Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
18.05.2026

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:

Be fair

Nightingale Families,

Our first car boot sale is coming up on Sunday 7th June at Drayton Infants, raising money for both schools. Pitches are £10 and need to be prebooked using the QR code on the poster below. Please come along and support the schools and share with friends and family who may like a pitch or just want to come along and pick up a bargain!

We are seeing an increase in the number and size of rucksacks coming into school. Not only is this causing an issue with storing them in school on pegs, school books are getting ruined as they end up getting crushed at the bottom. As shared when your child started with us, please could we ask that children bring a book bag only and that any spare clothes needed for changing/toilet accidents are brought in in a drawstring bag. From September we won't allow back packs in school so ask that no new ones are purchased for the new year.

Sarah Hutt, Hannah McConnell and the NIANS

Staffing Updates

Mrs Watling, our part time Partnership Assistant Headteacher, is currently on maternity leave and will be returning after half term. Mrs Findlay has been covering this role during this time and will continue to do so until the end of term. Sadly for us, Mrs Watling will only be back with us for a few weeks before she moves to Lionwood Junior School to begin her new role there in September. While we'll be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Watling, we're pleased she will be staying in our family of schools and we get to continue to work with her.

Mrs McConnell, our part time Head of School, has been successful at interview and will be starting her new role in September as Co-Headteacher at Mulbarton Primary School. Mrs McConnell has worked with us at

both Drayton and Nightingale and will be greatly missed. We will be sure to have a good send off at the end of term.

Mrs Hutt will continue to be the Partnership Headteacher of both schools and from September, will share her time equally across Nightingale and Drayton. Mrs Boyce will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo at Drayton and we are currently recruiting internally for a Deputy and SENDCo at Nightingale. We will update you further once this recruitment has been completed.

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
92.8 %	**94.6 %**

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

Class photos & Year 2 Leavers' Book permission

We have scheduled **class photos (Friday 12th June)** to be taken for Wagtail, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 on Friday 12th June. In addition, KS1 teachers are currently preparing the **Year 2 Leavers' Book**.

Please contact the school office by **Wednesday 20th May** if your child is not permitted to be included in either the group photos and/or the Leavers' Book photos.

We will get in touch with Wagtail parents soon regarding the arrangement on the photo day.

Classes for September 2026

We are beginning to organise classes for next year. If you have been part of the school in recent years you will know previously, we have had one class per year group. As the school has continued to improve and grow, we have welcomed more children and now have the equivalent of one and a half classes.

In September we welcome more children into reception, moving towards having two classes per year group. We currently have 79 children in total across Reception and Year 1. In September we will have 3 parallel classes of mixed Year 1 and Year 2 children, keeping classes well below 30 but ensuring the model is sustainable financially. This was a structure we had in place in previous years, and we have continued to build our curriculum around this model knowing it was a structure we would return to due to pupil numbers increasing. While we currently have single age classes in Year 1 and Year 2, the children have the same cycle of curriculum with it being adapted up and down to meet the needs of the children.

Due to the current Reception and Year 1 classes being mixed in September, class staff will begin talking to the children about their friends and will organise classes taking this into consideration, ensuring children have at least one of their identified friends in their class.

Menu Change – Thursday 21st May & Friday 22nd May

Please be advised that there will be a change to the lunch menu this week.
On Thursday 21st May, the Friday menu (Fish Fingers) will be served, and on Friday 22nd May, the Thursday menu will be provided instead.

School Council Competition

The school council have been discussing how to celebrate those children who complete their home learning.
We have decided that we will have certificates sent home at the end of each half term.

School council have chosen to have a competition to decide what the certificates look like.

Children have from now until **Fri 5th June** to enter and have to design a certificate.
Entries to be given to Mrs Hipperson (Robin B) or into the office.
The winners will be chosen by School Council on **Mon 8th June** and shared with the school.

We can't wait to see your designs!

REMINDER
Reception Trip Contributions

Contributions via Pupil Asset – Link: secure.pupilasset.com

Thank you for your contributions for the upcoming school trips. Unfortunately, significant number of payments are still outstanding. We would be grateful if you could make your contribution at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much for your support.

Healthy Lunch

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us in promoting healthy eating by providing a balanced packed lunch for your child.

We encourage limiting foods high in sugar, salt, and fat, such as sweets, chocolate bars, etc.

For ideas, please see the following link, which includes a range of healthy lunch recipes and tips.

Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS

Please note that we are a nut-free school. We kindly ask that no nuts or nut-based products (including peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, or cereal bars with nuts) are included in packed lunches to help keep all children safe.

For safety, please ensure food is prepared appropriately. For example, **grapes and similar foods should be cut lengthways** to reduce the risk of choking.

Fire Engine visit for KS1

We are expecting a visit from the local fire brigade on Thursday 21st May as part of KS1's learning about the Great Fire of London.



Request for Spare Clothing Donations

We are kindly requesting donations of spare clothing.

We are currently very short on white T-shirts, polo shirts (for both boys and girls), as well as girls' socks and underwear.

If you are able to help, please drop it off at the school office. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Norse Menu Survey

Our caterer, Norse, would like feedback on school meals menu from parents/carers.
You can access to the online survey form:
Norse Group Spring/Summer Menu Feedback Survey

Rock Steady Music

First Time Free Trial Session available. More information, please contact the Rock Steady Music.



Tennis Camp Half Term



Car Boot Sale



Dates for the diary

May 2026		
Thursday	21.05.2026	KS1 Flock Star of Half Term Assembly
Friday	22.05.2026	Reception Flock Star of Half Term Assembly
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 YR/Y1/Y2 Sports Day (more information to follow)
Wednesday	10.06.2026	4.30-5pm Welcome Parents Information Meeting for the new September Reception
Thursday	11.06.2025	Reception School Trip to Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens
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)
Wednesday	24.06.2026	3.45-4.15pm New September Reception Stay & Play
Friday	26.06.2026	WNDSSP Reception Multi-Skills Festival (12 children only, info to follow)

July 2026		
Wednesday	01.07.2026	3.45-4.15pm New September Reception Stay & Play
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
Monday	13.07.2026	Rock Steady Concert Assembly
Tuesday	14.07.2026	WNDSSP Y1/Y2 Multi-Sports Festival (12 children only, letter to follow)
Tuesday	14.07.2026	Y2 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Wednesday	15.07.2026	Wagtails Graduation 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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