Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 06.07.2026

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 and kind

Nightingale Families,

We have a busy week this week with transition days on Wednesday and Thursday. The details are as follows and were on the email earlier today with your child's class.

This year we have two transition days. These on Wednesday 8th July and Thursday 9th July. On Wednesday, children should come to school as normal, entering their current classrooms. The children will be taken to their new class by their current teacher. During the day, the children will have an opportunity to explore the classroom, get to know adults and new friends in their class and take part in a range of activities. On Wednesday, you will collect your child from the playground, with children being released by their new teacher with the support of their familiar teaching staff from reception.

On Thursday, the children will wait on the main playground. When the bell is rung, children will line up in their new classes before being taken in by their new teacher. There will be plenty of additional adults around to support this as we know this will be something new to the children and take some time to get used to. At the end of the day, you will again collect your child from the playground.

As new class teams get to know you and your child, they may ask you for your child's password. Please ensure the adult collecting knows the password and we thank you for your patience as we know this can take a little longer than normal.

We know that the children will have two positive days in their new classes.

Please note that Year 2 children will be spending both their days at their new Junior School and we look forward to hearing all about their new adventure when they return on Friday.

Sarah Hutt, Hannah McConnell and the NIANS team

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
94.97 %	**93.44 %**

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

New Class 2026-27 and Transition Days Information Letter

Please be advised that the Letter about your child's new class in September and more information about the Transition Days Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th July has been sent out via Weduc. You should receive the letter in your email as well.

IMPORTANT - Tapestry for Early Years

On Friday 26th June, we will be closing Tapestry for our current Reception cohort. If you would like to keep your child's learning journal as a special memory of their time in Reception, you will be able to download it as a PDF.

Tapestry journals will be available to download until **Monday 6th July**. After this date, all journals will be permanently deleted and will no longer be accessible, so please ensure you download your child's journal before then.

For current Nursery parents, please note that there will not be a usual July monthly update. Instead, we will be sharing lots of summer fun and activities on Tapestry, while also preparing for September by supporting our current Wrens and Wagtails children as they transition into their new rooms. This will help ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

No Mobile Phones



Please be advised that mobile phones are not permitted in the school office reception area or in any area of the school. We kindly ask that all mobile phones are put away before entering.

Free School Meals Changing

Free School Meals (FSM) is changing from September 2026. Please read each point, as this may affect your eligibility.

1. More families are becoming eligible

All households on Universal Credit are becoming eligible, with two tiers of entitlement:

- Targeted: if you earn under £7,400 a year, your children will be entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- Expanded: if you earn above £7,400: your children will be entitled to FSM only

All households who receive other qualifying benefits will also receive Targeted FSM. A full list of qualifying benefits is available on our webpage: www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You will only need to apply once per child.

2. Protected entitlements are ending

Children who were previously assessed as eligible for FSM had their eligibility protected. This meant they could not lose their FSM, even if the household was no longer eligible. These protections are ending in September, meaning some children may lose their existing eligibility. We will contact you to confirm your eligibility before the end of the summer holiday.

3. Annual eligibility rechecks

We will recheck the eligibility of all children on an annual basis. Parents already in receipt of benefits related FSM do not need to reapply, as your eligibility will be rechecked and confirmation of this will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

4. No Recourse to Public Funds

Due to these changes, all households that qualify as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and receive FSM must reapply or you will lose your entitlement.

Questions

If you have any questions following receipt of your updated eligibility, please contact us at: fsm@norfolk.gov.uk

Applying online

www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online via Norfolk Education Online (NEO).

Scan the code or visit the link and click ‘Apply for free school meals’.

Disco



If the weather is not suitable, it will be in the school hall.

Please note there is no separate disco for Y2 children.

Dates for the diary

July 2026		
Tuesday	07.07.2026	Y2 Water Extravaganza
Wednesday	08.07.2026	Transition Day
Thursday	09.07.2026	Transition Day
Friday	10.07.2026	Reception Multi-Skills Festival (12 children only, relevant parents were informed)
Monday	13.07.2026	Rock Steady Concert Assembly
Tuesday	14.07.2026	WNDSSP Y1/Y2 Multi-Sports Festival (12 children only, relevant parents were informed)
Tuesday	14.07.2026	Y2 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Wednesday	15.07.2026	Wagtails Graduation 1.30pm Starting time changed
Wednesday	15.07.2026	YR/Y1/Y2 Disco 3.15pm-4.30pm
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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