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Newsletter 22.07.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Lyng Primary School,

As we reach the end of another remarkable year, I want to begin by sharing a comment from one of the many thank you cards, letters and emails we have received across the Federation in the past week:

"Just a little note to say a huge thank you for all the love, support and time you have given our family….."

This perfectly sums up our entire team's purpose. Every child at our wonderful school is at the heart of everything we do. Our mission is to nurture strong values so that each child grows bright and confident, ready for a fantastic future.

A Year of Growth and Achievement

We are now in our second year as part of the Nightingale Federation and the year has flown by. Throughout the year we have enjoyed federation events celebrating our joined-up approach. Our children have built new friendships while our staff have continued to strive for exceptional outcomes, enriching our academic offer through collaboration with excellent teachers.

On the sports fields our pupils competed with great enthusiasm in a number of sports including tennis and cricket. Academically, we are delighted to share that our Year 6 SATs outcomes reached 81%, 26% above the Norfolk average and over 19% above the national average, placing us once again at the top of the county for progress and achievement for the third year running. This success is evident across both schools in our Federation.

Summer Term Highlights

This term has been full of memorable experiences. We enjoyed a brilliant Sports Day (with a fabulous refreshments and raffle stall by FOLS) and a variety of engaging community events including a summer challenge and disco. Our fabulous Year 5 and 6 production was a fantastic showcase of talent and teamwork. Pupils also benefited from enriching trips to the seaside, Pensthorpe, a residential as well as workshops and the Norfolk Show. A highlight was our children's wonderful performance in the Grand Ring which was a proud moment for all.

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Gratitude to Our Community

We simply could not be the exceptional community school we are without the support of many. Thank you to our supportive and positive parents who ensure their children come ready to learn, have read, completed homework and demonstrate excellent learning behaviours every day. A huge thank you goes to FOLS who have worked tirelessly this year to offer a number of new and exciting activities for our children including the summer challenge. We are grateful to our brilliant Governors, led by our incredible Chair Jo Tinson, who regularly visit and challenge us to be our very best.

Our thanks also go to Reverend Richard and the local Church for their ongoing work with our children and to our DNEAT Academy Principal for maintaining the highest standards across our Federation.

Last but not least, thank you to all our amazing teachers and support staff who dedicate countless hours beyond the school day, weekends and holidays to make our school the best it can be.

Thank you all for helping us to 'let our light shine brightly'.

A Final Thank You

Our staff have been truly touched by the generosity of our school community, from gifts and flowers to kind and thoughtful words of thanks and praise. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to chat to us on the gate and especially in the final days of term. Your kindness means so much to us.

Wishing every child, family and friend of the Nightingale Federation a joyful, restful and sunny summer holiday. Wear hats and sunscreen and have fun!

We look forward to welcoming you back on 3 September at 8:40 am.

Warmest wishes

Shannon O'Sullivan

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Notices & Reminders

Uniform Reminder

Ahead of our return in September, please ensure that any new uniform items you purchase meet the requirements stated on the school website.

Skirts and trousers should be plain grey, worn with a white polo shirt and a school jumper or cardigan featuring the school's embroidered logo. Birds of Dereham are our official uniform supplier. Items are available for purchase in-store or online. School shoes, not trainers, should be worn, and children should not wear items of identifiable branded clothing.

Children will no longer be required to wear home clothes except on non-uniform days. Therefore, please ensure children have appropriate outerwear for Forest Schools and outdoor learning.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Children should have natural hair colours and simple cuts only; no hair wraps or side cuts are permitted.

A number of supermarkets are currently offering discounts on school uniforms, which may help with your back-to-school shopping.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping the children look smart and be proud members of our school team!

Communication

Over the summer holiday, the school offices will be closed. Please note that we aim to respond to all communications within 72 hours of school reopening on 3 September 2025.

Any urgent safeguarding or community concerns should be reported to the Children's Advice and Duty Line or the local police. Reports can be made anonymously if necessary.

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End of Year Awards

Please find below details of the children who have achieved exceptionally well this year, in various areas. A huge well done to all of you!

Class	Significant Progress	Academy Values
Reception	Aurora	Ruby
Year 1	Ailish	Henry
Year 2	Joshua	Bronwyn
Year 3	Carlo	Eleanor
Year 4	Benjamin	Sophia
Year 5	Grace	Orla C

Year 6 Awards

Significant Progress	Hannah
Academy Values	Esther
PE Boy	Milo
PE Girl	Stella
Environment	Lara
Attainment	Martha

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Cherry Class

Cherry class finished off their year by watching Tiddler and having some snacks. Thanks for the best year Cherry class, we have loved every minute!

Willow Class

Happy summer holidays everyone! We hope you have a lovely, restful summer. Thank you all for a wonderful academic year!

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a super Year and would like to wish everyone a very happy Summer Holidays. Here is a picture of our finished recycled bugs that we made in Forest School.

Oak Class

You've made it. What an amazing year it has been!

I'm truly proud of each and every one of you for the efforts you have shown me this year. You've all worked your socks off and have earned the results to match. It has been an absolute privilege to be your teacher and it will be a year that I will remember fondly.

My first year in a small, mixed-age primary school has been a wild ride and I can't believe it's coming to an end but you guys were the reason it was such a fantastic one.
Thank you for welcoming me into your school and being the curious, creative and respectful learners that every teacher takes great pleasure in teaching.

You were all an absolute credit to your parents on our fantastic residential to Eaton Vale and made memories which I hope you will hang on to for a long time.

I've loved getting to know each and every one of you and your teachers at high school will await a group of fine, young people in September, a group who have grown so much this year, both academically and in themselves. I wish you all the best of luck in September and can't wait to hear all about how you've settled in.

Take care. Mr. A

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Diary Dates 2025/26

September

3rd	**Children return to school**
19th	School photographer (individual & sibling photos)

October

15th	YR & Y6 height & weight checks - TBC

School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October 2025
Half-term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025
Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December 2025*
Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December - Monday 5 January 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026
Half-term holiday: Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026
Monday 23 February - Friday 27 March 2026
Easter holiday: Monday 30 March - Monday 13 April 2026

Summer term

Tuesday 14 April - Friday 22 May 2026 (Monday 4 May is a bank holiday)
Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026
Monday 1st June – INSET Day school closed
Monday 1 June - Friday 17 July 2026*

***19th December and 17th July school will finish at 12:00**