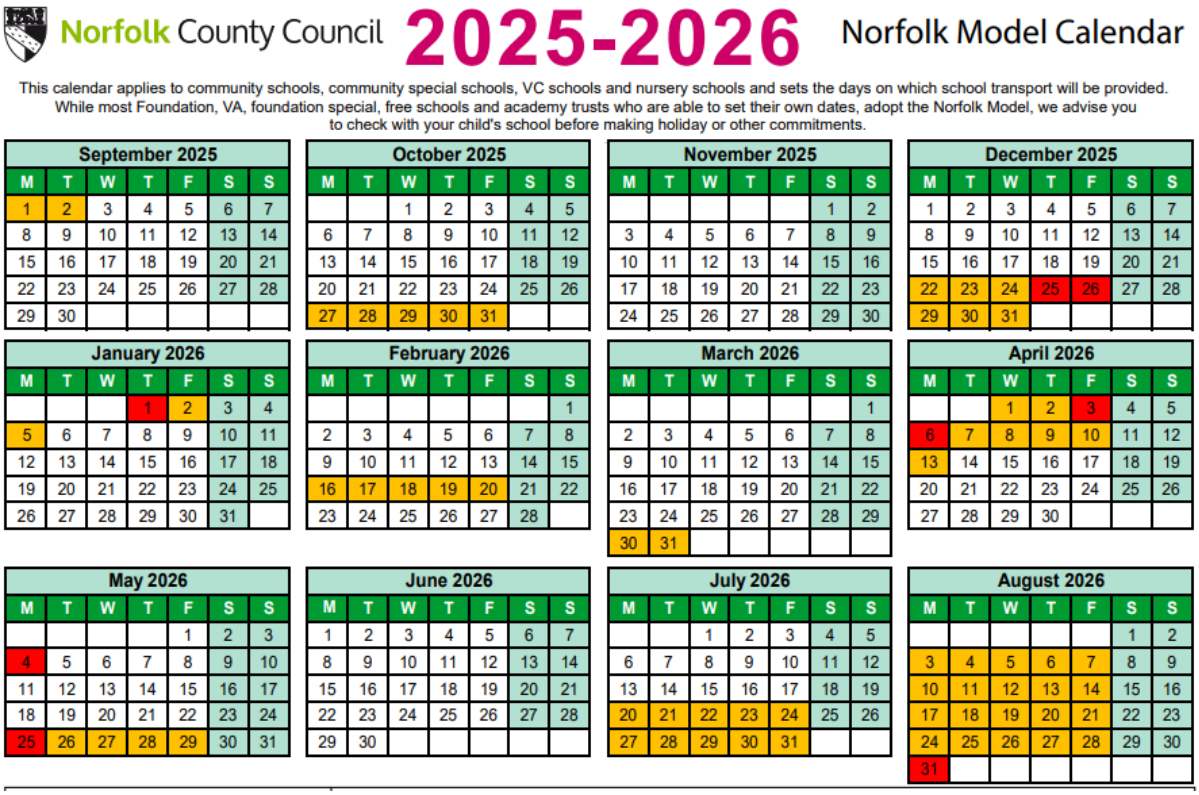
June 2026		
Monday-Friday	01.06.2026-05.06.2026	Sports Week (Please can children wear PE kits to school all week)
Friday	12.06.2025	Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2 Class photos
Wednesday	24.06.2026	Reception/Y1/Y2 WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits)
Friday	26.06.2026	WNDSSP Reception 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	Y2 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Wednesday	08.07.2026	Transition Day
Thursday	09.07.2026	Transition Day
Tuesday	14.07.2026	WNDSSP Y1/Y2 Multi-Sports Festival (12 children only, letter to follow)
Thursday	16.07.2026	Y2 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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August 2026

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