



# Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

## Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2025



### A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a wonderfully busy week in school, and a particular highlight has been seeing the fantastic Year 5 artwork inspired by Peter Thorpe's Capturing Motion in Art. The children were very excited to share their learning and sketch ideas:



A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity in supporting our recent fundraising efforts. We are pleased to share that we raised £75.62 for Children in Need and £66.02 for Young Minds. Your kindness makes a real difference.

There is still time to sign up for our Secret Reader event next Wednesday. A few classes are still without volunteers, so if you are able to spare a little time to come in and read to your child's class, we would be very grateful.

Thank you also to everyone who completed the milk survey. 83% of responses indicated support for discontinuing milk at break times if it helps reduce costs and redirect funds to other educational resources. As a result, we will no longer be offering milk at break times after the end of this term. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to make the best decisions for our school community.

### Contacting School

Please speak to SLT on the gate or class teachers at the end of the day as first port of call.



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### Attendance Matters

#### WEEKLY WINNERS!

- 1st Highest attendance - Y4
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y3

The whole school attendance this week is 96.76%



#### ATTENDANCE Why is it important?

| Attendance | Days absent | Weeks absent | Lessons missed |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 95%        | 9 days      | 2 weeks      | 50 lessons     |
| 90%        | 19 days     | 4 weeks      | 100 lessons    |
| 85%        | 29 days     | 6 weeks      | 150 lessons    |
| 80%        | 38 days     | 8 weeks      | 200 lessons    |
| 75%        | 48 days     | 10 weeks     | 250 lessons    |
| 70%        | 57 days     | 11.5 weeks   | 290 lessons    |

89% or below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%  
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%  
Excellent!



### Next Week

- Monday 24.11.25**
  - Forest School Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
  - Puzzle Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
  - Football Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
- Tuesday 25.11.25**
  - Drawing Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
  - Arts and Crafts Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
  - Rugby Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
- Wednesday 26.11.25**
  - Deacon Helen's Worship
  - Ethos Committee Meeting
  - Football Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
  - 3pm Secret Reader Event
- Thursday 27.11.25**
  - Karate Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
  - School Council Meeting
- Friday 28.11.25**
  - 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor Tuesday for winners' invites Wednesday)

# This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian  
Values  
Champion



Star of the  
Week



|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| EYFS Nevaen Jean | EYFS Tife          |
| Year 1 Freya     | Year 1 Layla       |
| Year 2 Hollie    | Year 2 Charlotte K |
| Year 3 Faith     | Year 3 Helin       |
| Year 4 Lilly     | Year 4 Reign       |
| Year 5 Aiden     | Year 5 Esme        |
| Year 6 Aariyan   | Year 6 Harper      |

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

Well done to the following children who received kindness awards this week for 'being' kind:

Aiden in Y5, nominated by Mrs Preter, for showing real kindness to another child at breaktime. He was really trying to help one of our new children join in with their playtime game.

Mark, Libby, Isabella and Aiden in Y5, nominated by Mr Chapter, because as he was teaching PE, they saw that he was not able to put the mats away until after the lesson. They saw this and offered to put the mats away for him, saving him a job. So KIND!

Reggie in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Preter, for showing such kindness to a new friend in Y5.



# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week for being so clean and tidy. Well done Year 3 - keep up the hard work.

## Worship

### Epworth Worship Together

Each week we have a different focus for our Epworth Worship. A film is shared between our family of Trust schools - a different film being produced each week by a different school. It is lovely to see the children of our Trust taking a lead in a different aspect of worship. An Epworth Worship Together Resource sheet is produced every week, which is sent home with this newsletter. We hope you enjoy explore the activities and reflections within these resource at home.

This week's theme was all about

**Anti-bullying**



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Hallie in Year 5

We look forward to seeing the prayers or reflections next week.

### Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship, we explored our "No Outsiders - all different, all welcome" message through the wonderful Julia Donaldson story The Ugly Five. The children enjoyed meeting the characters in the book and discovering that, although they may look different from the other animals, they each have their own special qualities that make them unique. Together, we reflected on the idea that everyone belongs in our school community, and that our differences are something to celebrate. It was a lovely reminder that kindness, acceptance, and respect help make our school a place where all are welcome.

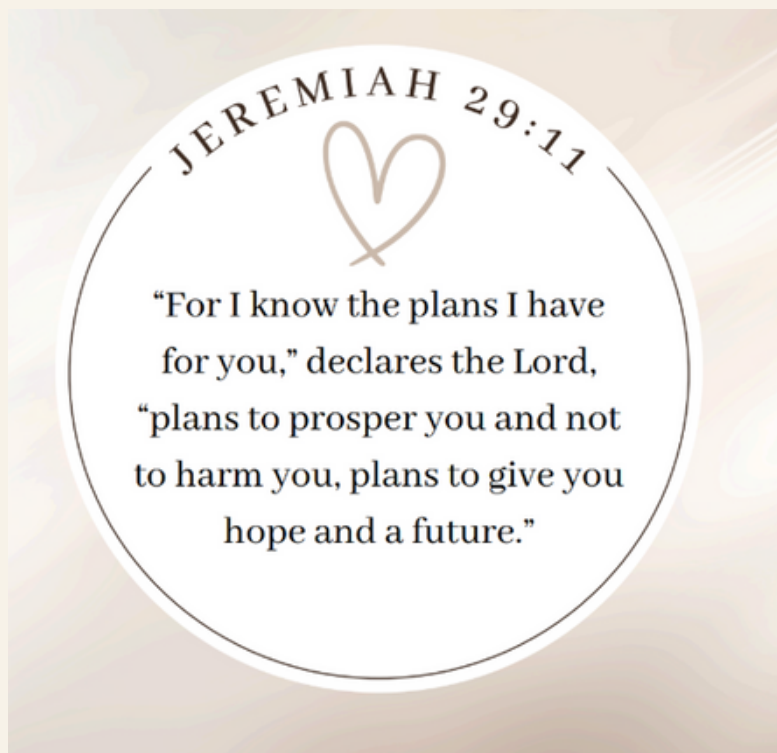
The children will now complete PSHE work next week focusing on Autumn 2 book for their class.



