Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
02.03.2026

Be **F**air
Listen and Learn
Open and Honest
Care for yourself, each other and the world
Keep Trying

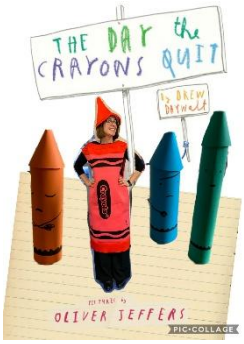
Our **FLOCK** Value this week is:

Caring for yourself, others and the world

Nightingale Families,

It was lovely to see you all in the sunshine this morning. At the end of the day today, there were lots of younger children crowding around the lines and making it hard for the staff to see the adults. Please keep all younger (and older!) children with you on the playground and prevent them from running around and using the equipment before and after school.

Today in assembly, as part our FLOCK value of the week, we focused on how we can care for the world. I said that today I had been out the front of the school and had noticed a few cars with their engines left running even though the cars were not moving. I was really impressed that the children could tell me about pollution, the environment and the impact this has on people and animals. We also talked about other ways we can look after the world and again, the children shared their understanding of recycling, caring for wild animals and not dropping litter.



We also have World Book Day on Thursday. Your child is invited to come in a costume of a book character. As I may not see you on one of my favourite days of the school year, here is a picture of me dressed up from a previous year to make you smile.

Please do not worry about spending money on costumes – my son will be wearing some puppy ears and going as one of the dogs from his favourite book '100 dogs.' We would much rather you saved the money and used it for something special like another book for their collections!

This school website has some great ideas for easy-to-do costumes – although ignore the chocolate bar please unless it is fake!

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
96.7 %	**94.5 %**

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

Key Stage 1 Cooking

In Key Stage 1 next week we will be making jam sandwiches as part of our English lesson on following and writing instruction. In DT we will be learning to prepare and taste food that we could use in a wrap.

Please find a list of the foods we will be using, we have hopefully catered for all children but please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Cucumber

Pepper

Cheddar Cheese

Vegan Cheese

Hummus

Flat Leaf Parsley

Coriander

Spring Onions

Tofu

Ham

White Bread

Dairy Free Spread

Strawberry Jam

Chaffinch Class P.E.

Please note **Chaffinch class P.E. day** will be now on a **Wednesday**.



World Book Day Menu – Thursday 5th March

Jacket potatoes and Pasta Pot are available as usual.





Nursery Parents Consultation

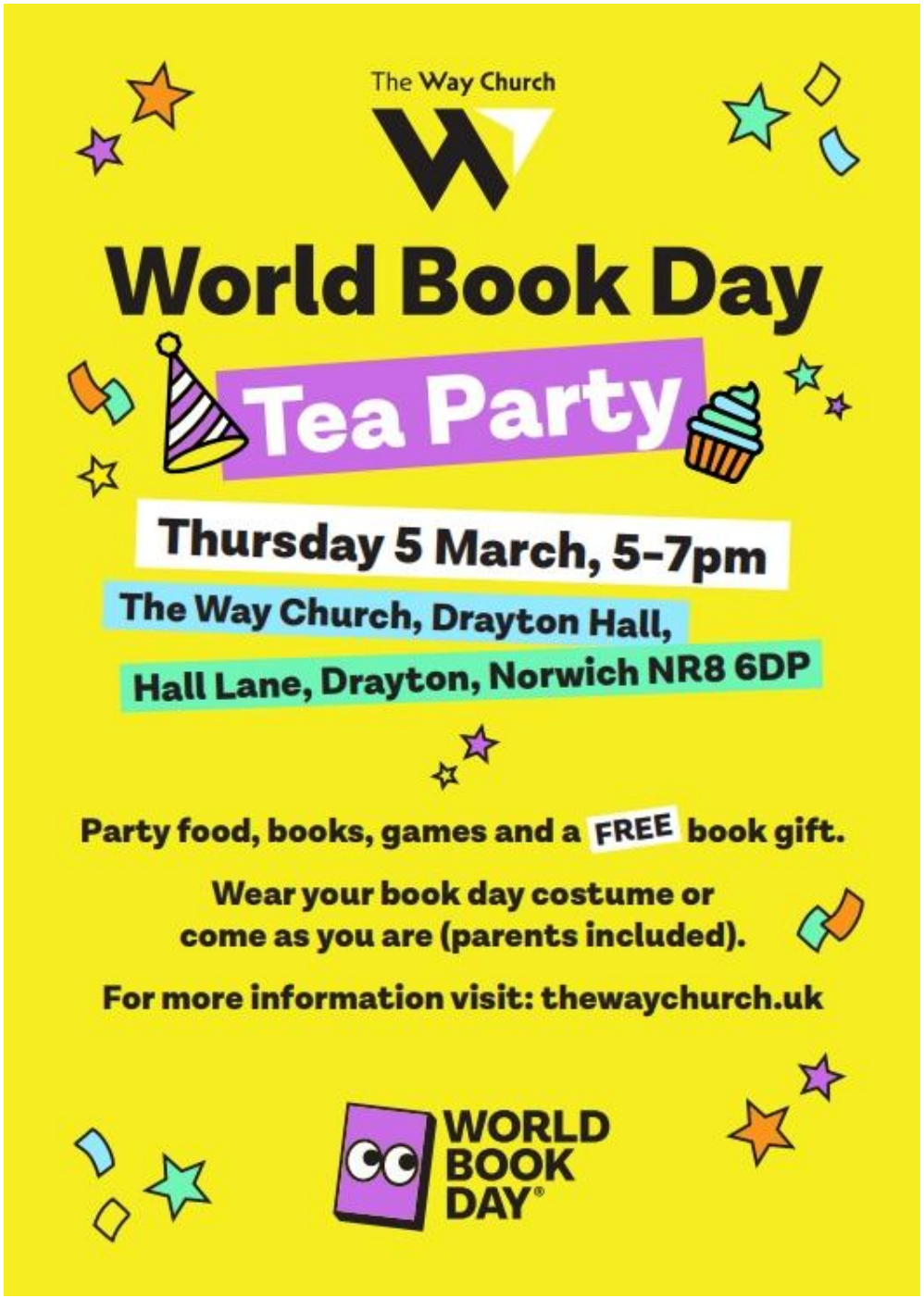
We have scheduled the Parents Consultation for nursery parents for Monday 20th April.

