Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 12.10.2026

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:
Fair, **F**riendly and **I**nclusive

Dear Families,

Last week in our safeguarding assembly, we focused on last week's value, "Keep Safe." We recapped how to identify our trusted adults in school and discussed the many ways we can keep ourselves safe during the school day.

We also explored who helps to keep us safe outside of school, including parents, carers, family members, police officers, doctors and other trusted adults in our community. The children shared lots of thoughtful ideas and demonstrated a good understanding of who they can go to if they need help or support.

We reminded the children if something is worrying you, it is important to Speak Out and Stay Safe by talking to a trusted adult. We are very proud of how sensibly and maturely the children engaged in these important discussions.

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
95.2 %	**96.6 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above

PE Kit

Please can children wear PE kit to school on their class PE days and if they are attending an after-school PE club e.g. tennis. PE kit should include sports trainers (not Converse or plimsols) and no hoodies please. Thank you.

Reminder to Nursery Parents/Carers

Please note that late arrival or collection will incur a £5 fee for every 15 minutes. Medical appointments should be advised in advance and will not be charged for late arrival.

For further information please see Nursery Admission Policy:

NIANS-Nursery-Admissions-Policy-2025-2026.pdf

Separated Parents Policy

Our Separated Parents Policy is available to see on our school website.

Separated Parents Policy.pdf - Google Drive

School photos ready to view

The School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost, please contact the school office.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **20th October 2026.**

Reminder for holiday photos

Thank you to those families that have emailed the office with a holiday photo. We still need a few more photos, so please send in any that you have from the summer holidays. It would be lovely if each child could have their own photo in their Geography book. (It does not need to be abroad, places in the UK are great too!)

Thank you.

Eco-School Committee

The children had an assembly last week about our school aiming to become an **Eco-School**. The first step of this is for us to have an **Eco-Committee**. If your child is interested in joining this team and having one of these roles of responsibility, then please can they write a paragraph about why they want to be considered.
We will be choosing projects together to tackle. For example, to protect our local environment, consider our school's energy usage and waste, thinking about how to tackle pollution etc.

Please hand any applications to Mrs Turner (or your child's teacher to pass onto Mrs Turner).

Thank you.

Barn Owls

You may have noticed that our Barn Owl children are now wearing rainbow lanyards around school.

If your child is ever struggling to find their friends, feels unsure about who to play with, or would like some help joining in a game, please encourage them to look for a child wearing a rainbow lanyard. Our Barn Owls will be happy to help them feel included and have fun.

Nursery children: We are very excited that each lunchtime, two Barn Owls will be coming down to play with Nursery children alongside the Nursery team.

This is an important role as it helps to build children's confidence, friendships and sense of belonging across the school. It encourages kindness, responsibility and leadership in our Barn Owls while supporting younger children to feel safe, happy and included during playtimes. We are very proud of the care and enthusiasm our Barn Owls are showing in taking on this special responsibility.

Reading Leader and Playtime Leaders

You will be meeting with Mrs Findlay on Friday at 12:30 in the library after lunch.