# School Vision



We are delighted to share that we now have a new school vision, created collaboratively with contributions from staff, governors, and our School Council. This shared effort has ensured that our vision truly reflects the values, aspirations, and spirit of our whole school community. We are proud of the thoughtful ideas our children brought forward and grateful to everyone who helped shape a vision that will guide and inspire us in the years ahead. School Council have also made actions to the vision which is accompanying this newsletter. We also still have our theologically rooted vision:





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a super start to this half term! We have been learning about materials and their suitability in science, writing expanded noun phrases about characters based on our book "The Day the Crayons Came Home" by Drew Daywalt in English, and learning about remembrance and monarchs in our history topic. Our focus in PE this half term is gymnastics. The children have been developing their coordination by practicing different turns, springing from two feet into jumps and learning what a zigzag pathway is, creating their own sequences! In art we are learning all about the Lancashire-born artist L S Lowry. The children have loved using sketching pencils and a viewfinder to focus on particular aspects of his paintings and complete their own fabulous sketches of "matchstick men, cats and dogs". We even found out that a song was written about the artist many years ago and we enjoyed listening to it (well Mrs Strong and Mrs Potter did anyway!) 😊





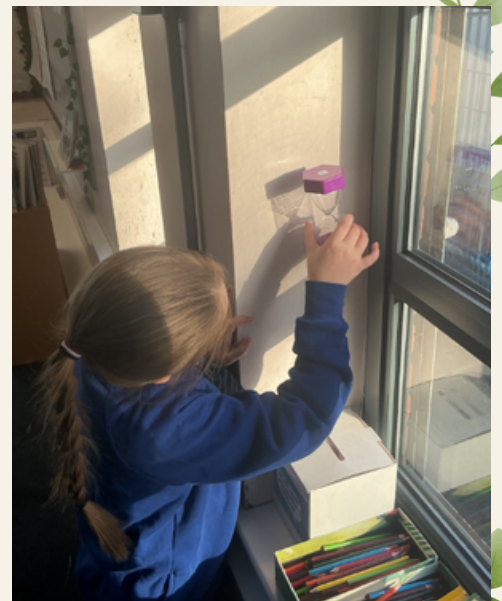
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In science, we've been looking at light. We investigated things that are opaque, transparent and translucent, looking at the different shadows that they make.

In PE, we have started our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities topic, working together to solve problems and build team building skills.

In RE, we had Deacon Helen teach our lesson about famous people and their experience with learning from God.



## PTFA Disco



We're excited to invite all children to our Christmas Disco on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025!

- ✨ Reception & KS1:  
3:20 PM – 4:30 PM
- ✨ KS2: 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Please sign up on Arbor.

There will be Christmas music, fun party games, and refreshments and snacks available. We'll be selling crisps, haribo, Freddos, water & juice. All between 25p - 50p each.

If you would like your child to come to the disco, we are not asking for financial contributions. Instead, we're suggesting a donation of one of the following for entrance to the Christmas Disco:

- Selection box
- Biscuits
- Chocolates
- Wrapping paper
- Christmas cards

These donations will then form the tombola prizes for the Christmas fair. If your child is in KS1 and will be coming to the disco, they will go directly to the disco at the end of the school day. You will then collect your child at 4.30pm, when the disco ends. If your child is in KS2, please collect your child as usual at the end of the school day and bring them along at 4.45pm.

EYFS and KS1 Children are able to come to school in their own clothes on this day. KS2 children will be in school uniform as they can get changed prior to coming back for the disco.

Come along and join the festive fun! 🎅🎶

Don't  
Forget!

## PTFA Christmas Fair

Join us for our Christmas Fair on Wednesday, 10th December 2025  
from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM!

✨ Highlights include:

- 👴 Visit Father Christmas
- 🍴 Food and drinks on sale
- 🎟 Tombola & Raffle
- 🎨 Class Christmas crafts
- 🎵 Class carol singing

It's going to be a wonderful festive afternoon – we can't wait to see you there!  
If you would like to donate bottles for the Willowbrook Hospice raffle or tombola items to the Christmas fair, please bring these into school. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept donations of alcoholic bottles.

Bottles like pop, juice etc. are ideal. These will be hugely appreciated.

Parents are kindly asked to collect children as usual at the end of the school day and accompany their children to the fair.

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

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- Raffle
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- Class carol singing

**10th December 2025**  
**3:30pm – 5pm**