



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

SUMMER TERM - FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

It's been a lovely week in school, with Year 3 representing us brilliantly on their trip to the Science and Industry Museum. They demonstrated excellent behaviour and truly lived out our school values while exploring Manchester's textile history and enjoying the Revolution Manchester show – an experience that also supports our Infinite 8 focus on being Culture Collectors.

Parents and carers of children with SEND are kindly reminded to complete the parental survey by 28th April, as your feedback is vital in helping us to continue improving our provision. In addition, please do sign up via the office for the SEND 1:1 drop-in sessions on Monday afternoon with Mrs Dawes to discuss any SEND-related support or queries.

You are all also warmly invited to join us on Monday at 3:30pm in the hall for an art showcase celebrating work from all classes this half term (on display until 4:00pm).

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 100%
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y3

The whole school attendance this week is 95.81%



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 27.4.26 2pm-3pm SEND 1:1 drop ins.
3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Club
3.30pm-4pm Art Showcase in the school hall

- Tuesday 28.4.26 3.20pm-4.15pm Y4 Maths boosters,
Y1 Phonics Booster
Tag Rugby and Bible Explorers

- Wednesday 29.4.26 EYFS trip to Acorn Farm
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting

- Thursday 30.4.26 Y5/Y6 swimming
Eco Council meeting
School Council Meeting
3.30pm PTF A meeting

- Friday 1.5.26 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion

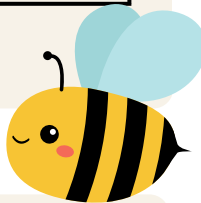


Star of the
Week



EYFS Valli	EYFS Millicent
Year 1 Emilia	Year 1 Freya
Year 2 Hollie	Year 2 Ollie
Year 3 Matilda	Year 3 Lenny
Year 4 Lillie	Year 4 Teddi
Year 5 Hallie	Year 5 Thikal
Year 6 Lacey	Year 6 John

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Elliott J in Year 3, nominated by a parent, for holding open every door for her during the school trip - amazingly kind and great manners!

Eliza in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for picking some flowers in her allotment and bringing them in to school to put in the classroom to make her friends and teachers smile.

All Year 3, nominated by Mr Chapter, as they were sensible and respectful to all of the artifacts, displays and staff at the museum during our trip.

Christopher in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Gavin, was a good friend when he was feeling sad. He helped him feel better by sitting with him and making him laugh.

Isla in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Strong, for being kind when she complimented someone in class on their good answer to a question.

Alex in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Strong, for kindly sharing his colouring pencils with his friend who didn't have a particular colour.

Libby in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Mitchell, for helping to stick in some work when she couldn't attend swimming. It was a great help.

Harper in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Best, for helping with the puddings at lunchtime - such a great help and so kind to offer when they could see they were a staff member down in the kitchen.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was pleased that you have been clean and tidy all week. Keep up the hard work Year 3!

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
St George - Courage and Faith

Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week, our worship focused on the important themes of safety and courage. Pupils revisited key safety procedures, including fire and shelter drills, and reflected on how our school provides a safe and supportive environment for everyone.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Tife in EYFS

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

Through the stories of Noah's Ark and Daniel in the Lions' Den, children explored how faith, trust, and bravery can help us in challenging situations. They learned that courage is not about never feeling afraid, but about doing the right thing even when things feel difficult.

Pupils also reflected on how they can contribute to keeping each other safe and were encouraged to set personal "courage goals," such as trying something new or supporting a friend. Our worship reminded us all that, with support and faith, we can face challenges with confidence and care for one another.

You Said, We Did



Personal Development at Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

You said... Some families wanted to understand more about **Personal Development** and the wider opportunities available in school beyond lessons.

We did... We are sharing how we support children's **Personal Development** every day at Nutgrove.



What is Personal Development?

In primary school, Personal Development is about helping children grow into confident, kind and responsible individuals

- ✔ Building confidence and resilience
- ✔ Learning to work with others
- ✔ Understanding the wider world
- ✔ Developing values, faith and respect
- ✔ Having a voice and making a difference.



