Nightingale Infant and Nursery School
Weekly Newsletter
09.11.2026

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 had a busy but wonderful week at Nightingale last week. On Wednesday we welcomed two leaders from our trust who carried out a full review of the curriculum, quality of teaching and learning and leadership at Nightingale. Discussions took place with senior leaders, subject leaders, class teachers and a range of children.
While we are awaiting a report, the feedback was extremely positive. The trust leaders left saying it was a joy and a privilege to be at Nightingale, seeing the high quality of education being delivered. Later this term we will share some of the key areas for school improvement we are working on this year along with elements of the report from this audit.

On Thursday we welcomed the Wensum Hub into school who completed an audit on everything literacy in our early years. Again, it was a pleasure and highlighted the many improvements we've made in recent years along with giving us some helpful next steps, in particular, how we can continue to enhance our assessment and provision to support speech and language development.

A polite reminder – with winter well and truly arriving, please ensure your child has a warm coat on and in school daily.

Lastly, on Wednesday afternoon we have our information meeting for perspective parents of children starting school in September 2027. This is for new parents only however if you have a sibling starting you are of course welcome to attend if you would find it useful. It is in the hall at 5pm and will be hosted by Sarah Hutt and Sarah Findlay for a short talk about our school followed by tours of the school with our teachers. This event is aimed at adults and is not for children. The same event is being held at Drayton Infants tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4pm.

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
94 %	**96 %**

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%

Parents Evening Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th November

Booking portal on Pupil Asset for Parents Evening is open. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please visit the link below.

LInk: **SchoolCloud - Nightingale Infant School**

Please note **only one appointment slot per pupil** can be booked.

Nursery children

Parents Evening for Nursery children will be in Spring term. We will inform when the booking portal is ready for parents.

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



For Year 2 parents - Transfer to Junior School Admission

Norfolk County Council

Children's Services
Admissions Section
County Hall
Norwich
NR1 2DH

Transfer to Junior School: September 2027

Information for parents and carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is due to transfer to junior school in September 2027. It is now time to make your application for a school place. This guide explains when to apply, how to apply, and the key points to consider before choosing your school preferences.

Important dates

Date	What happens
6 November 2026	Parents can start applying online or request an application form from our Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.
15 January 2027	**Closing date for applications.** Late applications have lower priority than on-time applications.
16 April 2027	**National Offer Day.** School place decisions are made available online during the day for online applicants. Letters are sent by second class post to paper applicants.
26 May 2027	Closing date for parents to appeal against any refusal to admit to a preferred school.
June/July 2027	Appeals heard by Independent Appeal Panels.

Apply by 15 January 2027

Apply online at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk Alternatively, you can contact our Customer Services Centre to request a paper application form. Whichever method you use, it is important that you make your application by the 15 January 2027. Please note that you should only submit either an online or a paper application – not both. Late applications have a lower priority than on-time applications.

Before you apply

- You may state up to **four** school preferences.
- **You are advised to consider the feeder junior school**, but you must also consider transport implications if this is not your local school.
- **You must apply even if you are applying for your catchment school**
- **You must apply even if you have another child currently attending your preferred school.**
- **If you are applying for a place at a primary school you will need to complete a paper application form**, which can be sent to you on following an email or telephone request.
- Children in their last year at an infant school who are due to transfer have a higher priority than all other applicants for junior school places in Norfolk.
- There is not normally a point of admission to Year 3 at primary schools.

Choosing schools and checking transport

- **Find nearest schools** by entering your postcode at https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/schoolfinder. All schools will be listed, regardless of phase, and your nearest school may not always be your catchment school.