More information to follow.

Great Athletes Sponsorship

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the sponsorship. We've raised an amazing £480!

Community Event



Free Online Parent & Carer Webinars

Free Online Webinars: Feb - March 2026

Join Our Spring Term Webinar Series!

The PINS Spring Webinar programme offers a series of free, supportive online sessions designed to help families better understand and support neurodiverse children — both at home and in school.

These sessions are part of PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), a Norfolk programme working alongside families and schools to create inclusive, understanding learning environments for every child.

✓ Free to attend
✓ Online – join from home
✓ Welcoming and practical
✓ No diagnosis or prior knowledge needed

When?

Understanding neurodiversity in school

- Social communication and friendships
- Masking and emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour as communication
- Inclusive school cultures
- Working positively with families
- Supportive learning environments

Who is it for?

These sessions are designed to be supportive, practical and understanding. Whether you're just beginning to explore neurodiversity or looking for new ideas, you'll find insight, reassurance and encouragement.

All sessions are free and delivered online via Microsoft Teams. Joining links are attached with QR codes as an option. Join as many sessions as you like — even just one can make a difference.

Session and session title	Date/Time Presenter	Audience	Session detail and Registration link
Session 9. Behind the Mask: Thinking about why children mask and how home and school can work together	**26th Feb 1000-1100** **Family Action Norfolk**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent/Carers	NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 9
Session 12. Plan Bee Taster: Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergence at home and at school	**3rd March 0930-1100** **Family Action Norfolk**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent/Carers	Norfolk PINS 2026: Session 12
Session 14. A Low Demand Approach - Looking at demand anxiety and strategies to help	**5th March 1000-1100** **Family Action Norfolk**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent/ Carers	NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 14
Session 17. Plan Bee Taster: Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergence at home and at school	**10th March 1530-1700** **Family Action Norfolk**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent /Carers	NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 17
Session 18. Anger or Anxieties? Thinking about emotional distress and how it can present.	**12th March 1000-1100** **Family Action Norfolk**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent/ Carers	NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 18
Session 20. Masking – What It Looks Like, Why It Happens, and How We Can Support *(evening)*	**12th March 1900-2030** **Dr Pooky Knightsmith**	• Governors • SLT • SENDCO • Teachers • Parent/ Carers	NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 20

Free Tennis Taster Sessions

Easton College Schools Roadshow Big Tennis Weekend

LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN

NATIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION



FOUR Free Tennis Taster Sessions Across the Weekend!

Easton College Tennis Centre, NR9 5DX

Saturday 7th March 11.00 - 12.00pm / 1.00 2.00pm / 3.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday 8th March 1.00 - 2.00pm

All Juniors Aged 5 - 8: No experience needed

Book Here: bookwhen.com/nta-norfolk

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GAMES | FUN | PRIZES
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH | AT 6:00PM
NIGHTINGALE INFANT SCHOOL HALL
BRING THE FAMILY - EVERYONE WELCOME!
£3 PER PERSON - 6 GAMES
EXTRA BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT
Scan to book
or visit
https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-jxzaapg

Dates for the diary

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 **2.40pm TIME CHANGED**
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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