



A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another lovely and busy week in school, full of learning, teamwork and positivity.

Learning has been buzzing across the school, with Year 4 getting hands-on in science by creating model teeth, and Year 3 and Year 4 making great use of the big equipment in PE, showing fantastic teamwork and resilience. We are especially proud of Year 1 and Year 6, who have shown how welcoming, supportive and adaptable they are during recent changes in staffing. Their kindness and maturity have been wonderful to see.

We are looking ahead to NSPCC Number Day next Friday – please see page 5 and letter sent out yesterday for more information.

I am excited to explain further in the newsletter all about our acts of kindness through the Big Serve events – see page 4. Next week Deacon Helen is setting up a reflective prayer space in the Wesley Room which all children will visit across the week.

If you could kindly spare a few minutes to complete the parental survey sent out via email last week as we really value your feedback.

Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!

1st Highest attendance - Y4

2nd Highest attendance - EYFS

The whole school attendance this week is 95.21%



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 2.2.26**
Prayer space in Wesley Room all week with Deacon Helen - all children will visit
3.20pm-4.15pm Football, lego and yoga clubs
3.20pm-4.15pm Dance fitness, dodgeball, drawing and crafts clubs
3.20pm-4.30pm Y6 Maths booster
- Tuesday 3.2.26**
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
Secret Reader
Y5 Swimming
School Council Meeting
Eco Council meeting
- Wednesday 4.2.26**
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club
3.20pm-4.15pm Y1 and Y2 Phonics boosters
Cake donations for Big Serve
NSPCC Number Day
Y3 and Y5 visiting Playdays
- Thursday 5.2.26**
9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)
- Friday 6.2.26**

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

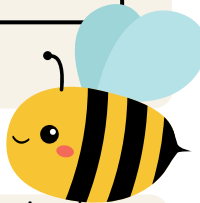


Star of the
Week



EYFS Aaliyah	EYFS Xiana
Year 1 Mason	Year 1 Marcus
Year 2 Emilia	Year 2 Joe
Year 3 Thomas	Year 3 Eva K
Year 4 Sebastian HH	Year 4 Molly R
Year 5 Ayomide	Year 5 Charlie
Year 6 Leo H	Year 6 Tristian

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Izaiah in Year 1, nominated by Miss Atherton, for showing kindness when congratulating others when they win awards.

Aria in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Murphy, for sharing playdough with a friend unprompted.

Thomas in Year 3, nominated by Reid, for cheering up a friend when he spotted they were sad at losing a football game.

Matilda in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for wiping her friend's tears when they were upset.

Jack in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Ibrahim, for turning back to hold open a door.

Mrs Mitchell, nominated by Mr Chapter, for helping with gymnastics equipment.

Max in Year 4, nominated by Seb N, for asking him to play with him when he spotted he was alone on the playground.

Lacey in Y6, nominated by Mrs Preter, for being kind and patient when 5 children from EYFS wanted her attention at the same time.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: EYFS

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed with how well you all help each other during tidy up time! Keep up the hard work EYFS.

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

Global Justice - Edukid



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Emilia in Year 2

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

Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship, we focused on our school value of Justice. Year 6 led the assembly, acting out examples of injustice and helping us reflect on how unfairness can feel when people are unkind, unheard or unsupported.

We discussed how justice means treating others with fairness, respect and compassion, and the importance of noticing when something isn't right and acting kindly. We also reflected on the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, reminding us that justice comes through shared responsibility.

Our key message was clear: justice happens when we notice, act and work together.

We also explored how we keep safe in school and safe adults we trust in school to talk to.

Big Serve



The Big Serve - Making the World a Better Place 1 Act at a Time!

As part of the Epworth Trust's Infinite 8 strategy, we're inviting all children and staff across our schools to take part in The Big Serve. This links to the area, 'Be a Helping Hand' and ties in with Random Acts of Kindness Week.

During the next 2 weeks, children in all Epworth schools will be taking part in 'Big Serve' activities with their class and the whole school.

At Nutgrove we will be doing the following:

Y6 will visit Browndge Care Home and play board games with the residentials on Monday 9th February

Y4 is going to visit St Matthews foodbank on Tuesday 10th February.

Year 5 and Year 3 will visit Playdays Nursery on Friday 6th February.

Friday 6th February we are asking for cake donations to be kindly brought into school or these can be brought in on Monday 9th February if you are a keen baker and will be kindly making these yourself.

On Monday 9th February at 3.20pm on KS1 playground we will hold a cake sale to raise funds for Edukid. This is offering our service at a Global level as we sponsor two children to go to school in Uganda.

