Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 23.11.2026

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:
Open, Honest and Respectful

Dear Families,

Last week was all about being kind and celebrating difference as part of national Anti-Bullying Week. We started the week wearing our odd socks and had assemblies and lessons thinking about the importance of being kind and the impact it can have on us and other when we're not.

As you may be aware, there is a nasty viral 'bug' doing the round which has impacted both staff and children. There have been days where staffing has been a challenge so thank you for your understanding and patience if things look a little different some days and/or if things change at the last minute.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our much-loved cleaner Kat, at the end of term. Kat has been a member of Nightingale for a while and is a much-valued member of our team. In the next couple of days an advert will go live for this position. The position is for 3 hours a day, Monday to Friday, working either 6am-9am or 2.30pm-5.30pm. Job shares would be considered. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Quinn in the office.

Have a great week.

Sarah Hutt and Sarah Findlay and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
93.34 %	**95 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%

Reception Nativity Play

Tuesday 8th December 9.30am & Wednesday 9th December 2pm

Reception children have come home with tickets for their Christmas Nativity today. Due to the capacity of the school hall, and in order to accommodate everyone safely, we have included two adult tickets per pupil, one ticket for each performance. We kindly ask that only adults attend the performance, please contact the school office if you need us to accommodate a younger sibling.

Tickets may be swapped with other parents so 2 adults can attend either Tuesday or Wednesday , or any tickets that are not required can be returned to the school office for parents wishing to exchange.

On the performance days, we will collect the tickets at the entrance when parents are coming in. Please ensure you have the ticket/s with the correct date on.



Christmas Lunch Order by Tuesday 1st December

On Christmas Lunch Day Wednesday 16th December, only meals provided are **Turkey**, **Vegetable Wellington** or **Jacket potatoes**. No sandwiches or pasta are available.

Please log in to Pupil Asset and select meal for your child by **Tuesday 1st December** for the kitchen to organise.

Option 1 for Turkey, Option 2 for Vegetarian Wellington. Please see allergen information at the bottom of the poster.


GROW WITH US
NOURISH
CHRISTMAS MENU
Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings
1,3,6
Yuletide Vegetable Wellington 1 VG
Peas & Carrots
Brussel Sprouts
Roast Potatoes
Elf's Chocolate Cake 1,3 VG
Fruit Pot VG
Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Christmas Raffle

You should already have received your child's Christmas card designs to place orders — the online shop has now reopened until 30th November for both schools, so there's still time to make any last-minute Christmas purchases!

Our next big event is a Christmas Raffle. Raffle books and further information on dates will be sent out in the next couple of days.

Sugar Appeal

Once again this year, we are supporting local shelters by collecting donations of sugar. If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful for your support. Thank you very much.

Christmas School Sugar Collection

Help our LOCAL shelters support the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia

Dear Headteacher,

Last year we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of collecting sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk. Once again, we will be continuing this much needed support for Shelters and for families in crisis. Over recent years we have been successful with our Christmas sugar collections with more than 80 schools, collecting over 5,500 bags of sugar each year.

We appreciate how busy schools are in the weeks prior to Christmas, and therefore we aim to keep your efforts to support our Sugar Appeal to a minimum. On our website, listed below, you can find template letters to parents and posters for downloading to publicise the event. You just need to ask the children to bring in the sugar and to store it until we collect it at an agreed collection date. It couldn't be easier !!

- Sugar for Shelters works together with a NORFOLK farm based Christmas food charity (BEFA) founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, to collect sugar from schools.
- The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) provides the food for more than 10,000 Christmas dinners of which our sugar is an important part.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Last year we collected nearly 6 tonnes of sugar, every bit of which was needed!
- Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless.
- Sugar is an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes.
- Collecting sugar is simple, affordable and helps children focus on the Christmas spirit of giving.
- If collecting sugar at Christmas doesn't work for you there are other ways you can help BEFA. Some schools choose to donate tea, coffee, biscuits or festive packaged foods. Others, usually with older students, historically collected food or money for us from events such as Harvest Festivals, Christmas Parties, Discos, or 'Non-Uniform Days'. The funds raised were used to buy special Christmas foods for the homeless and needy in local shelters.

One of our volunteers will be in contact with you in the next week to discuss if you are able to support us and, if so, how together we can manage your school's collection of sugar.

Should you have any queries, or would like to know more please contact us at Sugar for Shelters.

E-mail helen-lamb@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Home 01508 492224 Mob 07850 884498

Our website: www.befafoodappeal.co.uk

We look forward to working together for Christmas 2026.

Helen Lamb

Coordinator, Sugar for Shelters



BEFA Registered Charity Number 1066578

Other information



GIVE A DOG A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!



I am Nevaeh, and I am 7 years old! I am trying to make Christmas extra special this year for dogs in need!

HILLSIDE ANIMAL SANCTUARY Dog Rescue

I am organising a BIG Christmas collection for Hillside Dog Rescue.
Some dogs have ben neglected, abandoned or hurt. They need lots of love, care and support for their forever homes.
There are puppies, old dogs, big dogs, small dogs.
Every dog deserves a happy Christmas!

WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

We would be very grateful for any of these
Dog Food (Wet and Dry/Treats)
Towels (Lots of old towels)
Blankets (No pillows)
Toys (No animal bones)
Every little donation makes a BIG difference!

Drop off Info

Please bring any items that you wish to donate to the main school office before the by Friday the 11th of December.

TIME FOR A DOG JOKE

What do dogs say when they open their Christmas present – WOW, that's Pawsome!

Did you know?

1. Amaeing noses! Dogs can smell things humans can't!
2. Super hearing! Dogs can hear sounds we can't!
3. Tail talk! Dogs use their tails and ears to show how they feel.
4. Unique noses! Every dog's nose print is different, just like our fingerprints!

Thank You!
Please help me make tails wag this Christmas!
Every donation, big or small, will help make life better for a dog waiting for their forever home!
Love from Nevaeh, and all the dogs at [illegible]

Dates for the diary

More information to follow on some events.

November 2026		
24.11.2026	Tuesday	Parents Evening - Reception/Y1/Y2 **UPDATED**
26.11.2026	Thursday	Parents Evening – Reception/Y1/Y2 **UPDATED**

December 2026		
02.12.2026	Wednesday	KS1 visiting Taverham Mill Swallow 9.10am, Raven 10.10, Chaffinch 1.10pm **UPDATED**
08.12.2026	Tuesday	Reception Nativity 9.30-10.30am **UPDATED**
09.12.2026	Wednesday	Story with Santa – Nursery
09.12.2026	Wednesday	Reception Nativity 2-3pm **UPDATED**
11.12.2026	Friday	Nursery Crafts and Carols 2.15pm **UPDATED**
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 2pm **UPDATED**
16.12.2026	Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
18.12.2026	Friday	Last day of Autumn 2 term

January 2027		
28.01.2027	Thursday	Reception- Visit to Taverham Mill

February 2027		
05.02.2027	Friday	Number Day (Details to follow)
25.01.2026	Thursday	KS1- Visit to Taverham Mill

More dates 2027 to come once confirmed.

Term dates

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



