Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 14.09.2026

Fair, **F**riendly and **I**nclusive
Listen and Learn and Be Curious
Open, Honest and Respectful
Courageous, Confident and Caring
Keep safe and Be Kind

Our **FLOCK** Value this week is:
Listen and Learn and Be Curious

Dear Families,

We had another great week last week. We have continued with our theme of 'Keeping ourselves safe' and are revisiting our work on PANTS. This is a NSPCC initiative which is taught in schools across the country, helping children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.
You can find out more on our school website or on the NSPCC website following the link below.
Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe | NSPCC

Today we welcomed Mr Makin to our team. Mr Makin is currently undertaking his teacher training and will be based in Chaffinch class with Mrs Hart but will get the opportunity to work across our school, learning from the amazing team at Nightingale.

Unfortunately, it's come to our attention that we have people trespassing on the school site at evenings and weekends. As well as finding broken and misplaced equipment, we have found a number of cigarette butts each morning. Please be assured site checks are in place and have increased, with additional checks of play spaces such as the sand pits. We have notified the local police, have new signage and additional CCTV being installed. If you see or hear anything regarding this, please let us know and report to the local police.

Thank you for your patience and understanding around the changes to school meals while our new boiler has been installed. The team have worked extremely hard to get this done as soon as possible. Following completion over the weekend, we're pleased to say it is now fully up and running and meals and hot water across the school has resumed.

We hope you have a lovely week.

Sarah Hutt and Sarah Findlay and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
97.4 %	**97 %**

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

School Photos for all children – Tuesday 29th September

Individual and sibling school photographs will take place on **Tuesday 29th September**.

We are inviting all children to take part, including our nursery children.

Reception/Y1/Y2 - Both individual and sibling photos will be done during the school hours.

Nursery children - If your child does not normally attend the nursery on a Tuesday, parents are welcome to bring them to school at **9:00am via the school office** for their photograph. Please let the staff know if you would like a sibling photo to be done so we can bring them from the classroom to the school hall.

Geography Photos

As part of our Geography learning this half term, we are thinking about our weather locally and collecting simple data. We would love to have some comparisons and contrasts for our weather data. Therefore, if you went away on holiday over the summer holidays can you please send a photo to the school office titled 'Geography Holiday Photos'. If you have information about what the weather was like when you were there please give this to your child so that they can hand this into their teacher. (A place name and temperature on a note is great!) We will discuss if the weather you experienced is typical of the climate for that country. Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing the adventures that our families had over the summer!

Barn Owl Applications

We have been absolutely amazed by the number of Barn Owl applications we received from our Year 2 children. The dedication, enthusiasm and effort that went into each application was fantastic to see.

Although not everyone will be able to take on the role of a Barn Owl, the quality of the applications has shown us just how keen our children are to take on responsibility and make a difference within our school.

This has inspired us to create even more exciting opportunities and roles for our children to get involved in. So, if your child isn't selected as a Barn Owl, don't worry there will be plenty more opportunities on the horizon!

Watch this space… there are exciting things to come! 🦉 ✨

The successful candidates will find out this Friday 18th during our Celebration Assembly. We can't wait to reveal who our new Barn Owls will be!

Reminder: Mobile Phones on School Site

A gentle reminder to all parents, carers and visitors that mobile phones must not be on show anywhere on the school site.

We have noticed several phones being carried or used by parents, carers and siblings while on school grounds. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children.

For the safety and safeguarding of our pupils, please ensure that phones are always kept safely in your bag or pocket while on school premises and are not carried visibly or used.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep our children safe.

Keeping Our Children Safe

This week and next week, our children have been learning about an important part of keeping themselves safe — the NSPCC Pants Rule. We have been talking about understanding which parts of our bodies are private, that our bodies belong to us, and what to do if something makes us feel uncomfortable or worried. We are encouraging all of our children to speak out and tell a trusted adult if they ever have a worry.

During our KS1 assembly, we also talked about our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). These are the adults in school who have special responsibility for helping to keep children safe and supporting them if they have a concern or worry. Our DSLs wear purple lanyards, so that children can easily recognise them and know who they can go to for help.

We also looked at the different coloured lanyards worn by adults around school:

Purple lanyard – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads, who children can talk to if they have a worry or concern.

Red lanyard – A visitor who has not yet completed all of our safeguarding checks, for example a parent. These adults are always accompanied by a member of staff and are never left alone with children.

Green lanyard – An adult who has completed the required safeguarding checks and is able to work on their own with children.

It has been lovely to see how confidently the children are beginning to understand these important safety messages. We will continue to reinforce them throughout the year so that every child knows who they can talk to and how we help to keep them safe.

Dates for the diary

More information to follow on some events.

