



# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 12.05.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

We've had a rather soggy week at Nightingale as I'm sure many of our families have too! We are hoping that we will see a little more of the sunshine and less of the downpours moving forward, but recommend you continue to send your child to school with a good waterproof coat!

Last week's Coronation Picnic up on the field was such a lovely experience for the children (despite the rain at the end!) It was lovely to see all our children sitting together enjoying a different lunchtime experience.

For now, we have seen the end of the many bank holiday weekends and industrial strike action that have impacted children's schooling and we look forward to the next two weeks of routine before breaking up for half term. The children have managed the changes in routine well and we are very proud of them.

#### Assessments

Over the next couple of weeks, the Year 2 children will be undertaking 'SATS' in reading and mathematics. This forms part of the teacher assessment, alongside writing and science. We have added information provided by the government on our website, at the bottom of our KS1 curriculum page. This can be accessed via the link below.

[KS1 Curriculum – Nightingale Infant & Nursery School](#)

After half term, the Year 1 children will be undertaking the phonics screening. Year 2 children who didn't meet the standard last year will also retake this. The outcomes from the screenings as well as end of year assessments for all children in all year groups will be shared with parent as part of the end of year report.

#### School Hours

Lastly, as you will know, we have been consulting on our school hours due to the need to increase the school day by 10 minutes. We have been in consultation with the local schools to ensure this doesn't impact drops off and picks ups for siblings as well as looking at staffing implications. We have updated the school website with changes. We are proposing, from September, our school day will be 8.45-3.15, adding 5 minutes to the beginning and the end, aligning with the hours of our nursery. We still plan to have a 'window for dropping off to ease the congestion and support families with multiple drop offs. More information regarding gate openings, door closures and register times will be provided in due course.

Mrs Hutt & The Nightingale Team

### FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK – Caring and Kind





## Caring and Kind Flock Stars



### 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 at the email address below.

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

### Attendance and Punctuality

We are having an increasing number of children who are attending school late. Please could I remind you that the school gates are open from 8.45-9.00, allowing a 15-minute window to arrive and settle into school. Arriving after 9am will be marked as late. Anyone arriving after 9.10am, when the register is closed, will be marked as an unauthorised absence. We monitor these absences and lates and will contact you to discuss this.

Absences are also monitored. We appreciate some families choose to take their children out of school for holidays/days. We ask that you are honest with us if you are taking your child out of school by completing an absence request form.

It is the expectation that all parents call the school before 9am on the day, if their child will be absent due to ill health. Unless in exceptional circumstances, where we are not informed, we will mark this as unauthorised. We have a duty of care to ensure the safety and whereabouts of the children. We will call all emergency contacts where primary contacts cannot be reached and if we are still not able to make contact, a member of the team will make a home visit.

### Menu Change

Please be aware that next week Thursday and Friday menu days will be swapped:

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas or Baked Beans / Garden Vegetable Goujons (V) & Flapjack with Apple Wedges

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Beef Bolognese with Pasta Twists, Mixed Salad / Quorn Fajita Wrap with Savoury Rice (V) & Toffee Cream Shortcake

## Volunteers

The school is able to have volunteers on site. If you are interested please email the office with a brief idea of what hours you would be available to offer: [officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:officenightingale@istnorfolk.co.uk)  
We will then be in touch to organise DBS checks and volunteer inductions.

## Tots2Teens Half Term Activities

They are taking bookings for Tots2Teens activities taking place in the May half term and currently have places available on most of the sessions. I have attached posters for sessions that are nearby.

Free snacks are included for all children attending the sessions. 50% discount on the advertised price is available for households claiming a means-tested benefit. Big Norfolk Holiday Fun funding is not available to use during the half term.

### Nicola Pye

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**tots2teens club**

**Nerf battle**  
SESMA Studio, Drayton Industrial Estate  
Tuesday 30 May, 10am – 12pm  
6 - 11 years  
£12

In partnership with SESMA Studio Norwich.

