



# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 27.01.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

#### Parent Survey

You should have received a copy of the summary from our recent parent survey this week. You can also find this on our school website under the parent voice tab – link below.

[Parent Voice – Nightingale Infant & Nursery School](#)

#### Industrial Action – NEU Teachers

Following on from my letter this week, the status of our opening remains the same. Nightingale will be closed to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The nursery and after school club will remain open as normal. If your child's class is closed but you require childcare between 3.10-5.30, please contact the after-school club team. The team are grateful for the messages of support received from parents.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

### FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK – Open and Honest





## Phonics Big Share

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Put it in your diary – Phonics Big Share

9:00 Upstairs – Swallow Raven and Chaffinch

2:30 Downstairs – Kingfisher

You will be able to join your child's phonic or SPAG (spelling punctuation and grammar) lesson

## 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson, our family liaison advisor, oversees and is able to support with attendance matters, routines and behaviour, family support or is always happy to listen and support with any concerns you or your child may have. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her please contact her directly on the email address below.

[Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk)

### A visit from the fire service

On Thursday we had a very exciting visit from the Norfolk Fire Service. We had an assembly in the hall where we saw the special protective kit and clothing firefighters have to wear, and we saw some of the tools kept on a fire engine and talked through what they do. The children heard the fire engine's siren and horn, and listened to what a smoke alarm sounds like. We hope all of the children really enjoyed the experience – some of them are now inspired to join the fire service themselves!



PSHE:  
 People who keep us safe  
 Jobs that people do  
 Fire safety

We learned that:  
 Firefighters do more than put out fires.'  
 'We must never go back into a place that's on fire, even for pets.'  
 'If we see a fire, we find a grownup and phone 999 for help.'  
 'Every home should have a smoke alarm.'



**Nuthatch Nursery – ‘Friends of Nightingale’ Valentine’s Party**

The Friends wanted to make parents aware of a change of plans regarding the arrangements for the Nursery children and the forthcoming Valentine’s Party on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go ahead as planned and communicated in the letter issued this week.

Nuthatch will have a ‘mini-disco’ within their normal session starting at 2.30pm. There will be no charge for this, the children can bring a change of ‘party clothes’ in a named bag and the ‘Friends will still be providing a drink and a snack. The session will be open to all Nuthatch children who wish to attend and the Nursery staff will publish details on Tapestry for the Nuthatch parents to confirm attendance.

We understand some parents have questioned why the Nursery are running a separate event on this occasion. Please be aware that we are doing this to ensure our youngest children have an enjoyable experience with their most familiar adults.

## Family Forum



Family Forum met this week. The minutes will be available next week.

The Family Forum discussed this Newsletter – is it easy to read ?

Do you check the dates?? Is it too long? If you have any thoughts you would like to share please see your class rep.

Raven – Natalie Gross and Naila Ali

Swallow – Catherine Cavender and Deborah Chaplin

Kingfisher – Hannah Russell

If you would like to represent your Nuthatch or Chaffinch please let the office know.

## Playground Behaviours

Can we please remind parents that Reception and KS1 children should aim to arrive and come onto the school site between 8.45 and 8.50. School and personal balls and school play equipment should **NOT** be used during this time. This also applies to parents and older siblings.

## Half Term Community Activities

### Tots2Teens

Booking lines for the Tots2Teens activities taking place in the February half term are open. Details of planned sessions can be found [here](#),

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun funded places are not available in half terms, however families who are in receipt of means-tested benefits from Broadland District Council are entitled to a 50% reduction on the advertised cost of the sessions. Families need to get in touch on 01603 430525 or [t2t@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:t2t@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk) to get this discount applied to their membership. A snack will be provided for all children during February half term, they do each need to bring a packed lunch and refillable drink bottle with them

Attached are posters for sessions that are nearby.





**TECHNOLOGY: Robots and puzzles**

**Carrowbreck House, Hellesdon**

**Friday 17 February, 10am – 3pm**

**8 - 16 years**

**£31**

In partnership with Laboratory Media Education. A day of controlling robots and solving puzzles. In teams, pairs and individually, work your way through a sequence of challenges. Some using technology, some not, some together and some on your own. Guide virtual and real robots through an assortment of tasks, have fun as you stretch your mind!

For children living or attending school in the Broadland District Council area

**BOOK ONLINE**  
[www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t](http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t)  
 or on the telephone: 01603 430525  
 Healthy snacks provided for each child.





**FUN ZONE with St Valentine and friendship crafts workshop**

**Drayton Village Hall**

**Monday 13 February, 9:30am – 3:30pm**

**5 - 12 years**

**£20.70**

Ahead of Valentine's Day, come along and make love and friendship themed crafts that you can give to a special friend, loved one, or family member. As well as taking part in this activity, children will be able to play with games, take part in quiet activities and play outside (weather permitting).

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## Taverham Tennis Club

Please see the attached flyer for upcoming February half term Tennis Camps at Taverham Tennis Club.



# TENNIS CAMPS

**Camps for children aged 5 - 15 years old**  
**Get ready for some fun team tennis at your local tennis venue**

Come and join us for 2 days of high energy with fun tennis games and team challenge activity. It is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your tennis skills over the holidays.