EYFS will be baking cakes in class to support this sale.

Y1 are busy making posters to advertise bringing in donations on Friday 6th.

Y2 are busy making posters to advertise the cake sale.

We'd love this kindness to spread even further, so we're encouraging children to complete acts of kindness at home and in their local community too. They don't need to be big gestures - lots of small acts soon add up. 101 small things together make a real difference!

On Monday 2nd February all children will bring home more information and a record sheet.

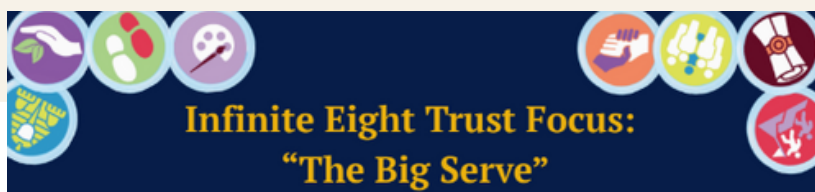
On the back of this flyer, you'll find a Kindness Log where your child can record each kind deed they do starting from Monday 2nd. Please feel free to send any photos to your child's class teacher as well. These deeds will be shared with their class, the school and the wider Trust!

Please return your 'Kindness Log' on Friday 13th February 2026.

As a Trust family, we're aiming to see just how many acts of kindness we can complete together. Every act, whether in school, at home or out in the community, will be counted so children can see the positive impact they've made.

We'll be sharing both the total acts of kindness from each individual school and the overall Trust total during a live worship for all Trust schools on Wednesday 25th February 2026.

Let's aim high, do All We Can, and spread kindness far and wide!





NSPCC Number Day

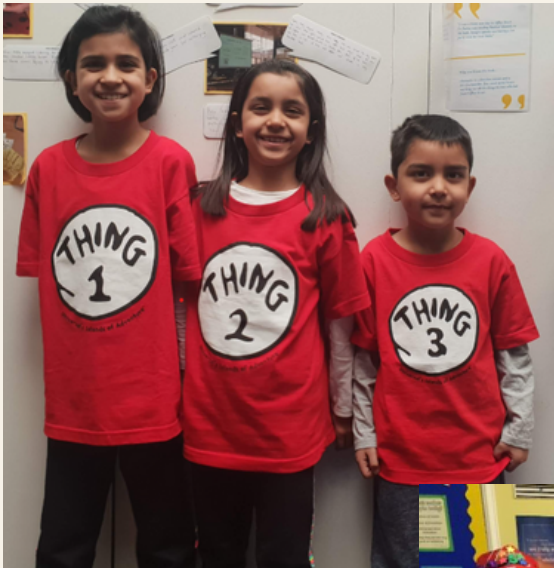
NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6 February 2026

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 6 February 2026. Number Day helps make maths fun while raising money for the NSPCC, which works to protect children and prevent abuse.

Children will enjoy a day of fun maths activities and take part in Dress Up for Digits. Pupils are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it, or dress in a maths-themed outfit. We suggest a £1 donation to support the NSPCC, and we'd love everyone to join in.

During the day, children will also learn the important NSPCC and Childline numbers so they know where to get help if ever needed.

Donations can be made online via the NSPCC website. Thank you for your continued support in helping make a difference for children. Some ideas:





Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

As part of their value for the term, forgiveness, the children took part in drama activities to understand what it truly means to forgive others. They acted out real-life scenarios and worked together to role-play positive ways to resolve conflicts. In science, Year 4 have been investigating the different types of human teeth and their functions. After learning how incisors, canines, and molars each play a special role, the children had great fun designing and making their own sets of teeth. This practical activity helped them understand why our teeth are different shapes and how they work together to help us bite, tear, and chew. The models were brilliant—and some were impressively realistic! PE has been especially exciting this week as the class had the chance to use the large apparatus. The pupils practised balancing, climbing, and moving confidently across the equipment.

They challenged themselves with new skills, supported one another, and showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout the session. We have been learning about the Japanese festival of Hanami which celebrates the fleeting beauty of spring. We have been writing a blossom haiku and adding a melody to it on the glockenspiels.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy couple of weeks. We thoroughly enjoyed our Crucial Crew trip on Monday afternoon and had the opportunity to speak to various people from our emergency services. We also focused on how to deal with peer pressure. Also this week, we have been happily completing our assessments!

Last week in English we enjoyed using dictionaries and finding out how we can use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check the spelling or meaning of a word.

In French we had great fun singing and performing a fruit Conga to 'J'aime les fruits' by Alain le Lait.

