Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 02.11.2026

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,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their adventures over the holiday.

This week, our learning will focus on Bonfire Night and fire safety. The children will be learning about the importance of staying safe around fireworks, bonfires and sparklers. Through discussions, stories and activities, we will explore simple ways to keep ourselves and others safe during celebrations and understand what to do in an emergency.

We are also delighted to be welcoming the Fire Brigade into school on 5th November, where they will lead a special assembly for the children. They will talk about the important role firefighters play in our community and share key fire safety messages in an engaging and age appropriate way.

As always, please continue to reinforce these important safety messages at home, particularly if you are attending any Bonfire Night celebrations.

We look forward to a busy and exciting week of learning.

Sarah Hutt and Sarah Findlay and the NIANS Team

Attendance



Attendance – Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Attendance last week	Attendance this term
94.7 %	**96.3 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

At Nightingale Infant and Nursery School, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and respectful environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive. As part of this commitment, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week the week commencing the 16th of November.

Throughout the week, children will participate in a range of age-appropriate activities designed to help them understand the importance of kindness, respect, friendship and inclusion. Learning will be carefully adapted for each year group and will focus on:

- Celebrating our differences and recognising what makes us unique.
- Understanding the qualities of a good friend.
- Exploring how words and actions can affect others.
- Learning how to seek help if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
- Understanding the importance of showing kindness, respect and empathy.
- Developing confidence to speak to a trusted adult if something is concerning them.

We will begin the week with **Odd Socks Day on 16th November**. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks with their usual school uniform. This is a fun way to celebrate individuality and remind us that we are all unique and that our differences should be valued and respected.

For our younger children in Nursery and Reception, activities will focus on friendship, feelings and kindness through stories, role play and discussion. In Key Stage 1, children will build upon this learning by exploring respectful relationships, inclusion and the difference between friendship difficulties, unkind behaviour and bullying.

As part of the Year 2 curriculum, children will also revisit learning around online safety and respectful behaviour online, helping them understand how to stay safe and kind in digital spaces.

At the end of the week, we will come together to celebrate the children's learning and reinforce our whole-school message that everyone belongs and deserves to feel safe, happy and respected.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home by talking to your child about what it means to be a good friend, how we can show kindness to others and why our differences make us special.

Useful Support and Information for Parents and Carers

The following websites offer information and advice for families on bullying, friendships, wellbeing and online safety:

- Anti-Bullying Alliance – www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk
- NSPCC – www.nspcc.org.uk
- Childnet – www.childnet.com
- UK Safer Internet Centre – www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Kidscape – www.kidscape.org.uk

If you have any concerns about your child's friendships, wellbeing or behaviour, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or a member of the safeguarding team. We are always here to help and work alongside families to support our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Picture Menu

Picture menu will be available to view on school website shortly.

School Lunches – Nightingale Infant & Nursery School

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

We will be taking part in **Children in Need** on Friday 13th November. Children are welcome to wear something spotty or brightly coloured clothes on this day.

If you wish to donate, please use the link below. Thank you for your support.

Kelly Davy is fundraising for BBC Children in Need



Christmas Cards

Christmas card designs and order information will be sent home early this week.

Please use the information provided on the order form to place your orders as soon as possible. Orders will be delivered to the school closer to Christmas and distributed accordingly.

If soft toys are ordered, they will be kept in the school office for collection, as we know they may be intended as gifts for the children.

New procedures – How to Report Absence and Leave of Absence Requests

Absence Reporting

With immediate effect, absences can no longer be reported using the school voicemail system.

We ask that all absences are reported through Weduc wherever possible.

If you are unable to access Weduc, you may report your child's absence by emailing the school office or by telephoning the school and speaking directly with a member of the office team.

Please be aware that absence notifications can only be accepted from a parent/carer or other authorised contact whose details are recorded on the child's file. If an email or telephone call is received from someone who is not listed as an authorised contact, we will need to contact the child's parent(s)/carer(s) to verify the absence before it can be recorded.

