Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
14.04.2026

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,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

The children came in today with smiles on their faces and ready to get going with their learning this summer term. We had a great discussion is assembly about our FLOCK Value of the Week – Open and honest. The children had thoughtful ideas about what being open means and how this is similar but different to being honest. We talked about why it is important to be brave and tell the truth (even when it is hard) and being honest about when we are stuck with our learning so that we can get the right help and support.

It was wonderful to see the updates of the Robin Class caterpillars emerging from their chrysalises on our school Instagram page. The children have really enjoyed watching this special transformation.

If you're not already following us, please do take a moment to follow our school Instagram page. It's a great way to keep up to date with school news, as well as to see the exciting learning, memorable experiences, and fantastic achievements the children share. Find us by searching for nightingaleinfs.

Have a great week.

Sarah Hutt, Hannah McConnell and the NIANS Team

Parent Forum

We would love to get Parent Forum back up and running again but have struggled to recruit this year!

As we look towards next year, I would love to hear from any parents/carers who are interested in joining parent forum and representing their child's class.

Parent Forum usually meets 4-6 times over the academic year and we discuss matters such as behaviour, learning, attendance and school support. It is a chance to share what is happening in school to help your children learn and thrive as well as get your opinions on what is working well and what we could do to make the school even better.

Please email the school office FAO Hannah McConnell if you are interested.

Safeguarding

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call **999**.

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, you can contact **Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)** on **0344 800 8020**. A member of the team will listen to your concerns and advise on the next steps.

If the concern relates to a pupil at our school, you can also inform the school so that we can support where appropriate.

Thank you for helping us to keep children safe.

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
N/A	**NA**

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

Nursery – What To Pack in Child's Bag

Could we please ask that the following items are placed in your child's bag on the days they attend nursery.

For children in nappies

Please ensure that all of their individual needs such as **nappies**, **nappy bags**, **wipes**, etc and **spare clothes** are packed in their bag.

For children who are toilet trained

Please ensure **wipes**, **nappy bags** (for wet clothes), and **spare clothes** are in their bag.

Thank you.

Nursery and Reception – Using Tapestry

We wanted to take a moment to share how we use Tapestry in our nursery.

In line with the latest EYFS guidance, there is no expectation for us to record everything your child does. This is because we know children learn best through meaningful, responsive interactions, play, and the time we spend alongside them rather than adults stepping away to document lots of observations.

What really matters is that your child feels happy, safe, and secure with us, builds strong relationships, and has plenty of opportunities to explore, play, and follow their interests. Our focus is on being present with the children talking, listening, and supporting their learning in the moment.

We use Tapestry in a simple and meaningful way to share special moments, achievements, and glimpses of your child's time with us. You will receive at least one update each month, so you can still feel connected to their nursery experiences.

We love seeing what the children get up to at home too, so please do continue to share your own photos and updates on Tapestry. It really helps us build a fuller picture of your child.

If you ever have any questions or would like to chat more about your child's learning, we are always here.

REMINDER - Parents Consultation

Link to book SchoolCloud - Nightingale Infant School

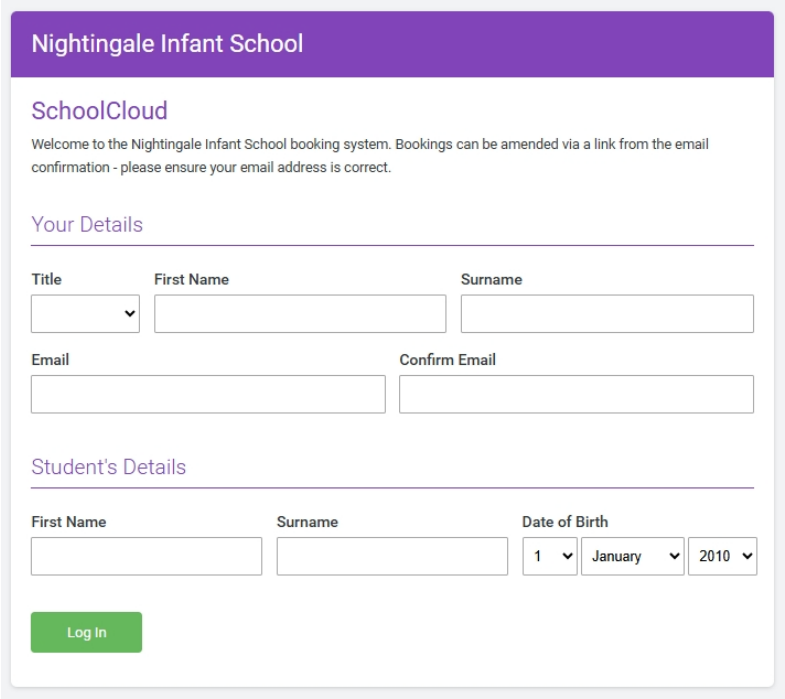
Parents Consultation has been arranged for next week. If you have not booked a slot, please follow the instructions below and secure your appointment. Alternatively, please call the office. Mrs. Quinn can book it for you.

Date	Class	time
Monday 20th April	Wagtail	9am-11.30am
Tuesday 21st April	Wagtail	9am-11.30am
	Reception/Year 1/ Year 2	3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 22nd April	Wren	9am-11.30am 1.30pm-3pm
Thursday 23rd April	Wagtail	9am-12pm 1pm-2.20pm
	Reception/Year 1/ Year 2	3.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 24th April	Wren	9am-11.30pm 1.30pm-3pm

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SchoolCloud - Nightingale Infant School

Please go to the **link** and enter your and child's details to log in. No password needed. The details must be matched with our record.



