



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025

A message from Mrs Taylor

As we come to the end of this term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful first full term for me as Head of School at Nutgrove.

It has been an absolute privilege to join the Nutgrove family. From my very first day, I have been struck by how welcoming and supportive our parents and carers are, and by just how amazing our children are. They embody our school values every day, and it has been a joy getting to know them, seeing their enthusiasm for learning, and celebrating their achievements. Their smiles brighten up my day everyday!

This term has seen some real progress and positive shifts across the school, and I hope that you have felt these changes as families. We have really valued strengthening our partnership with you, particularly through welcoming you into school for opportunities such as Meet the Teacher meetings, phonics workshops, and the launch of Secret Readers. Your engagement and support make such a difference, and we are grateful for the time you give to our school community. Developing ways to improve our personal development offer has been a real highlight this term.

The children have taken part in a wide range of enriching experiences, including Diwali workshops, after-school clubs, Christmas discos and a pantomime. We have loved seeing the children out in the community on trips to the pantry and the local care home, as well as welcoming visitors into school such as paramedics, the police and the River Trust. These experiences help bring learning to life and support our children in becoming confident, caring and curious individuals.

As we close the term, I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their hard work and commitment, and our families for the trust and support you show us every day. Nutgrove is a very special place, and I feel incredibly proud to be part of it.

I would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy, safe and restful Christmas. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year and to an exciting 2026 ahead, as we continue to grow, learn and succeed together. We return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

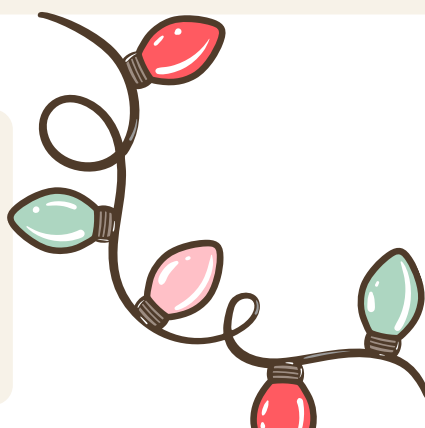
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Please speak to SLT on the gate or class teachers at the end of the day as first port of call.



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PTFA Raffle

Well done to all our winners of the raffle - all prizes have now been sent home with the winners.

A whopping £273 was raised from this raffle and all money is going straight to Willowbrook Hospice - a charity close to many of our Nutgrove families hearts.

Some PTFS members and children kindly delivered the money yesterday.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.





Eco Council

Introducing our new Eco Council!



The Eco Council are going to be meeting weekly to discuss ideas on how we can make our school more Eco Friendly. Our first meeting was on Thursday 18th December and we already have so many great ideas on how to reduce waste and save energy throughout school in the Spring Term.

First Week Back

Monday
5.1.26

School opens for Spring term
3.20pm-4.15pm Football, lego and yoga clubs

Tuesday
6.1.26

3.20pm-4.15pm Dance fitness, dodgeball, drawing and crafts clubs
3.20pm-4.30pm Y6 Maths booster

Wednesday
7.1.26

SCARF PSHE workshops in school
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting

Thursday
8.1.26

Y5 Swimming
School Council Meeting
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club
3.20pm-4.15pm Y1 and Y2 Phonics boosters

Friday
9.1.26

9am Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor for winners' invites Wednesday)

