



# Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

## Newsletter

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



### A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another wonderful week in school, filled with exciting and enriching learning opportunities across all year groups.

Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a live Zoom call with children in Uganda through the charity EduKid. As a school, we are proud to sponsor two children to attend school in Uganda through EduKid. Year 6 found the experience incredibly insightful, valuing the opportunity to speak directly with the children and to learn about their daily lives.

They reflected thoughtfully on the similarities and differences between life in Uganda and life here in England. Year 4 were fully immersed in a Design and Technology day, designing and building their own lamps. Meanwhile, Year 5 also enjoyed a full DT day planning and baking their own bread – the delicious aroma drifting through the school was simply divine!

In Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2, creativity has been shining. Year 3 and Year 2 have demonstrated fantastic painting skills, with Year 2 proudly creating their own colour wheels. Year 1 and Year 2 have made an enthusiastic start to their new dance units in PE and were absolutely beaming as they showcased their newly developed skills.

In EYFS, the children have been enjoying a new story about a bus that goes on an adventure. They have loved exploring the text together and engaging in related activities. Our children always enjoy sharing their learning, so please do ask them about what they have been doing – we know they will be proud to tell you all about it.

A gentle reminder regarding healthy snacks: we have noticed an increase in chocolate-based snacks at breaktimes, including full-sized chocolate bars. Please ensure that children bring nut-free, healthy snacks to school to help us promote positive habits and a healthy lifestyle for all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### 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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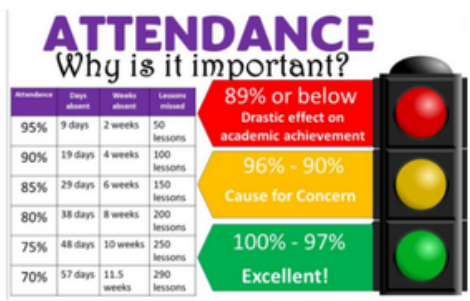
### Attendance Matters

#### WEEKLY WINNERS!

1st Highest attendance - Y2

2nd Highest attendance - EYFS

The whole school attendance this week is 96.65%



### Next Week

**Monday** 2.3.26 1.30pm-5pm SEND 1:1 sessions - book via Mrs Ibrahim in the School Office

3.20pm-4.15pm Y2 Phonics and Y4 MTC boosters

**Tuesday** 4.2.26 3.30pm-5pm Y1 and Y6 Parents Evening (No Y6 or Y1 booster for this reason)

**Wednesday** 5.3.26 Deacon Helen's Worship  
Ethos Committee Meeting  
2pm-6.15pm Whole school Parents Evening

**Thursday** 6.3.26 World Book Day -Wear PJs and bring a book, teddy and blanket  
Eco Council meeting  
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club and Drawing club

**Friday** 7.3.26 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)

# This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian  
Values  
Champion

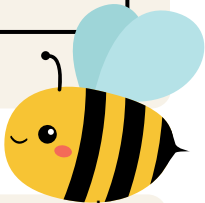


Star of the  
Week



EYFS Cohen	EYFS Yousef
Year 1 Lottie	Year 1 Alfie
Year 2 Elsie	Year 2 Anya
Year 3 Pippa	Year 3 Anya
Year 4 Jacob	Year 4 Aaliyah
Year 5 Paige	Year 5 Reggie
Year 6 Olivia M	Year 6 Olivia B

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Joshua in Y1, nominated by Mrs Best, for helping her to empty the bin at the end of the day.

Reid in Y3, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for kindly donating books to classes from home and delivering them around to each class.

Isla P and Evie in Y4, nominated by Hallie in Y3, for being kind friends at dinner times.

# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 6

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed that you did 'not nag' her this week to try to win! This made her chuckle and she said you have been much tidier than normal too - keep it up!

## Worship

### Epworth Worship Together



Each week we have a different focus for our Epworth Worship. This week was Epworth Live led by Mrs Hewitt CEO of Epworth Education Trust. This worship focused on our trust wide Big Serve and we learnt all about what all the schools in our trust family did during our Big Serve. We came together live on Zoom with the other 11 schools and learnt that a staggering 12,921 acts of kindness were carried out by members of our trust family across the Big Serve. Nutgrove completed a whopping 1057 acts of kindness - a massive well done to all our children, families and staff who took part.