Players get points throughout the day for their team, at the end of each day one team will be crowned the champion. Everyone is a winner there are loads of prizes, stickers, medals and certificates for all

Available for all ages and ability levels - we will provide all the equipment, just bring a drink!

**Eaton Park, NR4 7AZ**  
**East Anglia Tennis & Squash Club, NR2 2NQ**  
**Taverham Tennis Club, NR8 6JR**  
**Sportspark UEA (indoor), NR4 7TJ**

**Ages: 5 - 15 years**  
**Cost: £15 per day**




For information & bookings:  
[nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk](http://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk)  
 Email: [hello@nationaltennis.org.uk](mailto:hello@nationaltennis.org.uk)

## Norwich Penguins

Please see attached timetable and application forms for intensive swimming courses during February half term.



# SAVE THE DATE

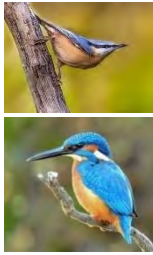
Join us for a fun-filled 4/5 day holiday courses which will help your child to learn a life skill and be more confident in the water.



HOLIDAYS	LOCATION	DATE	DAYS	TIME
February Half Term	Colman Junior School	13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023	5 days	9am to 11am
February Half Term	Norwich High School for Girls	13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023	5 days	9am to 11am
February Half Term	Recreation Road Infant School	13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023	5 days	9am to 11.30am
February Half Term	Hellesdon High School	13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023	5 days	9am to 11am
Easter Holidays	Colman Junior School	03/04/2023 - 06/04/2023	4 days	9am to 11am
Easter Holidays	Recreation Road Infant School	03/04/2023 - 06/04/2023	4 days	9am to 11.30am
Easter Holidays	Hellesdon High School	03/04/2023 - 06/04/2023	4 days	9am to 11am
Easter Holidays	Colman Junior School	11/04/2023 - 14/04/2023	4 days	9am to 11am
Easter Holidays	Recreation Road Infant School	11/04/2023 - 14/04/2023	4 days	9am to 11.30am
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## Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!

### EYFS



We have been 'on the move' again this week as we continue our topic on transport and, particularly this week, buses. We have made bus timetables and some detailed maps of journeys that you might make by bus in and around Taverham. In the outside area we made an enormous bus together – it even had wings! Unfortunately, the wheels kept falling off so we needed a team of mechanics with tools to fix it.

We have also been thinking about people who help us in the community with a special focus on the police officers, paramedics and emergency services who keep us safe. On Thursday some fire-fighters came to visit the school and they brought their fire-engine and showed us the hose, uniform and other equipment that they use. You might have even heard the siren! We are sure that there are now girls and boys in Early Years who want to do one of these important jobs when they grow up.

In maths Nuthatch have been focussing on the numbers 1,2 and 3 and have been using the story of Goldilocks to support their work. In Kingfisher we have used the song "Five Little Speckled Frogs" to find different ways of making 5. See if your child is beginning to remember different ways of making 5 such as 3 and 2, or 4 and 1 or use 5 objects at home to explore this key area of learning.

### Key Stage 1



This week in key stage one our English work has continued to be based on the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. The aliens in the story are very funny. The children chose the alien they thought was most interesting to describe. We tried to make our sentences as interesting as possible by including adjectives and conjunctions e.g. The alien has a sparkly, green hat because he has a cold head.

In our next English session, we pretended to be an alien on the moon. The children loved this activity and thought of some fantastic names for themselves. They also thought about any special powers they may have. We had aliens that were invisible, could play the piano, fly, turn things to larva and many other ideas.

The visit from the fire service this week was very exciting. Please talk about this at home as we will be writing about it in school next week.

In maths this week we have been learning about multiplication and division. We solved multiplication and division number sentences by using objects, drawing groups or using a bar model. In the last session we discussed multiplication being commutative (it can be written either way around) e.g.  $2 \times 6 = 12$ ,  $6 \times 2 = 12$  but division is not as the largest number has to come first e.g.  $12 \div 6 = 2$ ,  $12 \div 2 = 6$ .

## Dates for the diary

### February 2023

Wednesday	01.02.2023	Strike Action – School will be closed to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Nursery and after school club open as normal
Wednesday	08.02.2023	Phonics Big Share
Thursday	09.02.2023	SESMA Taster Sessions, whole school to wear PE kits
Friday	10.02.2023	School closes for half term
Monday	20.02.2023	School re-opens

Wednesday	22.02.2023	Year 2 Speed Stacking Festival (10 children attending)
Monday	27.02.2023	KS1 Cricket Festival (20 children attending)
Tuesday	28.02.2023	Mobile Wonderdome
<b>March 2023</b>		
Wednesday	01.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC
Wednesday & Thursday	15.03.2023 16.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC
Thursday	23.03.2023	Multi-skills PE Day in school, Year 1 / 2 to wear PE kits
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)
Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday
<b>April 2023</b>		
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)
<b>May 2023</b>		
Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
<b>June 2023</b>		
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
Monday	05.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Tuesday	06.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)
<b>July 2023</b>		
Thursday	06.07.2023	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children attending)
Thursday	06.07.2023	Golf Activity Day in school, whole school to wear PE kits
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday



## Term dates

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# 2022-2023

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