



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a truly wonderful week in school, full of exciting learning and fantastic achievements. I have been delighted to give out lots of Headteacher stickers, celebrating the hard work and enthusiasm I have seen across all year groups. In Year 1, pupils produced some excellent maths work, independently partitioning numbers in a range of different ways and showing great confidence in their learning.

Year 6 wowed us in science by creating their own bottles of "blood", using marshmallows for white blood cells, salt for minerals and red food-coloured dyed Cheerios for red blood cells. Even more impressive were the clear and detailed explanations the children gave about what each part represented.

In Year 4, science lessons on food chains allowed pupils to confidently explain which animals eat what and how energy moves along the chain, and their enthusiasm for learning was lovely to see.

Year 5 have also been very busy, working hard to develop their swimming skills during their swimming lessons and showing great determination and resilience in the pool.

Finally, a gentle reminder to please be mindful of our neighbours when parking outside school. Your continued support with this is greatly appreciated.

Please ensure school hot lunches are ordered at home thank you.

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 - EYFS

The whole school attendance this week is 95.05%



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 26.1.26**
Y6 fire service visit
Y5 Crucial Crew visit
3.20pm-4.15pm Football, lego and yoga clubs
- Tuesday 27.1.26**
3.20pm-4.15pm Dance fitness, dodgeball, drawing and crafts clubs
3.20pm-4.30pm Y6 Maths booster
- Wednesday 28.1.26**
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
- Thursday 29.1.26**
Y5 Swimming
School Council Meeting
Eco Council meeting
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club
3.20pm-4.15pm Y1 and Y2 Phonics boosters
- Friday 30.1.26**
9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion

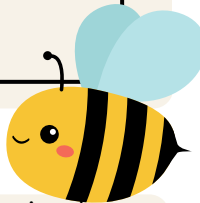


Star of the
Week



EYFS Fjola	EYFS Aiden
Year 1 Rohan	Year 1 Dhyan
Year 2 Remi	Year 2 Millie
Year 3 Lawrence	Year 3 Eva C
Year 4 Reign	Year 4 Joseph B
Year 5 Paige	Year 5 Aiden
Year 6 Olivia B	Year 6 Archie

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Mason in Year 1, nominated by Izaiah, for being kind to a new adult working in Year 1.

Remi in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Jones, for being kind to Mrs Jones helping her find a walkie talkie, holding open the door and reminding her when she forgot her glasses.

Sebastian HH in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Dawes, as he has been so kind this week helping tidy the class and collecting books in and he did it with a smile and a joke!

Reign, Isla P, Joshua and Logan N, nominated by Mrs Mitchell, for helping her in class by collecting the laptops and keeping our classroom tidy.

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 with how tidy you have kept your classroom. I even visited a messy science lesson then came back 10 minutes later and it was like it never happened - great team 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

Generosity



Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship, our children have been exploring the meaning of the phrase "to give is to receive." Through the Bible story of the Feeding of the 5,000, they reflected on the small boy who chose to give everything he had—his simple lunch—trusting that it could be used for good. From this powerful act of generosity, he received far more than he gave: love, thankfulness, appreciation and, ultimately, more food than he started with. The children discussed how even the smallest act of kindness or sharing can make a big difference, and how generosity enriches not only those who receive, but also those who give. It has been a meaningful opportunity to reflect on compassion, gratitude and the joy found in helping others.



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

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

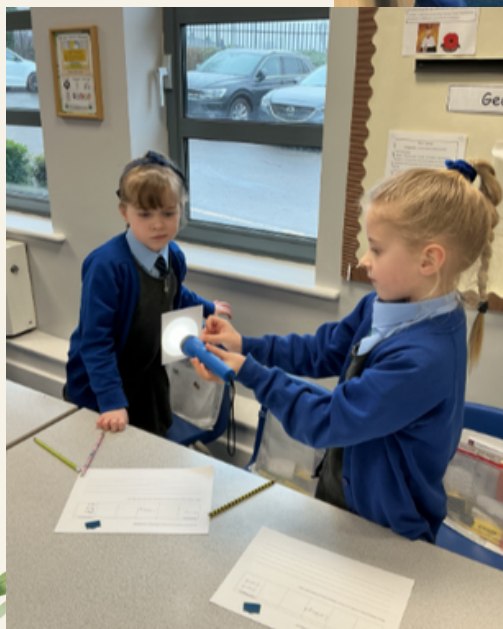
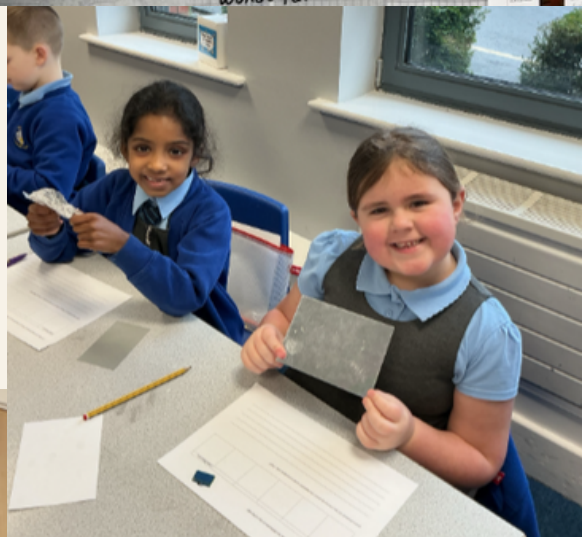




Curriculum Showcase

Year 2

Year 2 have had a super busy start to the spring term. In maths we have been focusing on grouping and multiplication, and in literacy we have had lots of fun writing about our new book "The Pig's Knickers" by Jonathan Emmett! We have continued with our materials topic in science and this week the children have been looking at reflective and non-reflective materials, investigating with a torch which would be the most suitable material to use on a book bag to make it more visible in the dark. Our RE focus is all about Jesus and how he was a friend to everyone. The children learned the story of Jesus and the thankful leper – they acted out the story in groups and reflected on thankfulness and the importance of treating others equally, just like Jesus did.





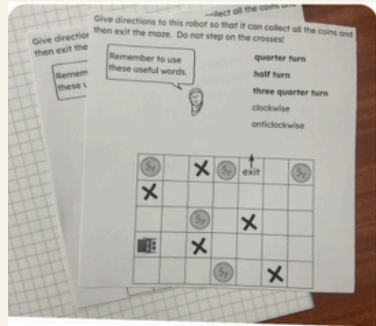
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Year 3

What a sensational week it has been for our Year 3 superstars! We've been diving deep into the world of geometry, mastering the art of identifying angles and spotting those perfect right angles in the world around us.

The excitement shifted up a gear as we applied our expert instruction-writing skills to a high-stakes challenge: coding robots! Students successfully navigated a complex maze, gathering coins along the way with precision and flair.

In our quiet moments, we have been reflecting on our Christian Value of Thankfulness. It has been heartwarming to see the photos children brought in, celebrating everything from the thrill of Blackpool and trips to the cinema to the love of family and pets. To top it all off, we created beautiful 'Thankfulness Butterflies'—using their wings to display what we treasure most and how we can show our gratitude every day.



We discussed how to use a variety of turns to get the robot to the exit with coins.

