# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
# Weekly Newsletter
# 08.06.2026

Be **F**air
**L**isten and Learn
**O**pen and Honest
**C**are for yourself, each other and the world
**K**eep Trying

Our **FLOCK** Value this week is:

**Listen and learn**

Nightingale Families,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back into school today.

Closure of the school is not a decision we make lightly, and it is always a last resort. Unfortunately, due to health and safety legislation, this was a decision that could not be avoided on this occasion.

Besides one room which is used by Taverham Breakfast and After School Club, the school has one primary source of hot water which was found to not be fully working on Tuesday and required a new part. This part was ordered immediately however due to the age and scale of the equipment, sourcing the part was only possible from the manufacturer, taking 1-2 days.
The site team were in regular contact with the supplier to ensure we kept parents up to date as soon as possible and had an engineer on standby on all closure days, ready to fit it when it arrived.

On Friday morning I met with members of the central team at the trust, along with the school and trust site teams to discuss preventative measures to ensure this does not happen again. Quotes are now being sought to not only replace parts of the aging system, but also to install additional smaller supplies which can feed key areas of the school should there be any fault with the main supply in the future. This would prevent any future disruption.
I had contingency plans in place ready to offer alternative education for most of the school at a different site should the problem have persisted into this week. As I am sure you can appreciate, educating children away from their school site requires a significant amount of planning, risk assessing and organising so wasn't something which could be put into place immediately.

I appreciate this was extremely disruptive to families and the children but thank you for your understanding in what has been a challenging situation for all.

Mrs Sarah Hutt – Partnership Headteacher

## 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 w/c 18th May | Attendance this term |
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| **N/A** | **N/A** |

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

## Staffing Update

As you will be aware, there will be a slight change to the leadership structure across the partnership from September. Mrs McConnell, a Trust Head of School, has been working at both Nightingale and Drayton over the last 2 years but will be leaving at the end of term to take on a new headship outside of the trust.

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Findlay has been successful at interview and will take on the role of Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo at Nightingale from September. Mrs Findlay has worked in the partnership for many years and was previously the Deputy and SENDCo at Drayton before starting a family and returning to Nightingale.

From September, Mrs Hutt will now spend an equal amount of time across both schools, with Mrs Boyce Deputising at Drayton and Mrs Findlay Deputising at Nightingale. Mrs Dobson, who supports our families and is a part of the safeguarding team is increasing her days and will now spend 2 days in each of the schools.

## Local Governing Bodies

Rosemary Kett (Chair or Inclusive Schools Trust) is working with Clarion Corvus (The trust we are merging with) to look at structures of governance from September when the Trusts merge.

Moving forward, each school will have a Local Governing Bodies. These will consist of a maximum of:

- The Partnership Head
- 2x Staff Governors (elected)
- 2x parent Governors (elected)
- 4x Community Governors

We envisage a governor meeting will take place on a half termly basis.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please send an expression of interest to:

officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk

## New Dates: Sports Day & Dance Sessions

We have re-scheduled for the Sports Day and the Dance Sessions. Could children please come in PE kit.

**Dance Sessions - Thursday 18th June -** For Wagtail (only for children attends on Thursday), Reception, Y1 and Y2

**Sports Day – Wednesday 17th June at 9am -** For Reception, Y1 and Y2

## The Librarian Visit for Wagtail Children

The library is visiting Wagtail at Nightingale on **Tuesday 23rd June** in the afternoon. Times to be confirmed in the next few days.

Come and join us for a special story time and activities. There will also be a chance to talk to the specialist Librarian for children about the latest research around reading with your children and ask questions (e.g. how can I read to my child when they won't sit still long enough?).

If your child does not usually attend on Tuesday, you are welcome to bring your child with you to join in the session. The Sign Up form will be available once the start time is confirmed. We will let you know.

## Outdoor Equipment

Please keep your children with you in the mornings, they should not be getting equipment (balls) out of the boxes, playing in the outdoor classroom or on the climbing equipment on the green. This is to keep everyone safe, thank you.

## Donations of clothing

We are kindly asking for donations of spare clothes for use in school. We would especially appreciate:

- Socks
- Underwear
- T-shirts and leggings

All children's sizes are welcome however, we are very short of items in sizes 5 plus. Donations of clean, good-condition clothing help us support children who may need a change of clothes during the school day.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

## Class Photo Friday 12th June – Wagtail, Reception, Year1, Year2

We have not had any parents/carers informed us that their child should not be included in the class photo. If you do not wish your child to take part, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher.

If your child does not usually attend on Friday, you are welcome to bring them in just for the photo session at 9:15am. Please note that you must stay with your child throughout the session.

## Community News






## The Sponsored Colour Run




## Dates for the diary

| June 2026 | | |
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| 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<br><br>Class photos |

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| | | Wagtail class to start at 9.15am |
| Wednesday | 17.06.2026 | Sports Day 9-10am – YR/Y1/Y2<br>After dropping your child, please make your way to the school field |
| Thursday | 18.06.2026 | Dance sessions for Wagtail/YR/Y1/Y2, please could children come in PE kit |
| Wednesday | 24.06.2026 | Reception/Y1/Y2<br>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** | | |
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| 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

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