September 2026		
29.09.2026	Tuesday	School Photos for all children including nursery – individuals and sibling

November 2026		
02.11.2026	Monday	School re-opens for Autumn 2 term
13.11.2026	Friday	Children in Need
24.11.2026	Tuesday	Parents Evening - Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2
26.11.2026	Thursday	Parents Evening – Wren/Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2

December 2026		
08.12.2026	Tuesday	Reception Nativity
09.12.2026	Wednesday	Reception Nativity
11.12.2026	Friday	Nursery Crafts and Carols in afternoon
14.12.2026	Monday	Story with Santa – Raven and Reception
15.12.2026	Tuesday	Story with Santa – Chaffinch and Swallow
15.12.2026	Tuesday	KS1 Carol Concert at the church
16.12.2026	Wednesday	Story with Santa - Nursery
16.12.2026	Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
18.12.2026	Friday	Last day of Autumn 2 term

January 2027		
05.01.2027	Tuesday	School re-opens for Spring 1 term

14.01. 2027	Thursday	Reception Phonics Cafe for Parents
19.01. 2027	Tuesday	KS1 Maths Cafe for Parents

March 2026		
04.03. 2027	Thursday	World Book Day
25.03. 2027	Thursday	1.30pm-2.30pm Whole school Spring Stay and Play (Easter bonnet making)
25.03. 2027	Thursday	Last day of Spring 2 term

April 2026		
13.04. 2027	Tuesday	School re-opens for Summer 1 term
27.04. 2027	Tuesday	Whole school Parents Evening
29.04. 2027	Thursday	Whole school Parents Evening

May 2026		
11.05.2027	Tuesday	Reception Parents Story Cafe
24.05.2027	Monday	Reception Vision and Hearing Screening
25.05.2027	Tuesday	Reception Vision and Hearing Screening (if needed)
28.05.2027	Friday	Last day of Summer 1 term

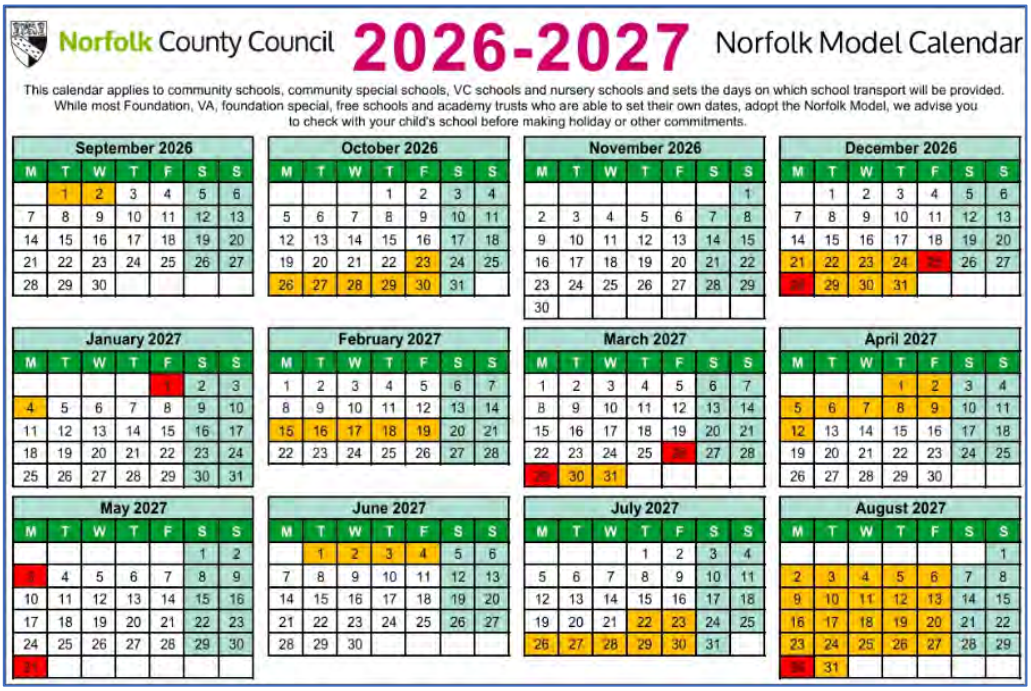
June 2026		
07.06. 2027	Monday	School re-opens for Summer 2 term

W/C 07.06.2027		Health and Wellbeing/ Sports Week
09.06.2027	Wednesday	KS1 Sports Day Nursery – Summer Stay and Play in afternoon
22.06.2027	Tuesday	Reception Maths Cafe

July 2026		
07.07.2027	Wednesday	Transition Day
08.07.2026	Thursday	Transition Day
09.07.2027	Friday	Y2 Water Extravaganza
14.06.2027	Wednesday	Y2 Leavers Disco
20.07.2027	Tuesday	Y2 Leavers Assembly
21.07.2026	Wednesday	2pm Graduation Wagtails
21.07.2027	Wednesday	Last day of Summer 2 term, closed 3.15pm for summer holidays

Term dates

Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday



Norfolk County Council **2026-2027** Norfolk Model Calendar

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