Curriculum Showcase

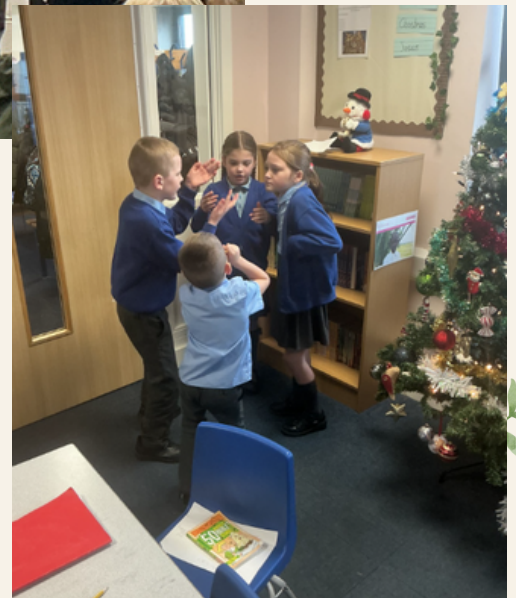
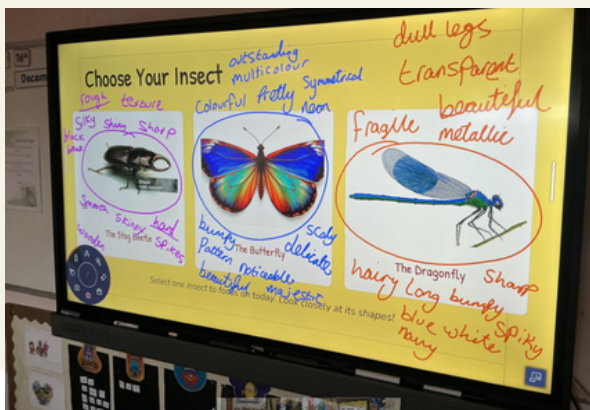
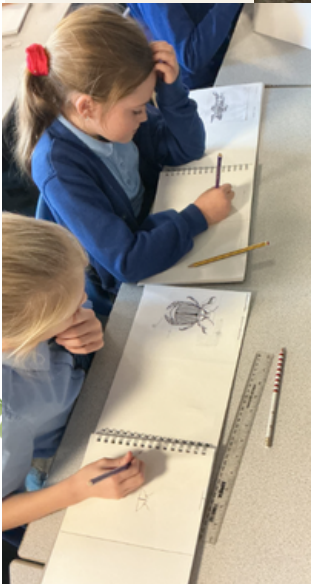
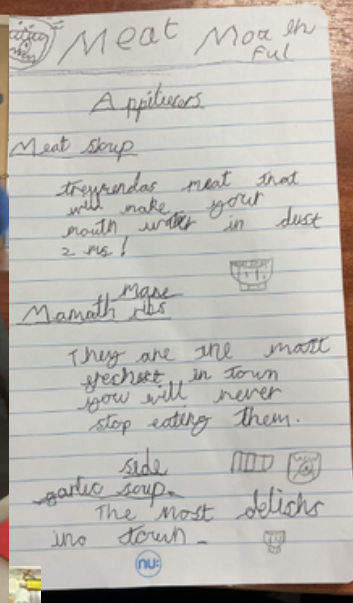
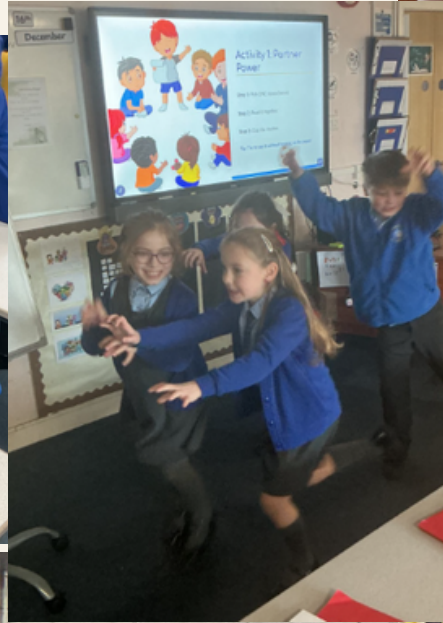
Year 3

Year 3 have been doing some amazing work recently.

We have looked at menus for our Writing topic of writing a Stone Age menu. Some children even extended their learning outside of the classroom!

We have been looking at a piece of poetry 'The River by Valerie Bloom'. We recited some stanza and even performed with expression and actions.

In art, we have been doing drawing. Taking inspiration from Rosalind Monks as we looked at line, tone, shadow, scale and used different types of pencils to show this.



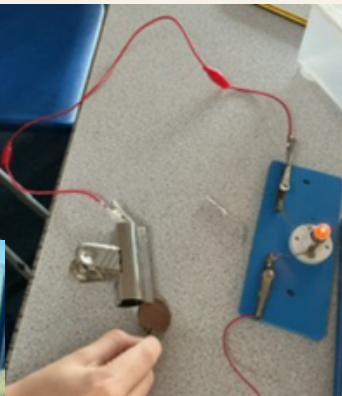
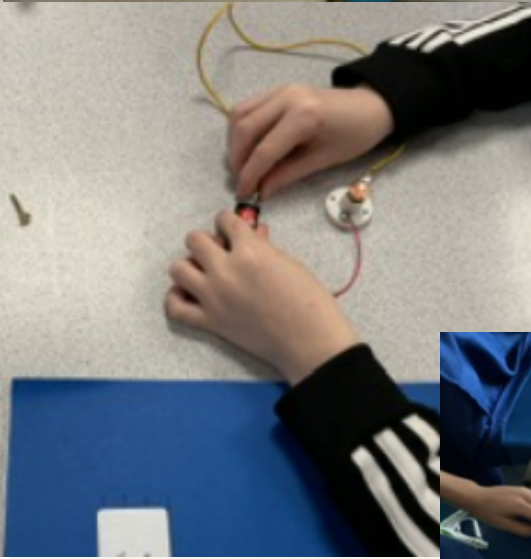
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Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting and busy time recently! In Science, we continued exploring electrical circuits, adding switches and carrying out a fair test to investigate how to make a bulb shine brighter. The children loved predicting and testing their ideas.

We also had a special visit from Andy from the River's Trust, who spoke to us about why rivers are important, the impact of flooding, and how pollution affects wildlife. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions and learned how we can help protect our environment.

In PE, we've been developing our skills in tennis and working on balance and strength in gymnastics. In Maths, we've been learning about mixed numbers and fractions, and in Art, we've continued our beautiful work on still life compositions.



Christingle Service

Year 4

This week, Year 4 led a wonderful Christingle service for the whole school. The children worked hard to make their own Christingles and shared the meaning behind each part with everyone. They explained how the orange represents the world, the candle reminds us that Jesus is the light, and the red ribbon symbolizes His love.

During the service, the children sang a festive song and read a heartfelt prayer, creating a reflective and joyful atmosphere. It was a special moment for our school community to come together and celebrate the true message of Christmas.

A big thank you to Year 4 for their effort and enthusiasm in making this event so memorable!

