Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
09.02.2026

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:

Open and Honest

Nightingale Families,

Our last week before the half term holidays and a week closer to spring! The winter germs have been in full force this week, impacting the children and the staff. The team are continuing to work hard with some significant staff absence due to ill health so please bear with us if things aren't quite running as they normally do.

In today's assembly we thought about what honest means and why it is so important for reasons such as it showing kindness to others, enabled people to trust us and how it builds lovely friendships and relationships. We read the story 'The Trust According to Arthur'. You can find a digital read of this book on the link below:

The Truth According to Arthur - read aloud ★ WITH QUESTIONS ★

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
93.7 %	**94.2 %**

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

Reception Minibeast Ball

In Spring 2 we will be learning all about minibeasts as part of our "come outside" curriculum.

We would love to invite reception to dress up on **Friday 27th February as a minibeast** – this can be something as simple as a spotty t-shirt, colours of your minibeast, a pair of wings or some homemade accessories.



Reception Phonics – Thursday 12th Feb



To celebrate the wonderful progress the children have been making in phonics, we would love to invite you into school to watch a phonics lesson and see just how well your child is doing.

Please note that our phonics sessions will look slightly different after half term, so this is a lovely opportunity to see how phonics is currently taught. We appreciate that this invitation comes with short notice; however, if you are unable to attend this time, there will be plenty of further opportunities in the summer term.

You are warmly invited to come in with your child On **Thursday 12th February at 8:45am**. You will be able to help them with Funky Fingers, see our morning routine, and then watch and take part in the phonics lesson. We aim to finish by 9:30am.

As this is a teaching session, we kindly ask that **no siblings attend** (unless they are babes in arms), as younger children can sometimes distract the class during the lesson. Also **one adult per child** due to space in the classroom.

We really hope you can join us and look forward to welcoming you into the classroom.

Pudding change – Friday 13th February



On Friday 13th February, we will have **Decorated Valentine's Biscuit** for pudding instead of Cocoa Oat cake with Orange Wedges.



Great Athlete Visit

We are very excited to welcome Olympic cyclist, Alice Sharpe Friday 13th February. Could Reception, Year1 and Year2 children come in their PE kit, please.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Feel free to be as creative and inventive as you would like, please remember costumes do not need to be purchased. We will be doing lots of fun activities and will also be having a visit from some of the Year 6 TJS pupils who will be performing World book day raps based on popular picture books. Children will receive their £1 book token on the day.

https://www.worldbookday.com/families/

Job vacancy - MSA

We are looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our team as soon as possible. The working days required are Monday and Tuesday 11.30am-1pm.

More information and how to apply, please go on the link below:

EYFS Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) | Education Job Finder

BINGO NIGHT



Spot On Coaching



Community Event



Dates for the diary

February 2026		
Friday	13.02.2026	Olympic cyclist, Alice Sharpe visiting Please Reception/Y1/Y2 children to come in PE kit.
Friday	13.02.2026	School closes at 3.15pm for half term holiday
Friday	27.02.2026	Minibeast dress up in Reception NEW!
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	World Book Day- Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character
Thursday	05.03.26	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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