In school life

- ✔ School Council & House Captains
- ✔ Worship Leaders & Ethos Committee
- ✔ ECO Council
- ✔ Deacon Helen visiting classes



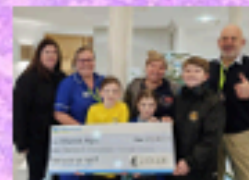
Experiences & Visitors

- ✔ Cinderella Pantomime
- ✔ Dylan's Reptile Time (Y1 & Y2)
- ✔ Great Athlete Visit
- ✔ Diwali Workshops



Community & Global Awareness

- ✔ Y6 Zoom call with children in Uganda (Edukid)
- ✔ Raising money for Willowbrook Hospice
- ✔ The Big Serve
- ✔ Year 3 Pantry Visit



Celebrations & Special Days

- ✔ World Book Day
- ✔ NSPCC Number Day
- ✔ Easter Prayer Space (Year 4)



We hope this helps families see all the ways we support children's Personal Development at Nutgrove Methodist Primary School!

We also have educational visits out of school to bring learning to life!



St George's Day

Yesterday, we were delighted to celebrate St George's Day by welcoming our children into school dressed in their Guide, Beaver, Cub, and Scout uniforms. It was wonderful to see such pride in these organisations, which play such an important role in developing confidence, resilience, teamwork, and a strong sense of community.

St George's Day is a time to reflect on the values of courage, kindness, and doing what is right—qualities that are at the heart of both the Scouting and Guiding movements. By wearing their uniforms, our pupils not only celebrated their involvement in these groups, but also embodied the spirit of service, friendship, and adventure that St George's Day represents.

We were incredibly proud of all our young people and the positive contributions they make both in school and in their wider communities.



School Developments

We are delighted to share that Nutgrove has been part of the Wickes Community Project and has received generous donations to support the development of our EYFS Outdoor Classroom. Thanks to this support, we have created two exciting new areas: a mud-filled space for our mud kitchen and a stone area for children to explore forces, capacity and digging. These new resources will enrich sensory and nature-based learning and give children even more opportunities to explore, experiment and get wonderfully messy outdoors. We are very grateful for this support.

We have also had donations from Olivia B's Mum in Year 6 from her work donating tyres and Eliza's Mum's in EYFS who has donated seeds from her allotment so we can begin to develop our little learner's garden. Thank you so much for these kind donations.





Curriculum Showcase

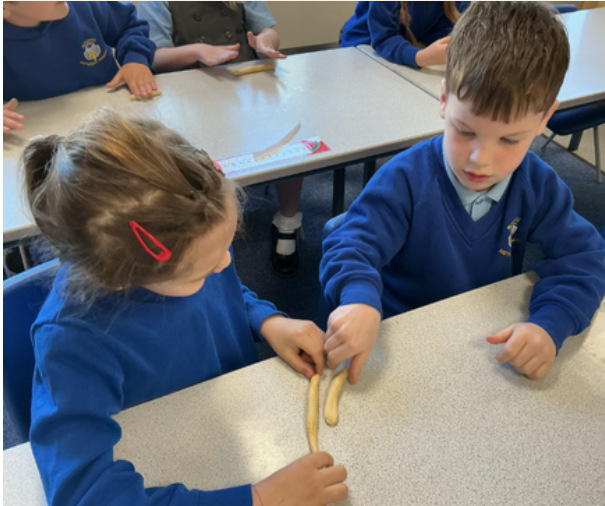
Year 1

Year 1 have returned to school after the Easter break full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. It has been a pleasure to welcome them back into the classroom.

Over the past two weeks, the children have completed their final artwork, inspired by the artist Kandinsky. They explored a variety of lines, shapes and colours, carefully building and layering textures within their designs.

In Science, we have begun our new topic on Plants. We have several plants in our classroom that the children will be caring for throughout the Summer term. The class has been learning about living and non-living things and practised sorting and classifying different items. They have also investigated plants more closely, examining roots, soil and leaves, and have started to label the different parts.

We are really looking forward to continuing our learning together over the Summer term.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 2

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the summer half term and have been busy learning across the curriculum. In art and design, we have been putting the finishing touches to our Georgia O'Keeffe-inspired artwork. The children have enjoyed exploring colour and shape, and we're really proud of their creative final pieces ready for the showcase. In maths, we have been exploring money by counting coins and finding the most efficient ways to make different amounts. In English, we read the poem "The Sound Collector", wrote fabulous poems of our own and performed them to our friends. We are now thoroughly enjoying our new book, *The Extraordinary Gardener*. The children have been writing wonderful expanded noun phrases and learning how to use the past progressive tense to add detail to their writing. This inspiring text links perfectly to our science topic on plants, where we have been carefully observing seeds and bulbs, comparing how they are similar and how they are different. It has been lovely to see the children making connections between their learning and showing such enthusiasm in everything they do.

