



A message from Mrs Taylor

What a truly wonderful week we have had in school as we all took part in the Big Serve, carrying out so many thoughtful acts of kindness within our community. I could not be prouder of our children and the compassion, maturity and enthusiasm they have shown.

Our Year 6 pupils visited Brown Edge Care Home, bringing much-needed company and joy to the residents. They spent time chatting, sharing stories and even sang Happy Birthday to one very special resident. One particularly touching moment saw a lady stand independently to help Lacey learn how to knit – something she does not usually do unaided. It was a powerful reminder of how meaningful these connections are, not just for our children, but for the wider community too.

Year 4 made a fantastic impact during their visit to The Pantry. They learned how the pantry supports local families and rolled up their sleeves to help by bagging swan and duck feed for local wildlife, as well as preparing food packages. The children approached the experience with such care and responsibility – they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous cake donations and for coming along to support our cake sale. Thanks to your kindness, we raised an amazing £171.40, which will go towards our sponsorship of two children through EduKid. Your continued support truly makes a difference.

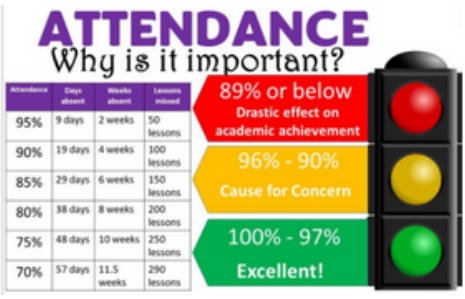
Year 3 and Year 4 also enjoyed fantastic trips to Playdays, where they spent time playing alongside children in the provision and supporting their learning. The kindness, patience and encouragement they showed was a real credit to them.

Weeks like this remind us that small acts of kindness can make a very big difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture such caring, community-minded young people.

Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!
 1st Highest attendance - Y4
 2nd Highest attendance - Y2

The whole school attendance this week is 95.21%



Next Week

- Monday 23.2.26** School re-opens after half term
- Tuesday 24.2.26** 3.20pm-4.15pm Y6 Maths booster, Y1 and Y2 Phonics boosters, Y4 MTC boosters
- Wednesday 25.2.26** NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6, Deacon Helen's Worship, Ethos Committee Meeting
- Thursday 26.2.26** School Council Meeting, Eco Council meeting, 3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club and Drawing club
- Friday 27.2.26** 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday), Y5/Y6 Multi-skills competition for select children

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 Thomas	EYFS Tife
Year 1 Rosa	Year 1 Aarin
Year 2 Arya	Year 2 Amalya
Year 3 Oscar	Year 3 Elliot M
Year 4 All of Year 4	Year 4 Jaxson
Year 5 Poppy	Year 5 Isabella
Year 6 All of Year 6	Year 6 Matthew

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Sam in EYFS, nominated by Phoebe Y4, helped a friend with their lunch.

Nico in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Murray, he doubled back to hold open and held the door open for Mrs Murray.

Faith in Year 3, nominated by Mrs Robertshaw, as she made loom band bracelets for her, Mr Chapter and a couple of her class mates.

Eliana in Year 6, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping Oliver in Reception put his jacket on when he was finding it tricky.

The whole school for all their random acts of kindness completed both in school and at home during our Big Serve - such amazing acts of kindness seen from each and every child.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed with how well you have cleaned up your class room last week after grating carrots then this week after making sandwiches in your DT lessons. 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

Candlemas



Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship we marked Children's Mental Health Week. The children explored different emotions, learned about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, and practised simple breathing techniques to help them feel calm and manage their feelings.

We were also delighted to enjoy a special worship led by Year 3, who shared their learning about their class Christian value of thankfulness. They led worship for their families and the whole school and through singing, drama and reflection, they confidently expressed what they are thankful for. It was a wonderful celebration of their learning.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Izaiah in Year 1

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



Attendance

Nutgrove Methodist Primary School believe that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them.

