



# Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

## Newsletter

SUMMER TERM - FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026



### A message from Mrs Taylor

We have had a wonderful week in school, with the sunshine making a very welcome appearance. Our KS2 children have particularly enjoyed making the most of the school field at lunchtimes, while KS1 have also benefited from the fine weather by using the field during their PE lessons.

Our EYFS children had a fantastic time on their trip to Acorn Farm on Wednesday. Supporting adults commented on how well behaved the children were throughout the visit and what a real credit they are to our school. The children were full of excitement and shared their highlights, with comments such as, "I loved seeing a pig! We even fed goats!" and "It was the best day ever!"

A massive thank you to you all for raising money through our Olympian sponsorship event, which raised a whopping £2,909 of which £1,524 goes to our school and the rest to the sporting charity. Mrs Chalmers and Mr Chapter, our PE leads, are already busy using these funds to invest in high-quality equipment to further enhance the teaching and learning of PE across the school.

Thank you to Eliza's grandparents in Y2 for kindly donating some seedling pots to Year 2 so they could do some planting.

### 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
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y1

The whole school attendance this week is 96.58%



#### 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 4.5.26 School closed for bank holiday Monday ---
- Tuesday 3.20pm-4.15pm 5.5.26 Y4 Maths boosters, Y1 Phonics Booster Tag Rugby ---  
School photographs - winter uniform please
- Wednesday 6.5.26 Deacon Helen's Worship Ethos Committee Meeting ---  
Wesley Room being used for
- Thursday 7.5.26 Polling Day Y5/Y6 swimming Eco Council meeting School Council Meeting ---
- Friday 8.5.26 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 All of EYFS	EYFS Kyle
Year 1 Ali	Year 1 Joshua
Year 2 Tise	Year 2 Alivia
Year 3 Reid	Year 3 Eva K
Year 4 Phoebe F	Year 4 Joshua J
Year 5 Evie	Year 5 Aiden
Year 6 Charlie Ft	Year 6 Olivia M

## Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



Well done to the following children who received kindness awards this week for 'beeing' kind: Barney in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for asking to take pictures for Mrs Storey and a friend as they couldn't be on the trip with us, he kept saying "I don't want them to miss out". Mrs Ibrahim, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping EYFS by letting a big bee out into the wild when it was buzzing in our classroom!

Alicia in Year 4, nominated by Phoebe F, as when Phoebe fell on the field, Alicia helped her up. Faith in Year 3, nominated by Mrs Dawes, as she noticed Faith being very kind and caring to a new child who has joined a different class. She was chatting to him and making him feel welcome.

Freya in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Murphy, kindly bought her friend a replacement water bottle after accidentally breaking hers.

Matthew in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for spotting some books that needed going back into the library and offered to kindly put them all away.

# Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 1

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was pleased that you kept a super tidy play area, all tables clear and was so happy to see you taking special care of the new wooden play set.

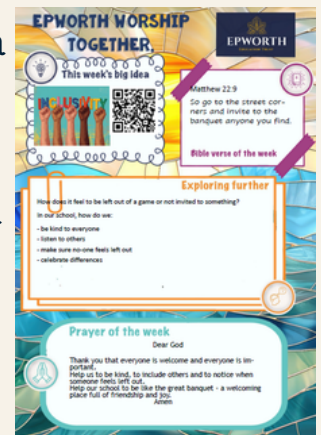
## Worship

### 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

**Inclusivity**



### Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship we have explored the important message that everyone is welcome and inclusivity.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Paige in Year 5

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

We shared the story All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, alongside a worship story about Geoffrey the lion and his party for the cuddly toys. Through these stories, the children reflected on how it feels to be included or left out, and why it is important to make everyone feel valued.

We discussed how, just like in the stories, we can show kindness by inviting others to join in, especially those who may feel lonely or different. The children were encouraged to think about simple ways they can help others feel they belong in our school community.