- **Check catchment schools** at www.norfolk.gov.uk/whereilive by selecting School Catchments 2027/28, entering your postcode and selecting your address. Not all schools have defined catchment areas, and not all give priority based on catchment.
- **We cannot reserve places at your catchment school or at the feeder junior school. Please check the individual rules used to allocate places at your preferred school or schools.** This admission criteria information is available at https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/schoolfinder/ and on individual school websites.
- **If your home address is in Norfolk and you wish to apply for a school outside Norfolk**, include it on your Norfolk application and we will co-ordinate the request for you.
- **If your child attends a Norfolk school but your home address is outside Norfolk**, you must apply through your home county council by their closing date, including any Norfolk schools on that county council's application. For neighbouring County Councils:
  - Cambridgeshire - Tel: 0345 045 1370. Webpage: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
  - Lincolnshire - Tel: 01522 782030. Webpage: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions
  - Suffolk - Tel: 0345 600 0981. Webpage: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools
- **Some academies, foundation schools, free schools and voluntary aided schools offer limited places on specialist or faith grounds.** Check with the school whether a supplementary information form, test or audition is needed and make sure any required information is provided to the school before **15 January 2026**.
- Additional information in support of preferences can only be considered where it confirms one of the school's stated over-subscription rules.
- **You are encouraged to read the admission rules** in the "Parent's Guide to admissions to schools in Norfolk 2027/28". This information is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38200/Choosing-a-school.
- **You can attend individual school open days or evenings** and obtain a copy of the school brochure from the school or its website.
- **Consider school transport** when making your application. Free transport is only provided to your nearest or nearest catchment school, subject to distance criteria. Information is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/schooltransport.

Address details and changes after applying

- **If your address has recently changed,** use your new address when you apply. We may ask you to provide proof of your move.
- **If an incorrect address is given,** any offer of a school place will be withdrawn.
- **After you submit an online application, any changes to your address or preferences must be sent to us by email or post. Do not submit a new online application.**

Other important information

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan
If your child holds an Education, Health and Care Plan, this will be reviewed shortly to recognise that your child is moving to Junior school. You will have been sent a form by the Education, Health and Care Plan Co-ordinator which you should complete and return. **You should not complete an application for the Admissions Team.**

Adopted children and children in the care of a Local Authority
Schools must give highest priority to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including children who appear to have been in state care outside England. Previously looked after children are those who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

Further help

For further help, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions, email admissions@norfolk.gov.uk or call 0344 800 8020.

Christmas Lunch Order by 1st December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch is on **Wednesday 16th December**.

Please log in to your Pupil Asset and select your child's Christmas lunch by **Tuesday 1st December**.

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


GROW WITH US
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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

Helpers – Taverham Mill KS 1 visit Wednesday 2nd December

Year 1 and Year 2 children are visiting Taverham Mill on Wednesday 2nd December. If you can help accompanying your child's class, please put your name down using the link below:

Taverham Mill Visit Parents/Carers Volunteers – Fill in form

Swallow 9.10am
Raven 10.10am
Chaffinch 1.10am

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.

Curriculum Information and Home Learning

We are pleased to let you know that you can find out all about what your child will be learning throughout the year by viewing our curriculum long-term plans on the school website.

KS1 Parents/carers (Years 1 and 2)

Our long-term plans provide an overview of learning across the year. Each term, we will add hyperlinks so that you can click on individual subjects to find out more detailed information about what your child will be learning. These pages will also link directly to home learning activities for each half term.

You can access the KS1 curriculum here:

KS1 Curriculum

Please note that on some devices you may need to download the document for all hyperlinks to work correctly.

EYFS Parents/carers (Nursery and Reception)

You will continue to receive regular updates about your child's learning through Tapestry. However, you can also find more information about our EYFS curriculum on the website here:

EYFS Curriculum

We always welcome feedback and are continually striving to provide families with clear, informative and up-to-date information about their child's learning. Please bear with us while some areas of the website are being updated and enhanced over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Open Day for Reception September 2027



Other information



FUN RUN
with Santa!

A fun, festive run with stickers for every lap!

1. Be part of the Guard of Honour to welcome Santa himself!
2. Help us do a big Wake Up with Santa
3. Then... it's time to toddle, run, jog or skip for 20 minutes!

Once the running is done, head to the podium to collect your medal from Santa himself!

🎅 Dress festive! But no Santa suits... there's only one real Santa!



Saturday 12th December at 2pm

UEA Sportspark Athletics Track

£15 1 Adult and 1 Child
£25 2 Adults and 2 Children
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The Free School

Wymondham College Prep





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DISCOVERY AFTERNOON

YEAR 3 TASTER

20 NOVEMBER | 2.30PM - 4.30PM

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

To register, click the link below:
langleyschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days/open-event-registration/

Langley Prep School
Taverham, Norwich,
Norfolk, NR8 6HU

Dates for the diary

More information to follow on some events.

November 2026		
11.11.2026	Wednesday	YR visiting Taverham Mill Robin A 9.10-10.50am, Robin B 10.10-10.50 **UPDATED**
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 - 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 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 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		
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