Reading for Pleasure Display

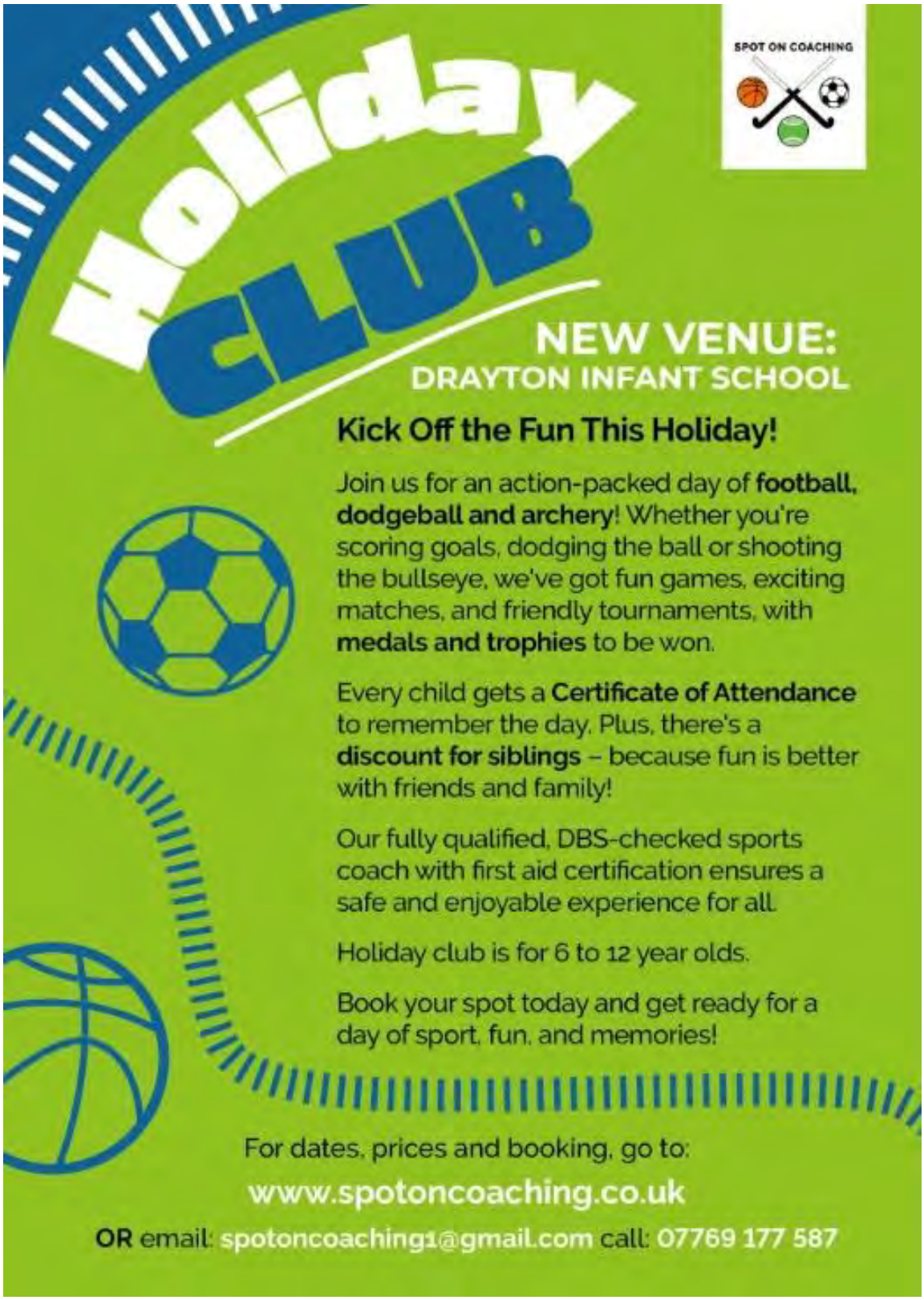
We are creating a display in the school library celebrating our children's love of reading. Please email the school office photos of your children reading/with their favourite book in their favourite place to read, whether that is on the sofa, in a den, in the garden, at the beach etc.

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



October Half Term Sports Activities

Nicky from Spot On Coaching, who runs our Wednesday after-school club, will be running sports activity sessions at Drayton Community Infant School during the October half-term.
If you wish to sign your child up, please contact Nicky.



Open Day for Reception September 2027



Dates for the diary

More information to follow on some events.

October 2026		
21.10.2026	Wednesday	Reception The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
22.10.2026	Thursday	School closes 3.15pm for Half Term

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- wear something spotty or brightly coloured
16.11.2026	Monday	Children wear odd socks (with normal uniform) to launch antibullying week.
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.

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