Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 09.03.2026

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:

Keep Trying

Nightingale Families,

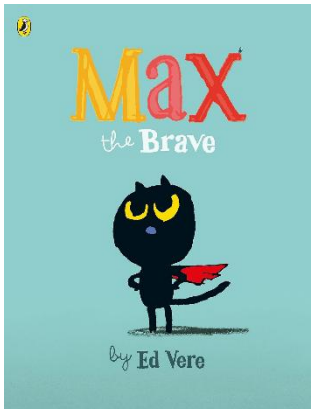
Thank you to everyone who came to the Book Look last week for Key Stage 1. The children love having their grown ups visit them in school.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is coming on **Friday 20th March** – the children are invited to wear red for the day. Please donate to Red Nose Day using the QR codes that we will have on posters around the outside of the school. The children will do lots of fun activities which may include joke book making, designing your own red nose, telling jokes, writing silly stories.

Our FLOCK Value this week is 'Keep Trying.' We talked about making choices and the children took a vote on which story they wanted to hear. The most popular choice was the story 'Max the Brave' by Ed Vere. We all really enjoyed this amusing story about determination and not giving up.



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 %	**93.9 %**

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

Government Support - changes

Norfolk County Council Schools & Learning Providers

Important Update: Support for Families - Changes from April 2026

The Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) is ending on 31 March. It will be replaced by a new scheme called the Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF).

What this means for families:

- Families who currently receive Edenred vouchers through the HSF will get their final vouchers in March.
- The council's Client Hardship Service (CHS) will continue to offer support.
- There will be help available for families who are experiencing a crisis, but being eligible for Free School Meals will no longer mean automatic entitlement to support under the new system.

Even though the HSF is ending, there are still places families can get support:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

If families are in difficulty, we would encourage them to contact our Family Hubs services www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs where there is broader support on debt, welfare rights, early help, and more.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

Families can also find information about wider national support schemes at:

- Cost of living support: Overview - GOV.UK
- Universal Credit: What Universal Credit is - GOV.UK
- Child Benefit: How it works - GOV.UK
- Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK

Medical & Dental Appointment Evidence

To help us understand and support children whose attendance is lower than expected, we may ask for basic proof of medical or dental appointments.

This could be an appointment card, text message, or email confirmation - whatever is easiest for you to provide.

For day-to-day illness, your explanation is usually enough, but if a child's attendance falls below expected levels, this extra information helps us work together to ensure they are in school as much as possible.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote good attendance for all children.

Home Packed Lunch

As the weather begins to warm up, we kindly recommend that packed lunches be sent in an insulated bag where possible. Thank you.



Reception – Church Visit Thursday 26th March



On Thursday 26th March, we will be walking to the church with the children so they can explore the signs and symbols of Easter.

This term we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Easter, and as part of our learning we would like the children to visit the church, look for different Easter symbols and listen to a story from Reverend Gill.

We are aiming to leave school at approximately 1:20pm, arriving at the church for around 1:45pm. We will then leave the church at approximately 2:30pm to walk back to school.

To enable this trip to happen, we are looking for a few parent helpers to support us. Helpers would assist with walking the children safely to and from the church and supporting small groups as they explore the church.

Please note: To enable you to focus fully on supervising the children, we ask that no younger siblings attend if you are volunteering to help on the walk.

If you are able to help, please email the school office. You would need to arrive at school at 1:15pm to listen to a short safety briefing and complete safeguarding paperwork.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hubbard, EYFS Lead teacher

Community Event



BINGO NIGHT - Postponed

Please be advised that Bingo Night has been postponed to summer term. New date will be informed soon.

Dates for the diary

March 2026		
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)
Tuesday	22.04.2026	Reception National Child Measurement Programme 9-11am

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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