

Florence Nightingale's Birthday



1. As the pupils enter

Have the **webpage open**. Play your chosen music and display the portrait of **Florence Nightingale in her uniform**.

2. Introduction

Ask pupils to think about a time when they might have met or been treated by a nurse. You could show them a picture of a modern-day nurse in uniform. Remind them of the nurses who come in to give them their flu vaccination every year, as well as nurses in their local GP surgery and hospital. Perhaps take a few examples from pupils of times a nurse has looked after them.

Show the **picture of Florence Nightingale** and ask pupils to name her. Explain that you're now going to watch a short video about Florence Nightingale and her importance.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 48". Final words: '...be a nurse when I am older.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Ask the children to spend a few moments thinking about Florence Nightingale and all the people she helped.

Ask: How did Florence Nightingale make a difference? Try to draw out that not only did she make a difference to the soldiers that she treated, but she also made a difference to us because she was the person who invented modern nursing. Without her we might not have the amazing nurses we have today.

6. Opportunity to sing

If the assembly is to include a song you could sing it now.

[Link to video page](#)



7. Opportunity to reflect

Close your eyes and imagine Florence Nightingale working hard in the hospital in Scutari... She must have found it very difficult...but she didn't give up because she knew how important it was to help the soldiers...and she knew she was making a difference to those soldiers... How can we make a difference in our lives..? Who could we help..?

8. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for the people who care for us when we are sick.
Thank you for people who spend their lives caring for people in hospital.
Help us to find ways to help and care for other people, so that we can make a difference to others like Florence Nightingale did.
Amen.*