Our IT team are currently removing the voicemail option from the school's telephone system. As a result, absence messages left on voicemail will not be monitored and may result in your child's absence not being recorded.

Leave of Absence Request Form

Leave of Absence requests can now only be made using a Leave of Absence Request Form.

Paper copies of the form are available from the school office. If you are unable to collect a form in person, you may contact the office and request that a copy is sent home in your child's book bag. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from the school website, printed and completed at home (Attendance – Nightingale Infant & Nursery School)

Completed forms can be returned to the school office or handed directly to a member of staff on the gate at the start of the school day.

Please note that requests made by email, telephone or conversation cannot be accepted and must be submitted using the official Leave of Absence Request Form.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records and ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils.

School Phots

School photos are going home this week. If you have placed an order but you don't receive it in the next few days, please check with the class teacher.

Open Day for Reception September 2027



Dates for the diary

More information to follow on some events.

November 2026		
02.11.2026	Monday	School re-opens for Autumn 2 term
04.11.2026	Wednesday	YR/Y1/Y2 flu vaccination
05.11.2026	Thursday	Fire safety assembly with the fire brigade
11.11.2026	Wednesday	YR visiting Taverham Mill
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)
18.11.2026	Wednesday	9-9.40am KS1 Phonics Cafe for parents – Please go to the school hall after drop off
24.11.2026	Tuesday	Parents Evening - Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2
26.11.2026	Thursday	Parents Evening – Wren/Wagtail/Reception/Y1/Y2

December 2026		
02.12.2026	Wednesday	KS1 visiting Taverham Mill
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

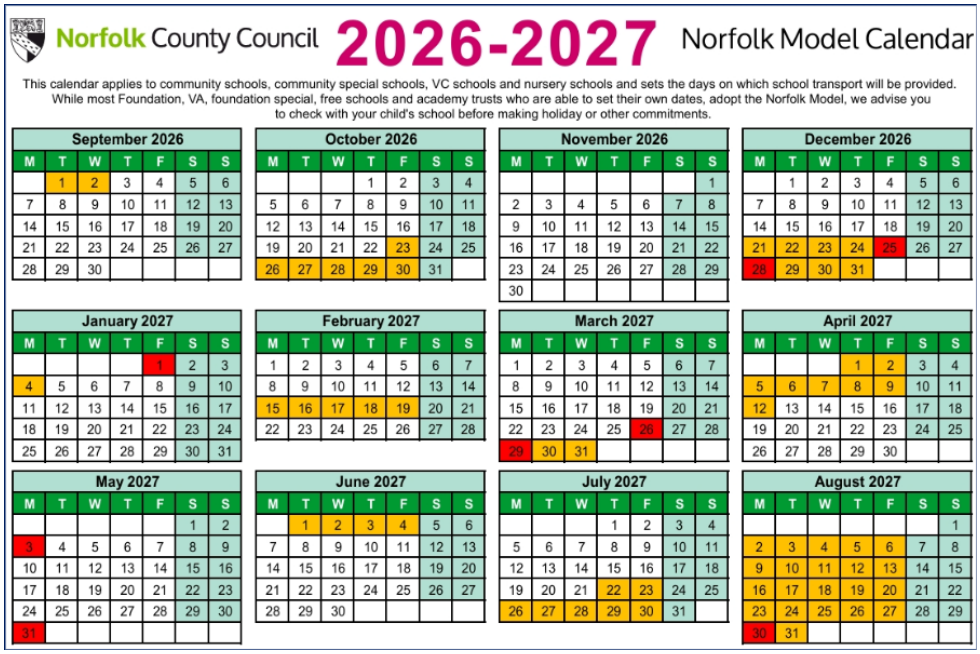
January 2027		
28.01.2027	Thursday	Reception- Visit to Taverham Mill

February 2027		
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



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

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