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NEWSLETTER 09.01.2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

Welcome back everyone!

What a week of weather we have had! The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the snow, splashing in the rain and running in the winter sunshine. With temperatures dropping as low as -7°C outside this week, this is a timely reminder to please ensure all children come to school every day with warm coats, hats, gloves and well-fitting wellies. If anyone requires support with coats, hats, gloves or other winter warmers, the Friends at Thomas Bullock Shop have many items available, including coats and wellies, priced from £1. The shop is open on Wednesdays in Shipdham village.

We are delighted to announce that our Reading and Maths Cafés return next week and we very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers back into school. Our first café will take place on Friday 16th January between 2.30 – 3.00pm, for Rowan Class.

Free Stay and Play sessions in our Reception class also return next week. These sessions are for parents and carers of nursery-aged children (under the age of four) and provide an opportunity to spend time in the classroom and experience our learning environment in action. They will take place every Monday between 2.00 – 3.00pm.

In addition, we would like to invite all parents, carers and grandparents to our Spring 1 Family Reading Breakfast on Tuesday 20th January from 8:30-8:45. This will be a special event where we will also be introducing our new Reading Ambassadors.

Teacher-led, free enrichment clubs have now begun at Lyng and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm from the children. Reverend Richard's ethos club was a particular joy to see in action!

Please do follow and keep an eye on our social media pages, which often share relevant and up-to-date information, as well as celebrate the wonderful learning taking place across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting half-term ahead.

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Notices & Reminders

SEND Parent Survey Results

Thank you to those parents who responded to our recent SEND parent survey. The results have been published on our website and can be found here:

https://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/Key-Info/Special-Educational-Needs/

Family Action Norfolk & Waveney Autism / ADHD Support Service Newsletter

Please find a link below to the latest newsletter from Family Action Norfolk:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TgPxksHgA7tRgoX4?ref=email

Don't Forget!

The deadline for applications for First Admission to Primary School (2026 entry) is

15th January 2026

If your child is due to start primary school in 2026, make sure your application is submitted on time to avoid missing out.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our school! **#letyourlightshine**

Apply on-line using the link below

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38188/Admission-to-reception-classes

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Rafi is our Shining Light of the Week for his amazing efforts during our phonics lessons this week. He has worked hard and is making fantastic progress.

Willow Class – Year 1
Ruby is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort in English this week. She has worked hard to find features of our new poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'

Willow Class – Year 2
Abel is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort in Maths this week. You have worked hard to fluently recall your number bonds to 10 and apply this to your learning in Maths.

Rowan Class – Year 3
Ruby is our Shining Light of the Week for her great effort in English, writing a fantastic definition of a habitat.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Darcie is our Shining Light of the Week for her great effort in learning her times tables and making extra effort at home.

Oak Class – Year 5
Ella is our Shining Light of the Week for how brilliantly she has settled back after the Christmas break. She's been enthusiastic to learn in class and has contributed well when called upon. She was particularly brilliant with her contributions in RE this week.

Oak Class – Year 6
Primrose is our Shining Light of the Week for how excellently she has settled back into life in Year 6 after the Christmas break. She has engaged really well with her learning and is taking pride in the work she is producing.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Maggie (YR) Maggie came third in a colouring competition and won a £50 voucher for Starlings.

Rowan (YR) In the summer Rowan was offered a place in the Norwich City Mini Kickers Development Centre. This week he played in his first friendly competitive matches in their Winter Cup held at The Nest. He represented Italy and played against other countries with players up to U7's.

Henry (Y2) Henry has recently performed in his first ever music show at JDT music playing the drums brilliantly to a live audience.

Daisy (Y4) Daisy has received her 2 certificates and 2 medals in Gymnastics and now she moves on to the next level!

Please continue to send in your "Wow" moments for achievements out of school using the link below:

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 97.87%

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Year 3, 4 and 5 – all have 100% this week. Well done!

Please see the separate attendance bulletin being sent with this newsletter.

Key Learning Questions

Y1 & 2: What are the seven continents that make up planet Earth?

Y3 & 4: What are the key physical features of South America?

Y5 & 6: What are the key physical features of Asia?

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Cherry Class

The cherry children have had a fantastic first week back after the holidays. They have been busy finding out a little bit about space, making their own space shuttles, taking part in some super fun maths activities and of course enjoying the snowy weather, which has caused much excitement!

Willow Class

Willow class have been very excited to come back to school after Christmas! We enjoyed looking for signs of winter, especially with the snow. In English we started our new text, The Owl and the Pussycat poem. In Maths we have been working hard adding and subtracting to 100. In Geography we started our new topic, Planet Earth and we looked at the 7 continents which make up the world. Well done Willow class!

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a busy first week back, exploring our new topic Rainforests. In English we have been learning new vocabulary about the rainforests. In maths we continue to work on our times tables including multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We braved the cold weather to enjoy forest school, where we made dens and climbed.

Oak Class

In Maths we have been working on using the correct order of operations, using BODMAS to help us. In English, we have started our new text "The Firework Maker's Daughter" and talking about our impressions of the main character. In DT we were using our evaluation skills on the long long ships that we made before Christmas. In Forest School we made shelters outside, braving the very cold wintery weather!

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Diary Dates 2025-26

January

16th Rowan Class Parent Maths Café 2.30 – 3.00pm

20th Family reading breakfast 8.30 – 8.45am

22nd Yr 1- 3 Multi Sports Festival at Easton Tennis Centre

February

13th Oak Class Parent Reading Café 9.00 – 9.30am

Break up for half term

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school

March

27th Break up for Easter

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

14th Children return to school

May

1st Willow Class Parent Maths Café 2.30 – 3.00pm

4th Bank Holiday – school closed

22nd Break up for half term

Half Term Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

June

1st SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING

2nd Children return to school

July

17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**