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

### Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week, our theme was kindness and love. Mrs Boardman led one worship and helped us to think about what kindness really means. We watched a clip of the Good Samaritan and saw how he chose to stop and help someone others had ignored. We learned that kindness is not about deciding who deserves our help, but about choosing love. We were reminded us that every person is valuable and precious to God.



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

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

Mrs Chalmers also led worship this week. The children shared examples of acts of kindness and love they have noticed at home and around school. We also reflected on a story about Gandhi, discussing how giving to those who have less can have a powerful impact. Inspired by this, the children are now focusing on showing small acts of kindness and love throughout our school community.

We are pleased to announce our PTFA led Easter discos. We thank our amazing PTFA volunteers for all their time and effort they put in supporting events in school. Sign up is via Arbor which will go live at 6pm tonight. £1 payable on the door at the event please to raise funds for PTFA summer event.



## No outsiders



Across the next two weeks 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 2	All are Welcome – Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
Year 1	
Spring 2	Errol's Garden – Gillian Hibbs
Year 2	
Spring 2	How to be a Lion – Ed Vere
Year 3	
Spring 2	I am Nefertiti – Annemarie Anang and Natelle Quek
Year 4	
Spring 2	My Beautiful Voice – Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys
Year 5	
Spring 2	Mixed – Arree Chung
Year 6	
Spring 2	You Need to Chill! - Juno Dawson



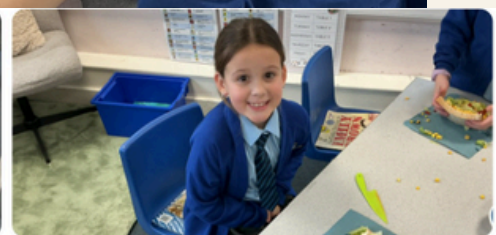
# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 3

In Art, we have been learning about the inspiring artist Frida Kahlo. We discovered how she painted powerful self-portraits using bold, vibrant colours and meaningful details. Inspired by her unique style, we began creating our own striking self-portraits, carefully choosing colours and features to reflect our personalities.

In DT, our focus was Food – and what a delicious topic it was! We explored a variety of shop-bought sandwiches, discussing taste, texture and presentation. We then practised important food preparation skills such as spreading, cutting and assembling safely and neatly. Finally, we put our new skills into action by designing and making our very own sandwiches.

As part of The Big Serve, we visited Thatto Heath Playdays. It was a wonderful opportunity to support the younger children – we played games, joined in their activities and offered a helping hand wherever it was needed. It was especially exciting to spot some familiar family members and friends while we were there! To end our week in Worship, we reflected on the importance of friendship. We each made a friendship bracelet and wrote a promise about how we can be a kind, supportive and trustworthy friend. A lovely way to remind ourselves how to care for one another every day.





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## Year 4

Year 4 have had an action-packed and hands-on week of learning across the curriculum! In Science, the children have been exploring how to keep our teeth healthy. To help them understand how different drinks can affect our teeth, they have set up an investigation using eggs to represent tooth enamel. The eggs have been placed in a range of liquids, and over the next few days the children will be observing which drinks cause the most change. They are already making thoughtful predictions and are excited to see the results!

In Design & Technology, the class have been studying different types of bedside lamps. After evaluating a range of existing products, the children designed their own lamps with a specific user and purpose in mind. This week they moved on to the making stage, carefully assembling their lamp structures. Soon, they will be testing their finished lamps to see how well they meet the design brief. In History, Year 4 have been learning about archaeology and how archaeologists use grid systems to explore historical sites accurately. The children looked closely at several Roman archaeological sites and created detailed fact files to show what they had discovered. Their enthusiasm for uncovering the past has been wonderful to see.

It has been a busy and enjoyable week, filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of new learning. Well done, Year 4!

