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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

As we settle into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see our children embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated National Inclusion Week and Democracy Week, encouraging pupils to reflect on equality, representation and the importance of having a voice. This culminated in the exciting election of our school groups and House roles, helping to develop leadership and responsibility across the school. Children will be awarded these in Monday's assembly.

Our Reception pupils have now fully settled, confidently exploring their environment, making friends, and joining in lunches and collective worship.

Meanwhile, children across the Federation have enjoyed a variety of school trips, where they demonstrated our values of Kindness, Respect and Community. As one pupil shared, "I liked it when we went to the workshop and found out about how they made things and what tools they used."

Our teacher-led enrichment clubs have also begun, providing positive extensions to the school day. We are pleased that our new wraparound care provision and Nursery room at Thomas Bullock are up and running, with an official opening planned for later in October.

We warmly invite grandparents to join us next Friday at 2pm for Grandparents' Day, an afternoon of activities, celebration and refreshments. It promises to be a lovely opportunity to connect with the school community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a fantastic year of learning and growth for all our pupils.

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Notices & Reminders

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for Jeans for Genes last Friday – we managed to raise £69.50 for this worthwhile cause.

Eastern Daily Press Art Supplies Promotion

If you read any of the local newspapers, please help us to win a share of £10,000 worth of art supplies by collecting tokens. These will be appearing each week from 29 September – 6 December. Please encourage family and friends to collect for us too!

Open Days

For parents with children starting school in September 2026, please remember we have our upcoming Open Days on Monday 13th October at 9.15am and Wednesday 15th October at 5.00pm.

Please be reminded that dogs or any other pets are not to be brought onto school premises at any time. Thank you.

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to ensure that all snacks and packed lunches sent in from home are a healthy choice. Thank you.

Grandparents' Day

On **Friday 3rd October**, we are inviting our children's grandparents into school to share the last lesson of the day with their grandchildren. Please do share with them that they are welcome into school from 2.00pm. We hope to see as many of them as possible!

Mr Nourish Birthday Lunch – Thursday 2nd October

In a change to the usual lunch on Thursday 2nd October, Nourish Catering will be providing a special lunch to celebrate Mr Nourish's birthday! Please see the poster shared below for further details. Children are also invited to design a birthday card and prizes will be on offer for the best designs. Please hand your cards in by Thursday morning.

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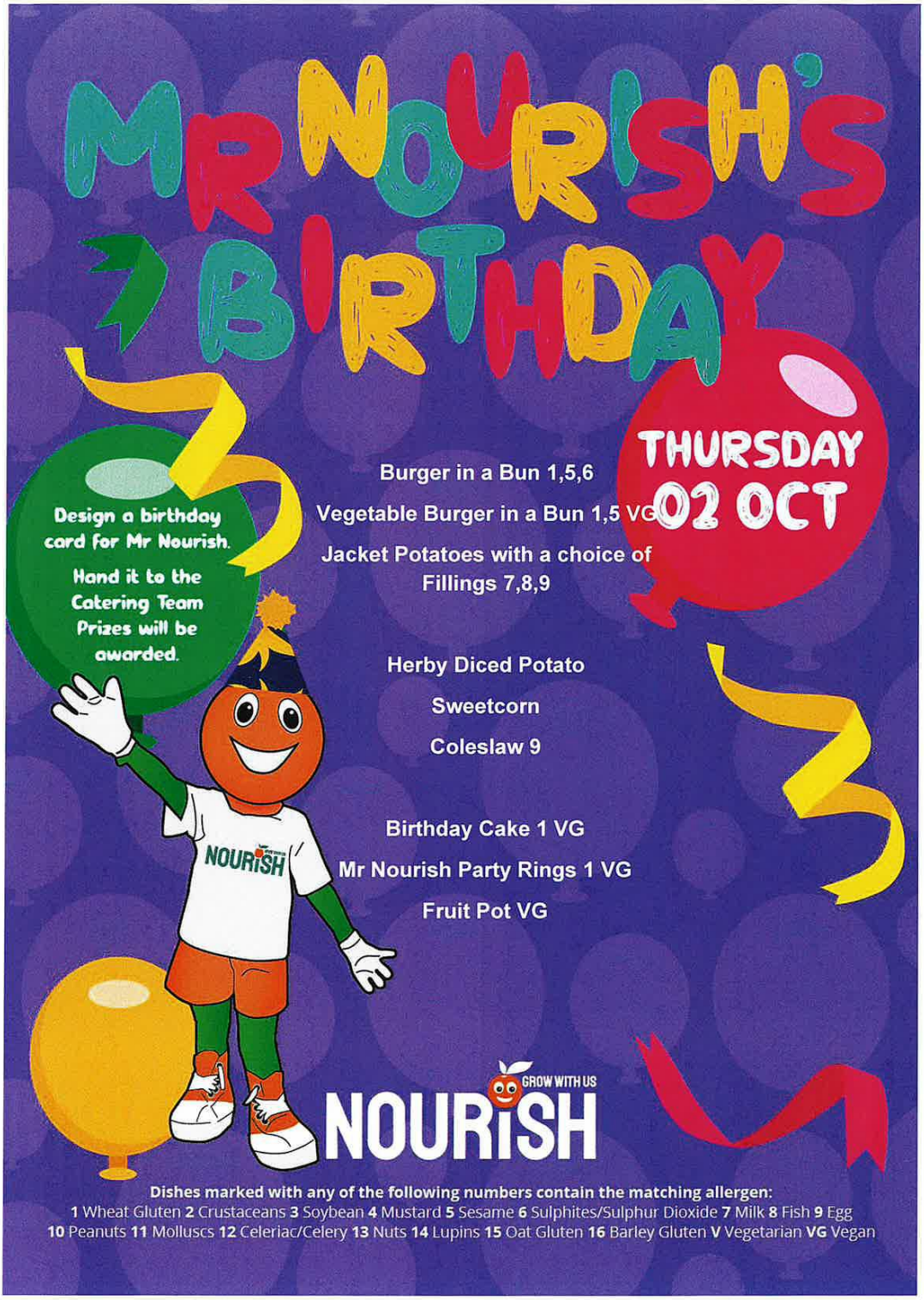

