

# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 09.09.2024



Dear Nightingale Families,

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year, whether you're returning after last year or joining us for the first time. We hope you've had a wonderful Summer, and the children are excited to get into school.

We welcome several new staff who are joining the Drayton and Nightingale Partnership. As we move through the new term we will ensure we share their '5 facts about me' sheets with you in our newsletters, which can be found for all staff on our websites.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Kingsley back to our partnership following her parental leave. Mrs Kingsley has been a Head of School in the Trust for many years and we are excited to have her back working in our team to support both schools, ensuring we have strong leadership to continue to move forward. She returns on a part time basis, currently based at Nightingale, supporting myself and the senior leadership team across our schools.

Our senior leadership team is made up of the following:

Me, Mrs Hutt - Partnership Headteacher working across both schools, predominantly working at Drayton  
Mrs Kingsley - Part time Head of School currently based at Nightingale  
Mrs Boyce - Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo for both schools, predominantly working at Drayton  
Mrs Watling - Part time Assistant Headteacher for both schools

We also have a number of middle leaders who take responsibility for key areas of the school such as specific subjects and Early Years. We will share our full staffing structure with you in the coming weeks.

As some of you may know, I am currently away from school on compassionate leave. I hope to be back in school in the next few weeks. In my absence, Mrs Kingsley and Mrs Boyce will lead with the support from external leaders in the Trust. Please do not hesitate to speak with one of the team if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a great start to the new year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hutt

## Welcome from Mrs Kingsley

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

A big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome at Nightingale and for so many lovely smiles and good mornings today despite the grisly weather! I look forward to getting to know you all better over the next few weeks. I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes, especially our new children in Nursery and Reception - there are lots of smiles and children playing so happily together. I've also been blown away with the maturity and sensible attitude of the new Year 1 and Year 2 who have shown us how ready they are for the next year of their schooling – it was wonderful to watch them all doing phonics this morning so happy, settled and eager to learn.

I am so excited to be working at Nightingale Infant and Nursery with what I know is a fantastic team. This morning was another lovely morning and as I wandered around, I could see how much everyone cares about the school and making sure the children feel happy and safe. It was great to see the newly decorated Hatchlings class – the new layout and set up is beautiful so a big thank you to the Nursery Team for getting this ready following its revamp over the summer. Staff have already told me how much more spacious the room is and how the children are loving having messy play inside now that the old carpet has been removed!



Thank you so much for your continued support.

Have a good week,

Mrs Hannah Kingsley

## PE Days

**Chaffinch Class PE**

Wednesday

**Swallow Class PE**

Monday

## FLOCK Values



At Nightingale we follow our own set of FLOCK values. The values stand for

F – be Fair

L – Listen and learn

O – Open and honest

C – Care for ourselves, each other and the world

K – Keep trying

Today in assembly we talked about being fair and how this means everyone gets what they need. We talked about how by being fair to everyone, we can make sure that everyone gets what they need to learn best and be healthy and safe. The children listened well and came up with great ideas. Thank you as well to my 3 special helpers who were very brave and came up to the front to help me demonstrate fairness!

We shall have our FLOCK Assembly on Friday and the adults will give out certificates to the children who have shown fairness all week or shown one of the other values particularly well.

## Who's Who



## Allergies

Nightingale Infant and Nursery School takes health care and management of those members of the school community suffering from specific allergies very seriously. We are aware that staff and children who attend may suffer from food, bee/wasp sting, animal or tree-nut allergies and believe that all allergies should be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and appropriate way.

As part of this strategy, **our school is a 'Nut Free School'**.

We have children in the school who suffer from nut allergies who can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. The reaction can be caused by not just eating nuts but also being touched on the skin.

We ask that parents and carers ensure that children **DO NOT** have nut products in their lunches for any kind of nut – this includes nuts such as almonds, hazelnuts, cashews, walnuts, brazil nuts, pecans, pistachios and macadamia nuts.

This includes items such as:

**Peanut butter sandwiches**

**Chocolate spread sandwiches**

**Cereal bars**

**Some granola bars**

**Cakes that contain nut-based flours**

**Peanut butter cakes**

**Food containing sesame seeds**

This list is not exhaustive. Please check the packaging carefully.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

## School Crossing Patrol

Please note that School Crossing Patrol won't be present on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September to assist children and parents/carers.

Please be vigilant when crossing the road when coming to school in the morning and at home time.

## School day times from September 2023

<b>8.35am</b>	<b>Gates Open</b>
<b>8.45am</b>	<b>Classroom doors open</b>
<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Gates closed Classroom doors close</b>
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>End of the school day</b>

## Dates for the diary

### September 2024

Thursday	26.09.2024	School photos individuals & siblings
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### October 2024

Thursday	03.10.2024	Year 1 football festival (10 children only, information will be sent to individuals)
Tuesday	08.10.2024	Golf Taster Session (Whole school, please come dressed in PE kit)
Thursday	17.10.2024	Year 1 / 2 Cross Country (16 children only, information will be sent to individuals)
Monday	21.10.2024	SESMA Taster Session (Whole school, please come dressed in PE kit)
Thursday	24.10.2024	Horror Hair Day

**November 2024**

Thursday	14.11.2024	Year 1 & Year 2 PE Festival (10 children only, information will be sent to individuals)
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**December 2024**

Friday	06.12.2024	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday	17.12.2024	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Story at Taverham Church

**Term dates**



# 2024-2025

**Norfolk Model Calendar**

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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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 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.