

# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 12.01.2024



#### EAL

#### English as an Additional Language

We are committed to supporting children who are exposed to additional languages. Please let the class teacher know if your child is hearing and/or speaking another language in the home.

*Why is it important to support a child who speaks a different language at home?*

*Being bilingual helps children maintain strong ties with their family, culture, and community. All of these are key parts of a child's developing identity. They make new friends and create strong relationships using their second language—an important personal skill in our increasingly diverse society.*

It is essential that our records are up to date. Children who speak, listen to, hear an additional language at home should be recorded as EAL.

#### After School clubs



Clubs start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Please make sure that you know the password for collection. Please expect to be asked the password when you are collecting from a club.

**Explorers Club** will be every **Tuesday** this half term from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 3:15 – 3:45pm for KS1 pupils (12 children)

**Singing Club** will be starting again every **Wednesday** this half term from 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 3.15-3.45pm.

**Board Games Club** will begin every **Wednesday** for this half term only from 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 3.15-3.45pm for KS1 pupils (12 children)

If you would like to sign up your child, please email the school office. The current signed up children for Singing Club will remain on our register. Please let us know if your child is no longer coming.

#### Named items

Can we remind all parents to please ensure all items of clothing including shoes, where possible, are clearly named, particularly for our nursery children.

## Census Day Lunch – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UiFSM) – Census Day

Thursday 18 January 2024 is School Census Day. This day provides important information for the Department for Education (DfE) to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, to set future school budgets.

One element we have to report is the number of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who received a hot meal (UiFSM) on this day. It is important to remember that all pupils in these year groups are entitled to UiFSM at no parental cost.

The Census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals based on the number of pupils who received a meal on this day. This system creates a difficult situation that we need to manage effectively to prevent over spending on our hot school meals budget.

You may or may not be aware that we do not receive funding for the number of hot meals we order daily over the academic year but this is based upon the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year only.

**For example, if only 100 children have a hot meal on the Census Days, then we are funded by the DfE for the remainder of the academic year based on these figures only. If throughout the course of the academic year the total of meals ordered is above 100, as an example, we are not funded for these meals and the cost would be borne by the school and potentially could affect other budgets that are crucial in providing learning opportunities for your child.**

Our solution to this is we would like to offer every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the chance to try a hot meal on Census Day. Norse have created a special menu for this day which is attached, along with the allergen option.

If you are worried that your child may be reluctant to try/eat a school meal, we welcome you to order a dinner as well as providing them a home packed lunch. Your child will then have the opportunity to try the cooked lunch but have a lunch from home if this is not successful.

Children will also be able to order Jacket Potato or School Packed Lunch as normal.

**Please order your child's meal via the Pupil Asset app, or via the School Office if this is not possible.**

The cut-off points for placing meal orders or making changes is midday on Monday 15 January 2024. We will order extra meals, so if anyone changes their mind about trying a hot meal, the option is still there for this day only.

We would like all parents to see this as an opportunity for their child to try hot meals, which are free, highly nutritious and could save you time in the morning. There is also proven benefits for children's concentration and learning in the afternoon.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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# Space Explorers

**Thursday 18th  
January 2024**

'Moon Crater' Pizza  
Homemade Pepperoni Pizza

Or

'Planetary' Pizza (v)  
Homemade Cheese, Tomato and Pepper Pizza

served with 'Space' Chips,  
'Rocket Fuel' Baked Beans and  
'Satellite' Cucumber Slices

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'Asteroid' Krispie Cake

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# Space Explorers

**Thursday 18th  
January 2024**

**Allergen Aware Menu**

- 'Planetary' Pizza (v)  
Homemade Cheese,  
Tomato and Pepper Pizza

served with 'Space' Chips,  
'Rocket Fuel' Baked Beans and  
'Satellite' Cucumber Slices

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'Cosmic' Cupcake

NON-DAIRY | NON-EGG | NON-GLUTEN | NON-SOYA | NON-NUTS | NON-PEANUTS | NON-SESAME SEEDS | NON-FISH  
NON-CELERY | NON-MUSTARD | NON-LUPIN | NON-CRUSTACEANS | NON-SULPHUR DIOXIDE | NON-MOLLUSCS

## Attendance Every Day Counts

**Every Day Counts** ✓

Missed minutes =

missed learning =

missed opportunities

**Guidance for Parents / Carers**

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

[justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

**Norfolk**  
County Council

## Special Sport Event!

### INVICTUS COMPETITOR

## RICH POTTER

### is visiting this school

@Amputee\_Rich

**What's your motto?** *Am high always*

**Greatest highlight?** *Waking up after my amputation surrounded by my family*

**Who would you like to meet?** *Bethany Hamilton, Seb Coe*

**Favorite school subject?** *French*

**What are your next goals in life?** *To set the best before and inspire to get the most from life. To continue to motivate others and what disabled people can do*

**Rich Potter**

Rich grew up in the west of Ireland where he was very busy playing many different sports and trying different clubs.

Rich suffered an ankle injury playing in a football semi-final for his regiment in the army. Doctors were unable to make his ankle better and he eventually had his left leg amputated below his knee.

The Invictus Games were a perfect match for Rich's love of sport. He has represented Team UK in a range of disciplines, winning several medals.

Some of Rich's achievements include:

- ★ 2023 Invictus Games 100m Gold medalist
- ★ 2023 Invictus Games Table Tennis Silver medalist
- ★ 2023 Invictus Games Relay Bronze medalist



on the  
TUESDAY  
30th  
JANUARY


**SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**  
1.5 million kids inspired  
88 ATHLETES WHO INSPIRE KIDS

Further details will be sent home next week – please note, all children will need to wear PE kit on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## Local Sports Clubs

# Have Fun!



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The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

**TIME AND DATE**  
Thursday's 4-5pm

**LOCATION**  
FDC Bowthorpe, Norwich, NR5 9ED

**NEXT STEPS**  
Head to [thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats](http://thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats) to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via [Please scan QR code](mailto:Please scan QR code)




USE PHONE CAMERA TO SCAN

# BOYS' FOOTBALL

## THE FDC BOWTHORPE NORWICH

THURSDAYS 4PM TO 5PM



BOYS 4 TO 11 YRS

MOTIVE8SPORTS@HOTMAIL.COM

## Dates for the diary

### January 2024

Tuesday	30.01.2024	Sports event – please wear PE kit
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### February 2024

Wednesday	07.02.2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday	14.02.2024	Reception Open Session for parents 9 - 10

### March 2024

Monday	04.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Cricket Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Monday	25.03.2024	Reception and KS1 Easter Activities with the church
Wednesday	27.03.2024	Year 1 and 2 Adapted Sports 4 All (names TBC)

### May 2024

Wednesday	22.05.2024	Year R - NCMP with Vision and Hearing Screening (change of date)
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### June 2024

Monday - Friday	03.06.2024 - 07.06.2024	Whole School Sports Week (Please come in PE kit all week)
Friday	14.06.2024	Year 1 and 2 Athletics Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Friday	21.06.2024	Whole school group photos by Vancols
Wed - Friday	26/27/28.06.2024	EYFS trip to Wroxham Barns (different children on each day tbc)

### July 2024

Friday	12.07.2024	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children, names TBC)
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# Term dates



Norfolk County Council

# 2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

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

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.



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