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BULLETIN

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Dear parents, carers and friends of The Nightingale Federation

Following my attendance at the recent Parish Council meeting, I am pleased to report with an update to parking and safety around the school.

- **Pound Green Lane Improvements:** We're making progress! Following the Parish Council meeting, I met with Highways. We're working on a combined approach of safety education and road improvements. **Requested plans include:** a zebra crossing, traffic calming on the bend, and exploring fencing a small section of the green for added pupil safety. We know we have much more space than many schools, but safety is always our priority!
- **"Safe School Run Pledge" Support:** We've been offered support to improve school drop-off and pick-up safety, including a resource pack called the "Safe School Run Pledge." This offers an opportunity for our school community to work together to encourage safer parking behaviours, improve confidence during the school run, and promote active travel. We will provide further information as we explore this resource.
- **Ongoing Updates:** We'll keep you posted on all progress!

SCIENCE WEEK

All the children took part in a range of activities as part of British Science Week 2025 this week. This year the theme was 'Change and Adapt'. All classes across the school started the week by joining an assembly explaining what a scientist is, what they might do and how they might see changes and adaptations in the world around them.

We had a very busy Tuesday... Year One took part in a live lesson about the animals on Willowbrook Farm on the NFU website. We learnt ways in which we could be a 'Change Champion' by being an 'Energy Expert' (turning lights off etc.), a 'Biodiversity Buddy' (building bird feeders and bug hotels etc.) and a 'Waste Warrior' (checking the use by date on things and eating them up).
Year Three also took part in a live lesson about space on the BBC - they even managed to get a shoutout in the chat bar!
Also on Tuesday, KS1 had a paper plane competition, as did KS2 on Wednesday - after a couple of test flights everyone had to see what changes or adaptations needed to be made to get the best from their plane.
On Thursday, despite the rain, we took a nature walk around the perimeter of the school grounds in search of changes in the season, signs of spring, animals and plants. In the end, we only managed to spot some pigeons and blossom - I think we might need to adapt our noise level if we're going to see any other animals!

Europe Class (yr 3)

The children had a great time making pizzas this week. They first made the dough before adding a topping of their choice. Once cooked, they looked so good the children were rewarded by having a slice! This is linked to their Design & Technology unit as well as English as the class are writing about Italy!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Our reception pupils in Antarctica class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Pensthorpe this week. They took part in a dinosaurs and fossils workshop to further enhance their learning on their current topic. We also took part in pond dipping and had a well-deserved play in Hootz house! We were very fascinated to learn about the probably relation between dinosaurs and birds due to evolution.

Reminders for next week…

- Monday – School Photographer - whole class photos
- Tuesday – Yr 5 group 2 Bikeability. Parents' Evening
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- Friday – Red Nose Day