Donations

As you all know, we have been developing and enhancing the outdoor space in Reception and Nursery to create an engaging and stimulating environment for the children. We would greatly appreciate any donations of peat-free compost or bedding plants to help us continue improving this area. Thank you for your ongoing support.



SEND


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MAKING SENSE OF SEND
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In person free, friendly information and support about SEND for families and professionals.
Thursday 21st May 2026
Dereham Memorial Hall, NR19 1AD
10am-12pm and 12.30pm-3pm
Are you looking for support for your child /young person with SEND and your family?
Find out more and book your place:
Listen to expert-led talks on SEND topics.
A chance to give feedback and be heard by the EHCP team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.
Children's participation activities giving children and young people the chance to share experiences.
www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos
Norfolk County Council

Career in Fostering



Dates for the diary

April 2026		
Tuesday	14.04.2026	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday	20.04.2026	Parents Consultation Wagtail 9am-11.30am
Tuesday	21.04.2026	Reception National Child Measurement Programme 9am-11am
Tuesday	21.04.2026	Parents Consultation Wagtail – 9am-6.30pm Parents Evening Reception/Y1/Y2 - 3.30pm -6.30pm
Wednesday	22.04.2026	Parents Consultation Wren 9am-11.30am/ 1.30pm-3pm
Thursday	23.04.2026	Parents Consultation Wagtail 9am-12pm/ 1pm-2.20pm Parents Evening Reception/Y1/Y2 - 3.30pm -6.30pm
Friday	24.04.2026	Parents Consultation Wren 9am-11.30pm/ 1.30pm-3pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	29 & 30.04.2026	Doodlebug – Workshops for children in school across 2 days – focus on growth-mindset & confidence building through art.

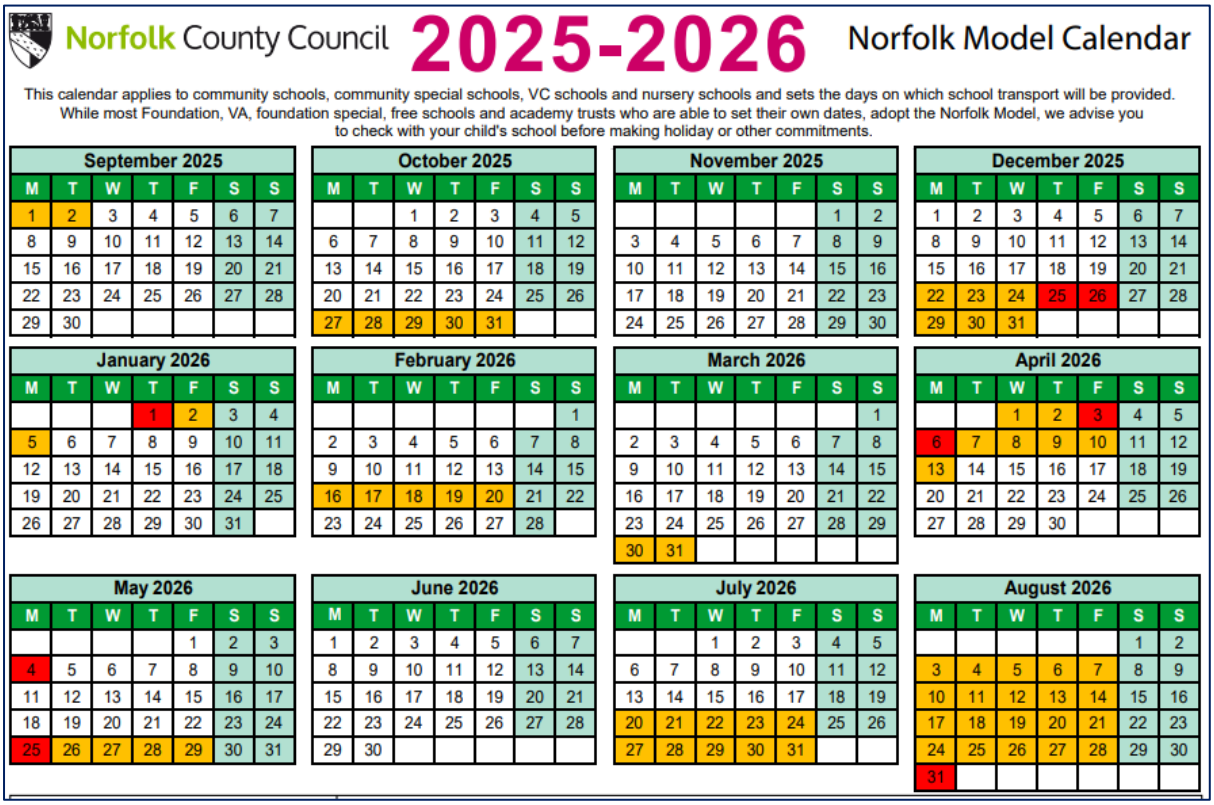
May 2026		
Wednesday	04.05.2026	Reception/Y1/Y2 WNDSSP Mental Health and Well-being Day (Please can all children come to school in PE kits)
Wednesday	13.05.2026	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening 9am-11am
Friday	22.05.2026	School closes at 3.15pm for half term holiday

June 2026		
Monday-Friday	01.06.2026-05.06.2026	Sports Week (Please can children wear PE kits to school all week)
Thursday	04.06.2026	9am Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
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
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)
Tuesday	14.07.2026	Y2 Leavers Assembly 2pm
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

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