



# Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

## Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025



### A message from Mrs Taylor

We've had such a lovely week in school. I've been especially delighted to see some fantastic writing across all year groups. A special well done to Theo in EYFS for his super sentences – it's hard to believe he's only in EYFS! I was also incredibly impressed by an independent poem written by Ezra in Year 4, all about light and darkness. What wonderful creativity and maturity in his writing.

We are now moving into a very exciting few weeks as Christmas approaches. Tickets for our Christmas performances go on sale today at 6pm via Arbor Shop, and we can't wait to welcome you into school to celebrate with us. All proceeds are being spent on new equipment for lunchtimes. We are also sourcing raffle prizes for our PTFA Christmas events; if you are able to donate vouchers, gifts, experiences, or anything suitable for a raffle, please send them into school as soon as possible. Your support makes such a difference to both the PTFA and the school.

On Monday, the children will be decorating our school Christmas tree. If possible, please could each child bring in one decoration to add to the tree? It will make the display wonderfully personal and special.

Finally, a gentle safeguarding reminder: please do check what your children are accessing on YouTube at home. We have had some concerns about inappropriate content being viewed and then discussed in school. Ensuring age-appropriate controls are in place will help keep all of our children safe.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

### 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 94.13%



#### 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 1.12.25**
  - Bikeability Y5
  - Forest School Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
  - Puzzle Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
  - Football Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
- Tuesday 2.12.25**
  - Bikeability Y5
  - No club due to discos
  - PTFA Discos EYFS KS1 3.20pm-4.30pm
  - KS2 4.45pm-6pm
- Wednesday 3.12.25**
  - Deacon Helen's Worship
  - Ethos Committee Meeting
  - Football Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
  - Christmas Panto afternoon
- Thursday 4.12.25**
  - Bikeability Y5
  - Karate Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
  - School Council Meeting 3.30pm
  - PTFA Meeting
- Friday 5.12.25**
  - 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 William	EYFS Cole
Year 1 Christopher	Year 1 Sophia
Year 2 Harry	Year 2 Amelia
Year 3 Tamilore	Year 3 Oliver B
Year 4 Poppy	Year 4 Ezra
Year 5 Sophie	Year 5 Alaska
Year 6 Lacey	Year 6 Matthew

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Rohan and Leo in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Murphy, for showing real kindness to help one of their friends learn to play.

Faith in Year 3, nominated by Mr Chapter, for always being so kind each and every day with kind compliments that brighten up everyone's day!

Leo R in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for being spotted being so kind and caring in your role as EYFS Buddy.

# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 5

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed how tidy you cleaned your classroom after a really messy Art lesson - paint, charcoal, pastels all disappeared before she came back to clean - well done Year 5!

## 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

#### Ways to Connect



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Arya in Year 2

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

### Nutgrove Collective Worship

In worship this week, we launched our Infinite 8 strategy. The 'Infinite Eight' is designed to support our schools in living out 'scholé' in its truest sense, offering experiences that go beyond the taught curriculum. Through this approach, children are encouraged to be active in their learning, enjoying the space and freedom to grow, reflect, and follow their own journeys of self-discovery.

We also shared some of the exciting activities planned for the year ahead, including watching the pantomime next week as part of Marvel at the Masters, and our Year 6 pupils visiting a care home in December to sing as part of Be a Helping Hand.

Epworth Education Trust's  
**Infinite Eight**  
Strategy



## Lunchtime Prayer

Our Ethos Committee have been working closely with Deacon Helen to write our new lunchtime prayer. They launched it in worship this week, and we are so proud of their hard work. We are delighted to share the new prayer with you. Their next exciting task will be to write our end-of-the-day prayer!

### Lunchtime Prayer

Thank you for delicious  
food  
That we can eat today.

For everything we have to  
munch  
That helps us work and  
play.