This session starts with your battle kit being issued before a top secret and very important safety briefing. Then it's into the zone for a fun-filled Nerf battle under the watchful eyes of your battlefield commanders! A selection from our most popular games will be played including Last Team Standing, Base Defender, Dodge Bullet, Quadrant Attack and Team Best Shot. Nerf weapons use safe foam ammo.

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.  
Please bring a packed lunch and drink.

Free snacks for all children

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**FUN ZONE with under the sea crafts workshop**  
Horsford Village Hall  
Friday 2 June, 9:30am – 3:30pm  
5 - 12 years  
£20.70

Come along and be creative as you try a range of under the sea themed crafts. 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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## Barracudas Holiday Club

With the summer season fast approaching, we are pleased to offer you an exclusive discount code. We're offering parents **£20 off your local camp with the code SCHOOL20.**

What's more, if parents book now, they'll benefit from our early booking discounts and can take advantage of our interest free monthly instalment options. There couldn't be a better time to tick summer childcare off the list of things to do.

As we're Ofsted registered, we also accept ALL Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare. Parents often like to use the vouchers/credits they've saved up over the course of the year for their summer holiday childcare.

Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!

EYFS



Thank you to all those who sent jam jars in for our wormeries. You will be delighted to hear that the worms, despite being thoroughly examined by our budding scientists, were all released safely back into the wild. Please do not mistake them for the 'worms' in the tuff tray in the playground as they are, amazingly not real worms but are, in fact made from coloured spaghetti!

It really has been weather for worms, slugs and snails this week what with the torrential rain. Please remember to send your child to school with a raincoat as the weather can change rapidly at this time of year.

We have been finding out about another strange animal this week..... The Bog Baby! We don't know much about the Bog Baby yet, just that it is round and blue and likes to suck its toes. We have enjoyed drawing and painting pictures and labelling our drawings. We look forward to finding out more about this rare creature next week. You might want to talk more with your child about what a pond or bog is and the kind of creatures we might find in that habitat.

In maths we have not just been counting to 5 but have become .... Masters of the Number Five! We have been trying to remember all the different ways of making five using two numbers, including zero. This is an important skill to work on with your child at home.

Key Stage 1



In key stage one this week we finally got to read all of our book The Last Wolf by Mini Grey. It was exciting to find out what actually happened in the story and see if our prediction was correct. The story is about the last wolf. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about wolves. In maths this week we have been learning about multiplication and division. We've talked about sharing equally, using pictures and concrete objects to support our maths.

The children have also been experimenting with clay as we begin on our work on sculpture. Children are looking at the artist Barbara Hepworth for inspiration. Next week will be teaching the children how to shape, join and create textures with the clay using a range of tools.

Year 2s have been enjoying some additional PE on Friday afternoons taking part in some cricket.

## Dates for the diary

May 2023		
Wednesday	17.05.2023	Dentist assembly (PSHE)
Friday	26.05.2023	Ollie Day Road Safety Roadshow Assembly for Reception and KS1
Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
June 2023		
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
Monday	05.06.2023	Sports Week – Children to wear PE kits all week please
W/B Monday	05.06.2023	Friends Event – Sponsored Sports Event – details to be finalised.
Tuesday	06.06.2023	New Reception intake – Parents Information Evening – 6.00pm
Thursday	08.06.2023	New Reception Intake – Stay & Play Session (with parents) 3.30pm
Friday	16.06.2023	Friends Event – Father’s Day cake sale - after school.
Friday	23.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos – please note <b>CHANGE OF DATE FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)
July 2023		
Wednesday	05.07.2023	Year 2 @ Taverham Junior School – Transition Days (more information to follow) Reception and Year 1 Transition Day – Moving up to new classes
Thursday	06.07.2023	Year 2 @ Taverham Junior School – Transition Days (more information to follow)
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	14.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers – ‘water extravaganza’
Monday	17.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers disco.
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

## Term dates

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 Red dates - bank holiday

# Norfolk County Council 2022-2023 Norfolk Model Calendar

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