



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

What a wonderful first week of 2026 we have had in school! Thank you for your understanding and patience on Monday when we experienced an unexpected boiler failure.

Despite the chilly weather, spirits remained high, and the snowball fights and playing in the snow on Tuesday was such a great day in school. Although I must admit the children showed me no mercy with aiming their snowballs in my direction, even managing to catch me out while I was making a snow angel!

This week also saw our SCARF PSHE workshops take place. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Katie and Healthy Harold the Giraffe, who helped them explore how to be resilient superheroes. Harold even taught us a song, reminding us of the power of the word "yet" when things feel challenging.

Finally, a gentle reminder about punctuality. Children are marked late if they arrive after 8:50am, and missed minutes can quickly add up over the year:

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost
- 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost
- 20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost
- 30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost

Let's make 2026 the year when all children arrive at school every day and on time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!

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

The whole school attendance this week is 97.95%



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
12.1.26

2-3pm SEND drop in session for parents/carers in Wesley Room
3.20pm-4.15pm Football, lego and yoga clubs
3.30pm Art Showcase in school hall

Tuesday
13.1.26

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

Wednesday
14.1.26

Deacon Helen teaching Y3 RE
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
3pm Secret Reader

Thursday
15.1.26

Y5 Swimming
School Council Meeting
Eco Council meeting
2.50pm Y6 SATs meeting in hall
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club
3.20pm-4.15pm Y1 and Y2 Phonics boosters

Friday
16.1.26

9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites 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 Kyle	EYFS Theo
Year 1 Neela	Year 1 Joshua O
Year 2 Lily	Year 2 Isla
Year 3 Aurora	Year 3 Isablla
Year 4 Joseph L	Year 4 Ezra
Year 5 Belle	Year 5 Thikal
Year 6 Eliza	Year 6 Emma

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Logan in Y5, nominated by Miss Stevens, for helping a friend to complete their Science work when they found it difficult.

Phoebe in Y4, nominated by Mrs Jones, as she stands out this week as she has been offering to be Mrs Jones's helper at lunch times and is a kind and forgiving friend.

Haiden in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping his friend remember their lunchbox and then holding the door for them whilst they went to get it.

Aurora in Y3, nominated by Mr Chapter, for always being willing to help Mr Chapter in the classroom.

Thomas in Y3, nominated by Mr Chapter, for being kind to his peers and for being an amazing friend.

Eva C in Y3, nominated by Mrs Robertshaw, for always asking Miss if there anything she can do to help.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 1

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

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

Wisdom - Making wise decisions in the New Year



Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Xiana in EYFS

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

This week in worship, we were reminded of our school vision and the importance of putting our values into action. We revisited our school rules and Habits for Learning, reflecting on why these are so important in helping everyone to learn and thrive.

Mrs Dawes led a thoughtful worship focused on ADHD, where pupils learned about the role of the SENDCo, explored different types of ADHD, and discovered well-known individuals who have ADHD. We also discussed the many strengths people with ADHD can bring and how we can support friends in our classrooms.

We concluded by reminding ourselves that everyone is unique and valued. Our school celebrates diversity because it makes us stronger, and every individual brings something special to our community.

No Outsiders



Next week in our PSHE lessons, children will be reading and exploring our next No Outsiders book. No Outsiders is a programme that helps children understand and celebrate diversity, teaching the important message that we are all different and everyone is welcome.

Through age-appropriate stories and discussion, pupils are encouraged to talk about kindness, respect, belonging and inclusion. The lessons support our school values and help children to recognise that families, friendships and communities can look different, and that these differences should be respected and valued.

As always, learning will be delivered in a sensitive and inclusive way, with opportunities for children to ask questions and share their thoughts in a safe and supportive environment.

The books the children will be reading are:

Reception	
Spring 1	Hello Hello – Brendan Wenzel
Year 1	
Spring 1	Going to the Volcano – Andy Staton
Year 2	
Spring 1	Amazing – Steve Antony
Year 3	
Spring 1	The Truth about Old People – Elina Ellis
Year 4	
Spring 1	Julian is a Mermaid – Jessica Lowe
Year 5	
Spring 1	How to Heal a Broken Wing – Bob Graham
Year 6	
Spring 1	You're so Amazing – James and Lucy Catchpole



Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic first week back and settled in quickly. They made the most of the snowy weather, enjoying time playing with friends and embracing the fun that came with it. In English, we began our new core text *King of the Sky*, exploring themes of belonging and how it feels to finally find your place. The children have already shown great engagement and thoughtful discussions around this.

In maths, we have been focusing on negative numbers and exploring them in different real-life contexts, which linked perfectly with the chilly temperatures we've been experiencing recently. The children also enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the term, making the most of some learning time out of the classroom. In science, they have been working hard to recognise and explore the stages of the human life cycle.

It's been a busy and positive start, and we can't wait to see and hear about the progress they continue to make over the coming weeks.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting and memorable week! On Monday, a snow day meant school was closed, and on Tuesday we made the most of the wintry weather by enjoying time playing in the snow together.

Back in the classroom, pupils have been busy across the curriculum. In maths, we have been exploring shape, focusing on composing and decomposing 2D and 3D shapes, using practical manipulatives to build and investigate 3D forms. In literacy, we have started our new class text Food Fight. The children have enjoyed acting out conversations between fruits and vegetables and have created a detailed story map in preparation for our upcoming writing week.

In DT, we have begun learning about pulleys and levers, while in science we have started our new topic on the human circulatory system by drawing and labelling the heart.

