

Nayland with Wissington 2026 Calendar





Photograph: Steven Loom
Caption: St James's Church
St James's Church lies at the heart of Nayland, surrounded by the village which has evolved around it since it was built. This historic building has survived the devastating aftermath of centuries of wars and is still standing in 1000. It was a chapel of ease to St Margaret of Bourne in Nayland until the mid-16th century when it gained its independence. Today St James's is well known for its John Constable displays.

January 2026

1 Thu	9 Fri	17 Sat	25 Sun
2 Fri	10 Sat	18 Sun	26 Mon
3 Sat	11 Sun	19 Mon	27 Tue
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Photograph: David Bennett
Caption: The Almshouses
The Almshouses are part of the almshouse complex which was founded in 1500. The Almshouses were founded nearly 500 years ago when generous benefactors provided almshouses for the 'poor of the parish'. During the Second World War there were nearly 100 people on the list when the almshouses were built. These days there are only a few residents, the rest of the list being given by the state.

February 2026

1 Sun	9 Mon	17 Tue	25 Wed
2 Mon	10 Tue	18 Wed	26 Thu
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Caption: The Almshouses
This group of over a hundred almshouses are a beautiful sight and are a reminder of the past. They were built in 1500 and are a fine example of the architecture of the period. They were built by the state and are a reminder of the past.

March 2026

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Each year residents enjoy seeing the swans and their cygnets swimming along the river. Some regular visitors actually watch over them, hoping that they will be able to see them in the future. The swans and their families spend a lot of time around the river and seem to enjoy the activities of the many visitors who come to see them.

May 2026

1 Fri	9 Sat	17 Sun	25 Mon
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June 2026

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The pond on the Nayland Almshouses has over the years gradually become an important habitat for birds, insects and all forms of wildlife. Birds also have sometimes built their nests there. The pond was created by the Environment Agency about twenty years ago following the acquisition of the meadow by the community. The pond is linked to the main river by a short channel designed to maintain full access.

August 2026

1 Sat	9 Sun	17 Mon	25 Tue
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Photograph: David Bennett
Caption: The Almshouses
This popular and well used on the river is the favourite place of residents of Nayland who like to come and watch the swans. They enjoy seeing the swans and their cygnets swimming along the river, as well as watching the swans and their families.

September 2026

1 Tue	9 Wed	17 Thu	25 Fri
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Photograph: David Bennett
Caption: The Almshouses
This photograph was taken on a beautiful autumn morning from the Almshouses. The photograph was taken looking across the river at the church. The church is a beautiful sight and is a reminder of the past. The church is a beautiful sight and is a reminder of the past.

October 2026

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Caption: The Almshouses
Every 10th November, whatever the weather, the Nayland Community Council organizes a bonfire and fireworks display on the Almshouses. Many local residents take part, and it is one of the highlights of the village calendar. The bonfire is a wonderful sight and is a reminder of the past. The bonfire is a wonderful sight and is a reminder of the past.

November 2026

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Nayland residents all look forward to the arrival of the Christmas tree which every year lights up the high street and is a perfectly situated near the old church. A few days before Christmas, the Nayland River Band appears and the tree is lit up by the residents, gradually come out from their houses and gather in the squares to sing songs together around the tree. This is the beginning of our Christmas celebrations.

December 2026

1 Tue	9 Wed	17 Thu	25 Fri
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Cover photograph: *Rainbow from Newlands Lane* by Mandy Cook

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