Amen





## Play Leaders



Our Year 6 Play Leaders have been busy training with SHAPES to bring fun and active playtimes to Nutgrove! Working on a rota, they lead exciting games like Duck, Duck, Goose, What Time Is It Mr Wolf?, Stuck in the Mud, and Hopscotch — making break times more enjoyable for EYFS & Key Stage One.

## EYFS Buddies

Our EYFS Buddies have been working incredibly hard this half term, building wonderful friendships and taking on their mentoring roles with enthusiasm and care. From helping with routines to joining in with play and learning, they have shown kindness, patience, and brilliant leadership. It has been fantastic to see the older children supporting our youngest learners, creating a warm, nurturing environment where everyone feels included and confident. We are very proud of the positive example they are setting each day!





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 4

Science - We've been exploring electricity by making our own circuits. The children loved experimenting with bulbs, wires, and batteries to see how everything connects and works together.

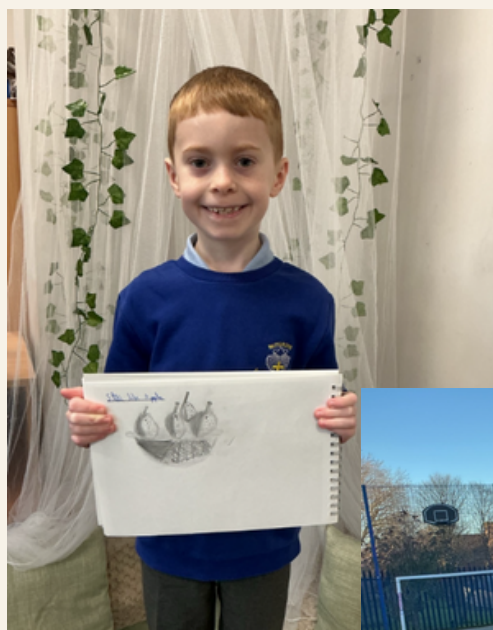
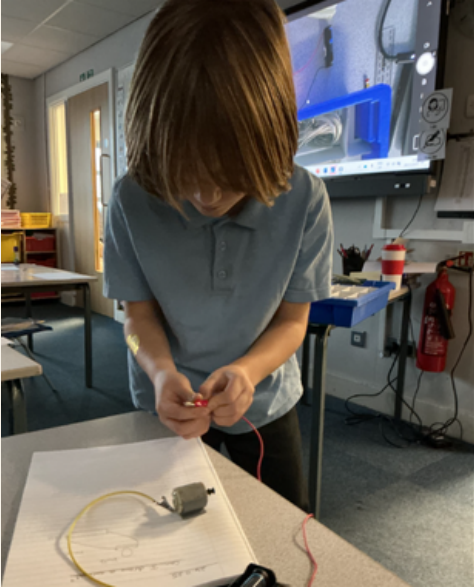
PE - Our tennis lessons have been a big hit! We've been learning how to serve, rally, and improve our hand-eye coordination. Everyone has shown fantastic teamwork and perseverance.

Art - We've been creating beautiful still-life drawings. The focus has been on shading techniques to add depth and detail. The results have been amazing!

Maths - We've been working hard on telling the time, learning about both analogue and digital clocks. It's been great to see the children grow in confidence with this important skill.

English - We've been acting out scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream and using drama to bring Shakespeare's words to life.

It's been a fantastic week of learning, and we're so proud of all the new skills Year 4 have mastered.





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic and productive week!

In English, the children worked hard writing and designing their own postcards inspired by our class book Room 13. They loved getting creative with their ideas. They enjoyed reading newspaper articles and working out what the headline might be!

In Maths, Year 5 used their times tables knowledge to help them find equivalent fractions and as a class we worked on our reasoning skills to explain whether fractions were equivalent or not and we had to prove why.

