



# Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

## Newsletter

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



### A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a wonderful week in school, highlighted by a very successful World Book Day. The children showed great enthusiasm for reading and thoroughly enjoyed taking time to relax and immerse themselves in books.

Our Year 6 pupils took great pride in reading with children in EYFS, creating a lovely shared experience and inspiring our youngest readers. EYFS also took on the challenge of reading in different provision areas across their setting. Throughout the school, classes celebrated books in a variety of creative ways: some designed colourful bookmarks, others wrote thoughtful book reviews, and many produced fantastic artwork inspired by their favourite characters. Year 5 pupils even tried their hand at writing their own riddles.

To add to the excitement, some classes joined live online draw-along sessions with famous authors, bringing stories and characters to life through illustration. It has been a joyful celebration of reading across the school, and it has been wonderful to see such a love of books shared by all. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and to have the opportunity to share your child's learning and progress. I hope you found the meetings useful and informative.



### Attendance Matters

#### WEEKLY WINNERS!

1st Highest attendance - Y6

2nd Highest attendance - EYFS

The whole school attendance this week is 95.86%



#### 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

9.3.26

Tuesday

10.2.26

3.20pm-4.15pm Y1,Y2 Phonics, Y4 MTC and Y6 Maths boosters

Wednesday

11.3.26

Deacon Helen's Worship  
Ethos Committee Meeting  
Athlete Visit

Thursday

12.3.26

Healthy Eating sessions with School Nurse  
Eco Council meeting  
School Council Meeting  
3.20pm-4.15pm Karate club and Drawing club

Friday

13.3.26

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

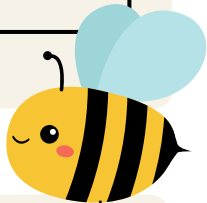


Star of the  
Week



EYFS Susan	EYFS Freya
Year 1 Joshua O	Year 1 Layla
Year 2 Myla	Year 2 Harry
Year 3 Bobby	Year 3 Samuel
Year 4 Thomas	Year 4 Lucas
Year 5 Evie	Year 5 Libby
Year 6 Eliza	Year 6 Minahil

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Minahil and Reuben in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for kindly selling PTFA raffle tickets during parents evening.

Oscar L in Year 3, nominated by Mr Chapter, for helping friends in class.

Matthew Mc in Year 6, nominated by Mrs L Jones, as he is always kind and considerate to both his peers and staff. A great role model.

Tise in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Strong, as he really thoughtful and helped a friend who was upset on the playground.

Harper in Y6, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping Miss Maguire and Mrs Storey get the Reception children ready for learning after lunchtime.

Reuben, Olivia B and Minahil in Y6, nominated by Miss Maguire, for retrieving beanbags for Reception.

# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 5

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was so impressed that you have kept your classroom so tidy - even after making and baking bread! Well done Year 5.

## 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. This week our worship was lead by our very own Ethos Committee! They, Mrs Dawes and Deacon Helen did an amazing job. You can watch the film here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlptWYWqImA&feature=youtu.be>

We hope you enjoy explore the activities and reflections within these resource at home. This week's theme was all about: **Love**



### Nutgrove Collective Worship

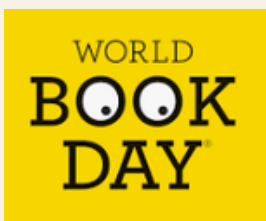
As part of our No Outsiders initiative, we have been exploring the book *We Are All Wonders*. Through this story, the children discussed how everyone is different and unique, yet we are all welcome and valued in our school community. It encouraged thoughtful conversations about treating others with kindness, respect, and understanding.

We also enjoyed a special worship led by Mrs Mrs Strong linked to World Book Day, where we celebrated our love of reading. Together, we talked about our favourite books, discussed some of the barriers that can make reading challenging, and explored ways to make reading more enjoyable for everyone. The children took part in a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate stories, imagination, and the joy that books can bring.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Alicia in Year 4

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



# PTFA

We are pleased to announce our PTFA led Easter discos. Sign up is live on Arbor. £1 payable on the door at the event please to raise funds for PTFA summer event.



## PTFA Easter Raffle

The PTFA is hosting a raffle to help raise funds for our upcoming summer events!

Tickets are just £1 per strip.

Tickets will be available to purchase at in school daily (thank you to our Y6 helpers!)

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th March.

Thank you for your continued support – every ticket purchased helps make our summer events extra special for the children!



# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 5

In DT, Year 5 had a fabulous time tasting various types of bread. We then went onto learning how to make a dough, following a recipe carefully. Whilst the dough was proving we decided on what flavours we would add to our dough. We wrote a recipe for this and then added our flavours to the dough when it had risen.

We came up with three loaves: Garlic, cheese and onion bread; Cheese and sage loaf; and Onion and oregano seeded loaf. They were all delicious. As part of World Book Day, we looked at "Solve a mystery at the Ivy Hotel" by Emily Hourican! We also wrote riddles for our friends to solve. Can you solve this one?

I stop at a stop  
I move from place to place  
I pick up and drop off  
I have a bell  
What am I?

As part of our language lessons, we read the Willow Pattern story and then designed our own Willow Pattern Plate





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## Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing return to school after half-term!

We have been working hard on our SATs revision, and the children should feel incredibly proud of the fantastic progress they are making.

Alongside this, Year 6 enjoyed a very exciting Zoom call with children from Uganda, linked to our Trust charity, Edukid. The class took part in a brilliant question-and-answer session, learning all about school life and daily routines in Uganda. The children showed great curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm throughout.

To finish the week, the children loved sharing their favourite stories with friends around school as part of World Book Day. We even took part in a "draw along" with famous authors, which was a real highlight!

Well done, Year 6!

What a wonderful start to the half-term.

