



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2025



A message from Mrs Taylor

We have had such a wonderful week in school. From our Christmas discos and the Cinderella pantomime to decorating our beautiful tree—thank you so much for the thoughtful decoration donations; it truly looks stunning.

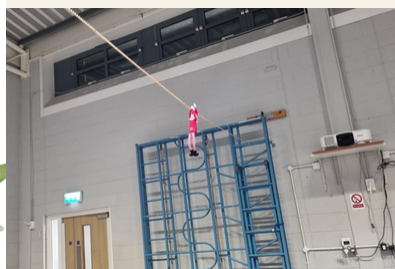
Our School Council also planted our very own Christmas tree at the front of school. We are excited to watch it grow alongside our children in the years ahead.

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard on their Bikeability skills, beginning with safe riding on the playground before learning how to navigate the roads confidently. Due to yesterday's poor weather, Thursday's group will now complete their session next Thursday.

There has also been lots of excitement around school as the elves have arrived! They have been wowing the children with their magic and mischief, adding an extra sparkle to our days. Christmas is such a special time of year, and it's a joy to see the children's wonder and enthusiasm.

Date for your diary:

Monday 12th January – Parents are warmly invited into the school hall at 3.30pm for an Art Showcase celebrating all the incredible art and design work the children have created this half term.



Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!

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

The whole school attendance this week is 96.4%



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 8.12.25**
No clubs this week or next week
Epworth Worship Live 10am
- Tuesday 9.12.25**
Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Reverend Andy's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
NHS Flu Spray catch up
Y6 Carol Singing at Brown Edge Care Home
Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5pm
- Wednesday 10.12.25**
Y5 Bikeability
- Thursday 11.12.25**
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner day
School Council Meeting
- Friday 12.12.25**
Y5 Monarchy Talk
KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Y4 River Trust Visit
2.45pm Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor for winners' invites on Wednesday)

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 Mia	EYFS Amara
Year 1 Alfie	Year 1 Lottie
Year 2 Timi	Year 2 Elsie
Year 3 Thor	Year 3 Ben
Year 4 Nico	Year 4 Isla P
Year 5 Charlie T	Year 5 Mark
Year 6 Charlie Fors	Year 6 Zachary

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

Well done to the following children who received kindness awards this week: Reid in Year 3, nominated by Miss Maguire, as he brought a book into school from home that he thought EYFS would enjoy reading for their whole class story.

Emilia and Myla in Year 2, nominated by a parent, for showing kindness buying and sharing treats at the school disco.

Myla in Year 2, nominated by Miss Stevens, for showing kindness checking adult was ok.

Jemima, Isla, Lacey, Minhail, John, Eliana, Aariyan, Olivia B, Olivia M, in Y6, nominated by Mr Chapter, for helping Y3 to learn actions for the Carol Concert.

Mia in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping a friend to put on their shoes.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 4

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week!
Mrs Best was so impressed how tidy you have kept your classroom clean and tidy this week.
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

Advent



Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship we have begun to explore Advent, a very special time in the Christian calendar when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Mrs Hill introduced us to the Advent wreath and helped us learn what each of the Advent candles represents, including hope, peace, joy and love.

Mrs Taylor shared the story of An angel appears to Mary from the Gospel of Luke (Chapter 1), helping us think about Mary's courage and trust when she received the amazing news that she would be the mother of Jesus.

We are looking forward to continuing our Advent journey together in the coming weeks.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Hallie in Year 3

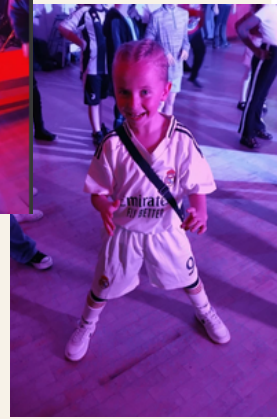
We look forward to seeing the prayers or reflections next week.



PTFA Discos

Our two Christmas Discos on Tuesday were a huge hit! The children had an amazing time singing, dancing, playing games, and even taking part in some brilliant dance-offs. The energy and excitement in the hall were infectious, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces.

A massive thank you to our incredible PTFA and all the parent helpers—these events simply wouldn't be possible without your support, time, and enthusiasm. And a big shout-out to Si from Rock Kidz and his fantastic team, all former pupils, for DJing throughout the night. We are so grateful for the joy you helped bring to our school community and we raised £203.70 from the tuck shop - thank you!