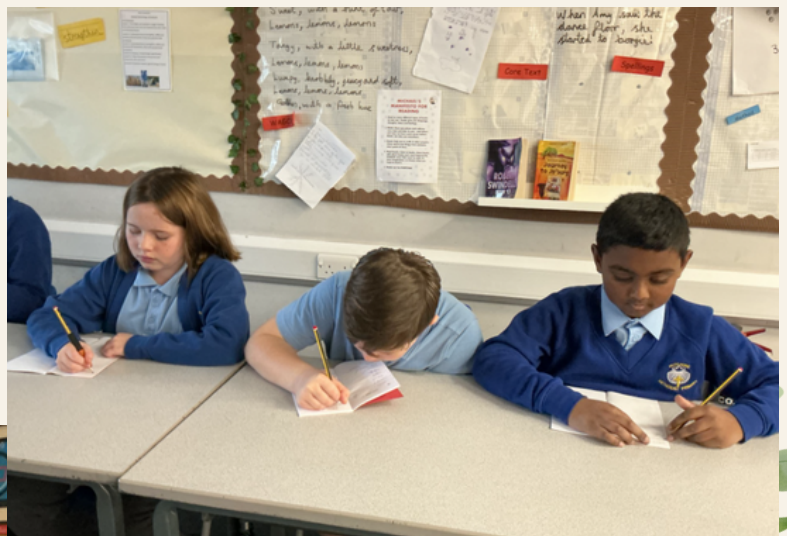
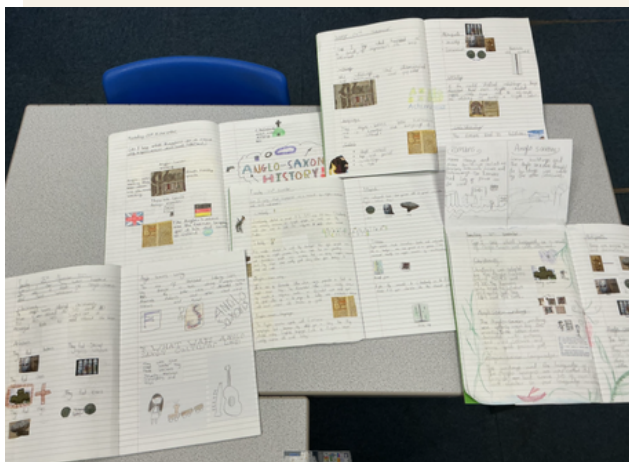
In PE, the class enjoyed practising their hockey skills. Working in pairs, they focused on controlling the ball with their hockey sticks and learned how to use the equipment safely.

In History, we continued exploring the Anglo-Saxon and Scot settlements and discussed how these groups helped shape Britain.

In Music, the children carried on learning about the Blues and had great fun performing their own compositions.

In Art and Design, they experimented with different mediums to create some beautiful and imaginative artwork.

Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week of learning!



# 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.

We are so grateful that Rock Kidz are supporting this event - tell the children to get ready to do the chicken!!

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
- Bottles of bubble bath
- Bottles of pop/juice

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!

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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**NUTGROVE**

METHODIST PRIMARY PTFA

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

- Father Christmas
- Food and drinks on sale
- Tombola
- Raffle
- Class Christmas crafts
- Class carol singing

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

Don't Forget!

# Christmas Dates for your diary

## AUTUMN TERM SAVE THE DATE



Mon 1.12	Last week of clubs
Tues 2.12	PTFA Discos - EYFS KS1- 3.30pm-4.30pm then KS2 4.45pm-6pm
Wed 3.12	Panto Afternoon
Wed 10.12	Y6 Christmas Carol Singing at Brown Edge Care Home
Wed 10.12	PTFA Christmas Fair at 3.30pm-5pm
Thu 11.12	Christmas Jumper Day - wear Christmas jumpers and donate to Save the Children
Thu 11.12	Christmas Dinner Day
Mon 15.12 9.15am and 2.30pm in the hall	KS2 Carol Service - families invited
Tue 16.12 9.15am in the hall	Reception Nativity Service - families invited
Wed 17.12 9.15am	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Service - families invited
Thurs 18.12 9.15am	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Service - families invited
Fri 19.12	School closes for Christmas - school reopens on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am