

# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 19.04.2024



Dear Nightingale Families,

Welcome to the summer term at Nightingale, it's so lovely to see everyone back at school ready for a busy term!

You will have received knowledge organisers and overviews of what your child will be learning in school this half term. As well as this, we have also sent our information regarding our Relationship Education which takes place in all year groups each year. All of this information is also available on our school website.

As you may know, the SATS (statutory assessments) which always took place at the end of Year 2 have changed this year. While they are no longer statutory, it is recommended the materials are used to support teachers in making assessments shared with the Junior School and with parents at the end of the year. The materials and questions are in the style of assessments and teaching tools we use in school throughout the year, so the children are very used to seeing them. These will be completed throughout May, either as a whole class, in small groups or on a 1:1 basis where needed. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher first. We will not be referring to these assessments as SATS or tests with the children.

More information can be found on the link below. This has also been sent along with this newsletter.

[Information for parents: optional national curriculum tests at the end of key stage 1 from 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

For pupils in Year 1, they will complete the Phonics Screening Check in June. This is a check set by the Government for all children in Year 1. Children complete assessments like this throughout the year to check on their progress so they shouldn't notice anything different when completing the check during the assessment window. Results of the check will be shared with parents alongside their end of year report in July.

More information can be found on the link below. This is information provided to parents last year but has not been updated due to no changes to the check for 2024. We have also sent this alongside this newsletter.

[Information for parents - 2023 phonics screening check \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Lastly, while the weather is hopefully improving, it is always unpredictable and we can see all four seasons in a day at school. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day (even in the middle of the summer) as we do try and get outside, even when there is some rain.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt and the Nightingale Team

### After School Club Summer 1



We still have spaces available for all three clubs. Please email us via Weduc if you wish to sign up your child.

All clubs will commence next week, the last sessions are in w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

For those parents/carers requested a place already, a confirmation message has been sent via Weduc. Please contact the office if you have not yet received.

For Running Club, please be at the school gate at 8.15am.

# Nightingale Clubs Summer Term 1



Club Name:	When?	Who is running it?	Who is it on offer to?
Running Club	Wednesday mornings at 8.20am	Mrs Boyce and Mrs Watling	Everyone
Singing Club	Thursday from 2.45pm to 3.30pm	Mrs Boyce	Everyone
Tennis Club	Friday after School to 4.00pm	Miss Threadgold	Kingfisher, Y1 and Y2

*Should you wish to add your child to the register, please send a message to the School Office via Weduc.*

## SEND

<https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/files/2024/03/SENDfest-Easy-Read.pdf>

This is a link to a special event for all SEND children Its an exciting Music festival.

## Y2 PE & Cricket & Y1 Cricket



This half term, Y2 children are doing PE on Mondays and cricket on Fridays. Y1 children are also doing cricket on Fridays.

Could children come to school in PE kit please.

## Christmas Jumpers

In December, as usual we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day. As a school we recognise the additional cost of buying a Christmas jumper and how buying a jumper for one day is not very environmentally friendly. Therefore, if you have any Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to us. Near Christmas we will then be able to ensure all children in our school can join in with the festive Christmas Jumper Day.



Please bring any Christmas jumpers to Mrs Hart or the school office. Thank you.

## Lunchtime hall rules

Through our Parent Forum it has come to our attention that some children and parents are unclear about some changes we've made to lunchtime eating in the hall. We have recently introduced a new rule to our eating environment that is that we use indoor, quiet voices whilst we eat. Where children forget this rule, they are always given a verbal reminder first. If they continue to talk very loudly, they will be given 1 minute to sit on a bench in the hall at the end of eating time before they go outside to play. If they continue to talk loudly after this, the minutes add up. The impact we've seen since following this rule has been hugely positive. The hall is now a pleasant environment for the children to eat in whilst still socialising with their peers. To begin with, we had lots of children spending thinking time on the bench, but we now find that there are very few children needing to spend any thinking time there. We've even had days with no one on the bench – the children were all very proud of themselves! Well done everyone!

Please note that we never give a child more minutes than their age (so a 6 year-old would never have more than 6 minutes) and that verbal reminders are always given first. In most cases, the children join their class before they've even finished putting their coats on to go out! They are always supervised by an adult and given the opportunity to talk it through if they wish to. We absolutely do not want children to be sat in silence whilst they eat and see eating time as a social experience, but for the wellbeing of all the children, we needed to make changes to ensure the hall is an enjoyable place to spend time. By using our indoor voices, everyone seems happier and calmer.

We also celebrate those children who are making great lunchtime choices with our usual FLOCK tokens, and our special Hall Hero tokens, to recognise their efforts.

## Help! - Resources for Year 1 & Year 2



We are collecting boxes (no bigger than cereal boxes please) Year 1 and Year 2.

If you have any, please bring in and hand over to the staff at your child class.

Thank you very much.



## Tennis Club by National Tennis Association

We are fortunate that tennis lessons by National Tennis Association are available for children every week after school throughout the academic year.

There are many spaces still available and Reception children are welcome. If you would like to sign up your child, please contact below.



## After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

### Nightingale Infant Tennis Club Details

Tuesdays - 6 weeks (18th Apr -23rd May)

Year R-2

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Cost - £24

### How to Enrol?

For more information and booking please click the below link.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: [schools@nationaltennis.org.uk](mailto:schools@nationaltennis.org.uk)

tel: 0330 551 9496

## Dates for the diary

### May 2024

Monday	13.05.2024	Cricket Taster Day (Whole School to wear PE Kits)
Wednesday	15.05.2024 Changed from 22.05.24	Year R - NCMP with Vision and Hearing Screening

### June 2024

Monday - Friday	03.06.2024 - 07.06.2024	Whole School Sports Week (Please come in PE kit all week)
Wednesday	05.06.2024	Sports Day – Parents/carers are all welcome
Friday	14.06.2024	Year 1 and 2 Athletics Festival (10 children, names TBC)
Friday	21.06.2024	Whole school group photos by Vancols
Tuesday	25.06.2024	Chaffinch school trip to Sheringham Park (more information to follow)

Wednesday	26.06.2024	Kingfisher school trip to Wroxham Barns (more information to follow)
Wednesday	26.06.2024	Swallow school trip to Sheringham Park (more information to follow)
Thursday	27.06.2024	Fledglings school trip to Wroxham Barns (more information to follow)
Friday	28.06.2024	Hatchlings school trip to Wroxham Barns (more information to follow)
<b>July 2024</b>		
Tuesday	09.07.2024	Mini Monsters visiting
Friday	12.07.2024	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children, names TBC)

## 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  
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