Pantomime

Our children had an absolutely fantastic time watching the Cinderella pantomime! From the very first scene, the hall was filled with laughter, singing, and plenty of excited voices joining in with all the fun. The joy was so infectious that it could be heard throughout the school—and even out on the playground at pick-up time! It was a truly magical afternoon that brought everyone together and left the children beaming. A wonderful experience they'll be talking about for days to come.



Christmas Tree

School Council kindly helped Mr Howden plant our new Christmas tree for outside. This was kindly donated by Mr Moorcroft (Mrs Murphy's brother). The children enjoyed helping plant the tree and then wrote letters of thank you to say how excited they are to watch it grow over the coming years.

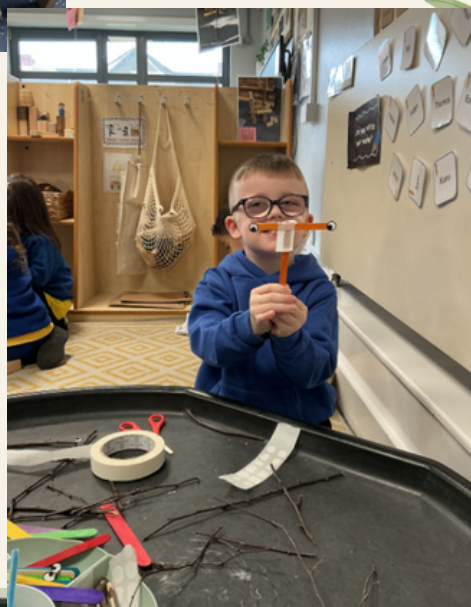
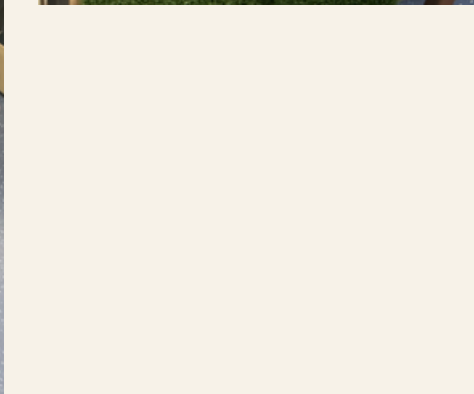
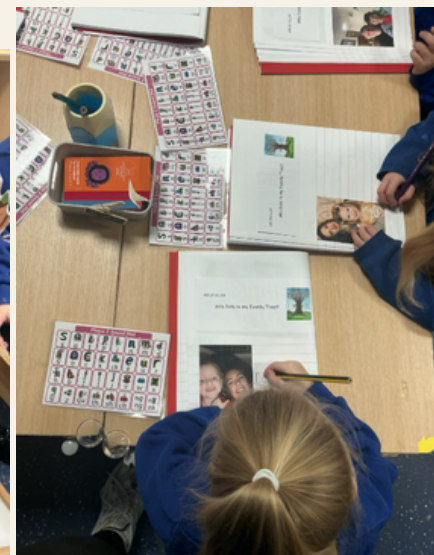




Curriculum Showcase

EYFS

EYFS have been learning about the story of Stick Man over the past two weeks. They have made their own Stick Men, and then made clothes for them so they don't get cold in the Winter months. They have retold the start of the story using actions and a Story Map. The Home Corner has been changed to appear as Stick Man's Family Tree, where children have retold the story. We are blown away by the writing that the children have been doing, whether that's captioning a picture from the story, coming up with ideas of what they would use Stick Man for, or writing about their own Family Tree.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 6!

In Maths, we've been mastering how to convert fractions, decimals and percentages – and even switching between them with growing confidence.

In English, we have been planning our non-chronological reports on refugees, exploring key information, important vocabulary and how to write with clarity and empathy.

This week also included a special treat: we watched the school panto, Cinderella, which brought plenty of laughs and festive cheer!

To get ready for the upcoming Christmas Fair, Year 6 have been busy crafting their own Christmas decorations. Keep an eye out for their hard work on display!

We also began reading our new No Outsiders book, Introducing Teddy, a lovely story that has already sparked thoughtful discussion in class.

And in PE, we enjoyed dance sessions with Lucy, learning new routines and having great fun moving to the music. In hockey we are learning different dribbling techniques such as the Indian dribble, and using this within mini games.

Well done, Year 6, for another fantastic week of learning and creativity!



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
- 🎮 Christmas Games
- 🎨 Face paints

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.



We are so grateful that Rock Kidz are supporting this event!

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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 th January at 8.45am