Excellent attendance at school has been closely linked to emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential – enabling them to make a positive contribution to their community and beyond.

We believe that children must 'Attend to Achieve' - excellent attendance has a direct impact on attainment. In 2019 (the most recent government study) the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 had higher rates of attendance than those with the lowest attainment. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to a full-time education. We would like all our children to attend like a star - in everyday on time.



175
days
FOR FAMILY TIME,
VISITS, HOLIDAYS AND
OTHER APPOINTMENTS



190
school days
TO ACHIEVE WELL, DEVELOP
SOCIAL SKILLS, BUILD
FRIENDSHIPS AND ENHANCE
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



Together we can support
every child to feel connected
and ready to succeed



Attend like a Star



Be in on
TIME



attend
EVERYDAY



Every school day is important and regular attendance strengthens children's sense of belonging, routine and connection, which in turn supports their confidence, progress and long-term success.



Big Serve



Prayer Space



The Prayer Space was a wonderful opportunity for all the children and staff to experience prayer in a variety of creative ways and to think about what they might want to ask God. The response was incredible. Every child made a 'Happy / Sad' spoon to thank God for things that make them happy and to be with anyone who might be sad. We made a chain from the prayers the children wrote and played Snakes and Ladders to remember that God is with us through the ups and downs of life.





Curriculum Showcase

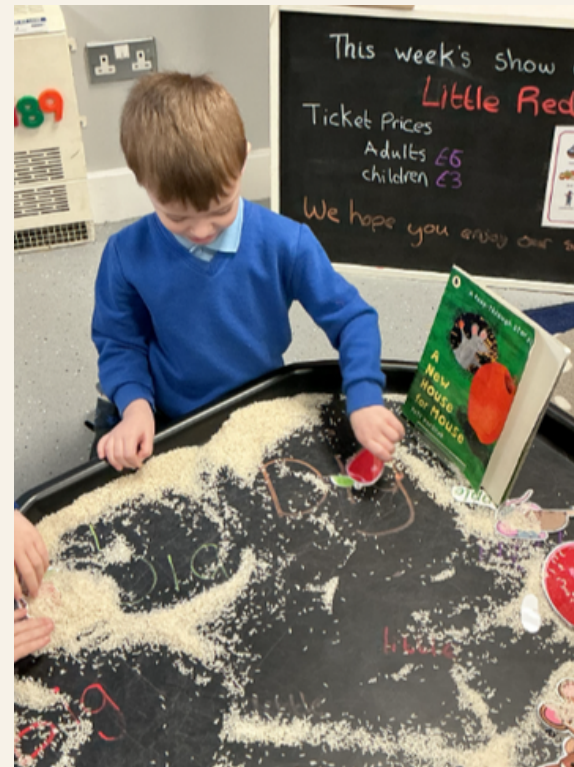
Year 1

The children have been incredibly busy this half-term! Some of our friends have been learning about big and small, creating homes using a range of materials for Little Mouse, who needed a house.

In Design Technology, the children have been researching, designing, and creating their very own chairs for Bear. They have worked incredibly hard on their designs and should feel very proud of their final outcomes.

In RE, the children have been learning about why Jesus is important. They have been thinking about what hopeful means and reflecting on the things we are hopeful for too.

Well done, Year 1, on an amazing half-term – we are all incredibly proud of you!





Curriculum Showcase

Year 2

Year 2 have had a super end to our spring half term. In science we have started our new topic all about "animals including humans". The children have been learning about offspring, matching adults to their babies, and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, drawing and labelling their own. In RE we have been focusing on Jesus as a friend to everyone. We have been learning about some of the miracles Jesus performed on Earth and reflecting on how that impacted others. In literacy we have been writing letters to Pig from our story about how special he is and this week we have been gathering facts about real pigs and creating a non-chronological report. In design technology the children have loved tasting and investigating salad vegetables and pre-prepared salads, learning about "food miles" and parts of plants that we eat and finally designing and making their own salads. We certainly have some budding chefs in the making!

