



### A message from Mrs Taylor

What a wonderful festive week we've had in school! From busy dress rehearsals to our colourful Christmas Jumper Day and a delicious Christmas Dinner, the whole school has been buzzing with excitement. Our Year 6 pupils also had the pleasure of visiting Brown Edge Care Home, where they spread festive joy by singing carols to the residents—a truly heart-warming experience for everyone involved.

The pinnacle of the week was undoubtedly our Christmas Fair, organised by our fantastic PTFA alongside school staff. Thank you to all our families who came along to support the event and help us raise funds for the school. We are delighted to share that we raised £994.26, and every penny will go directly back into supporting the children.

There were so many magical moments: Father Christmas arriving on his motorbike through Thatto Heath, the children proudly showing off their Christmas crafts, and the hall filled with singing, dancing, and excited faces as they enjoyed the games and activities.

A massive thank you to the PTFA, our parent helpers, and all staff who worked so hard to make the event such a success. And a special shout-out to Olivia B, Isla and Minahil in Year 6, and Alice in Year 4, who took the initiative to make and sell bracelets at the fair—wonderful young entrepreneurs with such kind hearts and being such a credit to our school.

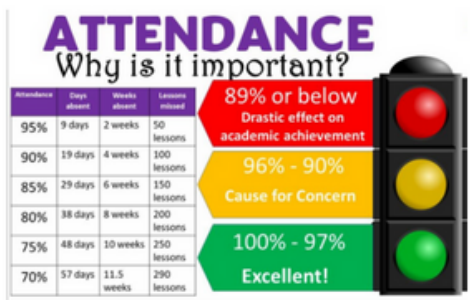


### Attendance Matters

#### WEEKLY WINNERS!

- 1st Highest attendance - Y6
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y4

The whole school attendance this week is 95.33%



### Next Week

- Monday 15.12.25**
  - 9.15am and 2.15pm KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts
  - 9.15am EYFS Nativity
- Tuesday 16.12.25**
  - Performance
  - Y5 Christmas trip to Rainhill High School
- Wednesday 17.12.25**
  - 9.15am KS1 Nativity Performance
  - Deacon Helen's Worship
  - Ethos Committee Meeting
- Thursday 18.12.25**
  - 9.15am KS1 Nativity Performance
- Friday 19.12.25**
  - Own clothes day - wear PJs and bring a blanket, teddy and some sweet treats for a Christmas film
  - No Celebration Praise this day

### 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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# This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian  
Values  
Champion



Star of the  
Week



EYFS Thomas	EYFS Oliver
Year 1 Scarlett	Year 1 Alfie
Year 2 Lily	Year 2 Isla
Year 3 Mason	Year 3 Elliot
Year 4 Sebastian N	Year 4 Sebastian HH
Year 5 Freddie	Year 5 Zac
Year 6 Isla	Year 6 Reuben

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Aurora in Y3, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping EYFS tidy up their paper.

Thomas in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for giving up his chair to his friend in the Home Corner so they had somewhere to sit.

Logan in Y5, nominated by Miss Maguire, for reading a story to the whole EYFS class, without being asked, at the end of the day, and for helping Jacob put his coat on.

Paige in Y5, nominated by a parent, as she showed great kindness to a friend in need.

Joshua in Y4, nominated by Mrs Dawes, supported a friend to start their learning without being asked and offering to help an injured friend.

Tristan in Y6, nominated by Mrs Barlow, for showing kindness and enthusiasm when carol singing at the care home.



# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 6

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed with how tidy you have kept your classroom even with the abundance of glitter and glue and Christmas crafts going on! Well done!

## Worship

### Epworth Worship Together



Each week we have a different focus for our Epworth Worship. This week was a very special worship as we explored the true meaning of Christmas and Jesus being the light of the world. We joined live with Mrs Hewitt, our trust CEO, and the other 10 schools in our trust. It was wonderful time of celebration, reflection and learning. We heard bible readings, sung songs and reflected on how we see light in our world today. Three children in Year 6 at Nutgrove read a prayer all about Jesus being our light in the light.

### Nutgrove Collective Worship

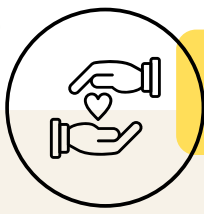
This week in worship, we have been wonderfully treated to the dress rehearsals from both EYFS and KS1. The children have been working incredibly hard to prepare their Christmas performances, and it has been a joy to watch their confidence shine on stage.

Through their storytelling, singing, and acting, the children have helped us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas – celebrating the birth of Jesus and recognising the love, hope, and joy that this special time of year brings. Their dedication has reminded us all of the importance of kindness, togetherness, and gratitude as we journey through Advent. We are very proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to sharing their fantastic performances with families very soon!



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Aarin in Year 1

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



## Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our children and families for your wonderful support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Through the sale of poppies, snap bands and other items, together we raised an amazing £336.82!

Your generosity helps support veterans and their families, while also ensuring we remember those who have served our country. We are so proud of the kindness and care shown by our school community.

Thank you for making a difference!



## Raffle

Year 6 will be selling raffle tickets when you enter our Christmas shows next on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please bring in £1 coins if you would like to purchase any - £1 a strip.

The raffle will then be drawn on Wednesday afternoon and we will contact the winners!

All money raised is going straight to Willowbrook Hospice a charity close to many of our Nutgrove families hearts.





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 1

In Year 1, we have been embracing the festive season by decorating our school Christmas tree. The children were full of excitement as they brought in their own decorations from home, proudly sharing them with their classmates and adding a personal touch to the tree. This activity has helped create a warm and joyful atmosphere in the classroom, encouraging teamwork and creativity.

In History, our focus has been on the topic of toys. The children had a wonderful opportunity to bring in some of their favourite toys from home, sparking engaging discussions about what makes these toys special and how they are used today. We then compared these modern toys with toys from the past, exploring differences in materials, design, and purpose. This hands-on approach allowed the children to develop a deeper understanding of how toys have changed over time and what this tells us about life in different eras





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy these last few weeks! In science we have continued learning about materials and completing some investigations. This week we have been investigating which materials are opaque, translucent or transparent. The children used torches to test the materials and then classified them in a table. In RE we have been learning about the importance of Christmas to Christians and how the birth of Jesus is believed to be "good news". Using clues from the Nativity story, the children took their learning outside and completed a "good news, bad news" trail. We determined the Nativity story is mainly full of good news. In art we have continued learning about artist L S Lowry. The children have loved using charcoal to create a seascape focusing on softening and smudging the charcoal to create different tones. Finally, we have been practicing our songs and learning our lines for the Nativity performance and the children can't wait to perform in front of their parents and carers.



# Year 6 Visit to Brown Edge Care Home

Year 6 enjoyed a heart-warming visit to Brown Edge Care Home, where they filled the halls with festive cheer by singing a wonderful selection of Christmas carols. The children showed exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm throughout, bringing smiles to the faces of the residents and creating a truly joyful atmosphere. This visit was a lovely demonstration of our school's Christian ethos, sharing kindness, compassion, and community spirit with others.

As a special surprise, Father Christmas himself paid a visit, delighting everyone with his appearance and treating the children to some festive chocolate treats. It was a memorable afternoon for all and a wonderful way to spread Christmas joy.



## Christmas Fair Winners



Well done to the following winners:

Amara EYFS for guessing the right Teddy's name which was Stanley.

Guess the sweets in the jar Christmas Trees - Alivia Y2, Amara EYFS,  
Matilda EYFS

Guess the sweets in the jar Grinch Cups - Anya Y3, Elisheva Y4