Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
28.09.2026

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,

This week, we are focusing on our value: Courageous, Confident and Caring. We are encouraging the children to show courage in trying new things, confidence in themselves and their abilities, and care for others and our school community.

A reminder that during our Friday FLOCK assemblies, we love to celebrate our children and their achievements outside of school. Whether your child has achieved something in sport, music, dance, a club, a competition or has learned a new skill, we would love to hear about it. Please bring in or share any achievements with us so that we can celebrate them with the children in our assembly.

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
96.8 %	**96.8 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above

Attendance Matters

Last week during assembly, Mrs Dobson spoke to the children in an age appropriate was about the importance of attending school every day. The children worked together on a puzzle and shared some of the things they enjoy most about school, including learning, seeing their friends and taking part in different

activities. It was lovely to hear their enthusiasm and to talk about how regular attendance helps them make the most of every school day.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance. It makes a real difference to children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging in school.

Lunch Menu change this week

Please be advised that we will be swapping Thursday's and Friday's lunch menus this week.

Thursday 1st October – Fish fingers (Friday menu)

Friday 2nd October – Chicken Taco (Thursday menu)

Please see the menu for other options.



Nut-Free Pesto

A reminder that, due to allergies, any pesto brought into school must be nut free. Please check the ingredients carefully when purchasing pesto for your child.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

Spare Bookbags

If you have any school bookbags at home that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school. We are always in need of spare bookbags for children who may forget theirs or need a replacement.

Thank you for your continued support!

Reading for Pleasure Display



We are creating a display in the school library celebrating our children's love of reading. Please email the school office photos of your children reading/with their favourite book in their favourite place to read, whether that is on the sofa, in a den, in the garden, at the beach etc.

We look forward to seeing your photos and thank you in advance.

Contacts and collection arrangements

Keeping Children Safe at Collection Time

To help keep children safe, the school has procedures for the collection of children at the end of the day.

Children will normally be released to a parent/carer or to an adult listed on their pupil record. Where an adult is listed but not known to staff, they may be asked to provide the child's collection password before the child is released.

If someone who is not listed on the pupil record needs to collect your child, please let the school know in advance and ensure they know your child's collection password.

Please note that knowing a child's password alone does not authorise someone to collect them. If the person collecting is not listed on your child's record, the school must be informed in advance by a parent/carer.

Your Child's Contacts

We recommend that every child has at least three contacts recorded with the school wherever possible.

If a family member, friend or other trusted adult regularly or frequently collects your child, please ensure they are added to your child's contact list. This helps us keep collection arrangements safe and avoids any delays at collection time.

If you need to update your child's contacts, or wish to check who is currently listed, please contact the school office.

Open Day for Reception September 2027



SEND event


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MAKING SENSE OF SEND
Making Sense of
SEND
In person, free, friendly information and support about SEND for families and professionals.
Saturday 3 October 2026,
11.30am-1.30pm at
Hellesdon Community Centre, NR6 5SR
Are you looking for support for your child /young person with SEND and your family?
Listen to an expert-led talk
A chance to give feedback and be heard by the Education Health Care Plan (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.
No need to book - please just come along.
Find out more:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos
Norfolk County Council

Infant Feeding Peer Support Volunteers

Norfolk Healthy Child Service

Supporting every child, young person and family in Norfolk to flourish

NHS



Are you interested in Volunteering?

We are recruiting Infant Feeding Peer Support Volunteers in Norfolk!

Our Infant feeding peer support volunteers will give valuable emotional and practical infant feeding support.

If you are passionate about Infant Feeding and would like to support Norfolk families on their feeding journey – get in touch.



For more details and to apply:
https://bttr.im/0dlzo

Questions? Contact:
eec.volunteers@nhs.net

To apply, scan the QR Code



Local football Club



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

October 2026		
21.10.2026	Thursday	Reception The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

November 2026		
02.11.2026	Monday	School re-opens for Autumn 2 term
04.11.2026	Wednesday	YR/Y1/Y2 flu vaccination
13.11.2026	Friday	Children in Need
17.11.2026	Tuesday	YR/Y1/Y2 flu vaccination (catch up in needed)
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

More dates 2027 to come once confirmed.

Term dates

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

Norfolk County Council 2027-2028 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

September 2027

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