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R

Aria is our Shining Light of the Week for working on managing her emotions independently. She has negotiated situations well and asked for help when needed. Great job Aria!

Willow Class – Year 1

Willow D is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent perseverance when editing her writing this week. You took feedback on board well and made great improvements to your story!

Willow Class – Year 2
Martha is our Shining Light of the Week for being an all-round superstar. Martha tries hard in all her learning, helps others and is a joy to have around in Willow Class!

Rowan Class – Year 3
Sebastian is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort in all lessons, setting a brilliant Year 3 example.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Argia is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort in English, using fantastic vocabulary in her letter about the volcanic eruption.

Oak Class – Year 5

Violet is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent engagement and enthusiasm shown on our recent trip to West Stow. She has also started year 5 brilliantly, challenging herself well and completing all of her work to a high standard.

Oak Class – Year 6

Noah is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent attitude to learning this week. He's worked particularly hard in his English lessons, paying close attention to detail and producing great outcomes in preparation for writing our letters of complaint this week, associated with our class text "Fortunately, the Milk."

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WOW MOMENTS!

Peggy (yr 2) and William P (yr 4) successfully completed Run Norwich Junior raising over £500 throughout the summer for the Community Sports Foundation. Well done to both of you!

Henry (yr 2), William O (yr 5), Sophia (yr 5), George (yr 2), Rupert S (yr 3) and Hugo (yr 1) all recently participated in the East Anglian Air Ambulance Run. The race was a 3 mile muddy obstacle run to raise money for the air ambulance charity. Fantastic effort everyone!

Bronwyn (yr3) has been chosen as "Cub of the Month" for sticking to the Cub values, getting involved in activities and helping others.

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

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

Key Learning Questions

Willow Class: Why is King John 1 known as "bad King John?"

Rowan Class: Why was the Roman army so successful in growing the Roman Empire?

Oak Class: How did the Anglo Saxons rule?

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

Cherry class have been making the most of the weather and enjoying their time together. See pictures below!

Willow Class

We have had a busy few weeks back at school. We have enjoyed getting to know our new class and making friends with one another. We started our new History topic, Kings and Queens, with a showcase of some fabulous castles; well done everyone! This week, in Maths we have been looking at our number bonds to 10 and 20. In Forest School, we have had lots of fun building dens.

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class has had a great start to the school year. We have been working on place value in maths and learning to write a recount letter in English. We have been enjoying getting outside for Forest school and P.E. We are learning about the Romans in History and how to look after our teeth in Science.

Oak Class

Oak have had a fantastic week, starting with an exciting trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village. Once we arrived, we were greeted by Stephanie, an historian and local expert, who took us to our first activity which involved the children exploring artefacts and presenting their finds in small groups to the rest of the class. After that, we explored the museum exhibits which were very interesting. Following a spot of lunch, we made our way over to the Anglo Saxon replica village where we divided the class into 3 groups and explored the different buildings and their uses. We finished the day altogether (with Year 5 from Thomas Bullock too!) in the main house for a Q&A session where the children asked some fantastic questions.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, we have been working towards writing letters of complaint in English, linked to our text "Fortunately, the Milk"; enjoying Tag Rugby in PE; exploring negative numbers in maths and learning about the Solar System in Science!

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Diary Dates 2025-26

October

3rd Grandparents Day 2.15 – 3.15pm
6th Willow Class trip to Sandringham
Rowan Class trip to Norwich Castle
9th Harvest Festival at Lyng Church 2.00pm
13th Open Day for Reception intake September 2026 9.15am
14th YR and Y6 Height & Weight Checks
Year 1 & 2 Cross Country event at Langley School
15th Open Day for Reception intake September 2026 5.00pm
22nd Parents Evening
23rd Parents Evening
24th Break up for half term

October Half term week 27th – 31st October

November

3rd Children return to school

December

18th FOLS Christmas Disco (in the school hall)
19th School finishes at 12pm – last day of term

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026

January

6th – Back to school