This learning supports our ongoing commitment to the No Outsiders ethos, helping children understand and celebrate diversity, inclusion, and respect for all.



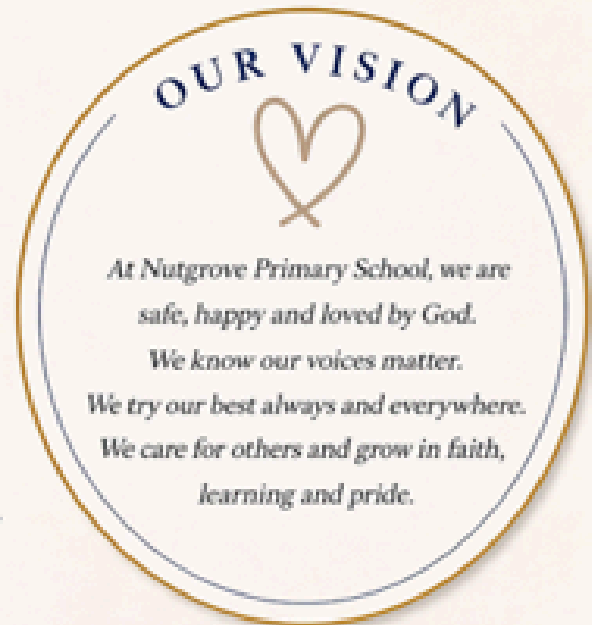
# You Said / We Did



Thank you for your feedback on our recent survey. This week we are sharing the changes we have made to promote consistent behaviour across school.

## We Did

- New school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe
- New school Christian Values
- New school vision
- New habits for learning
- New equitable consequences – this may look different for different children based on the child's needs
- Focus on children's emotional health and wellbeing
- Clear reporting systems for pupils such as Worry Boxes
- Introduced Zones of Regulation in every classroom
- Revisited pupil voice around safety and trusted adults
- New anti-bullying display in school hall so adults can refer to this in whole school worship



Thank you for your feedback. Together, we are making positive changes to support all our children.

# Art Showcase

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who joined us on Monday for our second art showcase of the year. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to explore your children's sketchbooks and view their final pieces, which reflect both their creativity and hard work.

It was wonderful to see the clear progression of artistic skills across the school, as well as the wide range of artists who have inspired the children's learning. Most of all, it was a real pleasure to witness the children's enthusiasm and pride as they shared their impressive artwork with you. Their excitement truly brought the exhibition to life.



# School Developments

You may have noticed some recent changes to our school environment. The gazebo at the front of the school has been removed, and the trim trail at the back is currently being taken down. Unfortunately, due to its age, the trim trail was condemned and could no longer be safely used. Replacing this will now be a key priority for the school, and we will be focusing on fundraising and exploring funding opportunities to provide a new and improved structure for our children.

We are pleased to share that a new gazebo will be installed as soon as possible, along with a new ramp for the KS1 equipment which is scheduled for the beginning of June.

In addition, over the Easter holidays, new flooring was laid in the toilets in EYFS, LKS2, and the UKS2 boys' toilets, giving these areas a much-needed refresh. We are delighted to continue improving our school environment for all of our children.

## Admin Updates

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins at 7:45am each morning. Children are welcome to arrive at any time up until 8:30am. Bookings can be made on Arbor.

### Healthy Snacks

We kindly remind parents and carers to provide children with healthy snacks for break times. Suitable options include fruit, vegetables, or other nutritious choices that support children's wellbeing and concentration throughout the day. Please avoid items high in sugar, salt, or additives, as we aim to promote healthy eating habits across the school.

### Nut-Free School

We are a nut-free school to help protect children with severe allergies. Please ensure that no nuts or nut-based products (including spreads such as peanut butter or items containing nuts) are included in packed lunches or snacks. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all members of our school community safe.



## Y6 Raffle

Year 6 will be fundraising via a raffle to fund their leaver's event. Tickets will be available from next week at the school gate for £2.50 per strip. They would really appreciate your support.



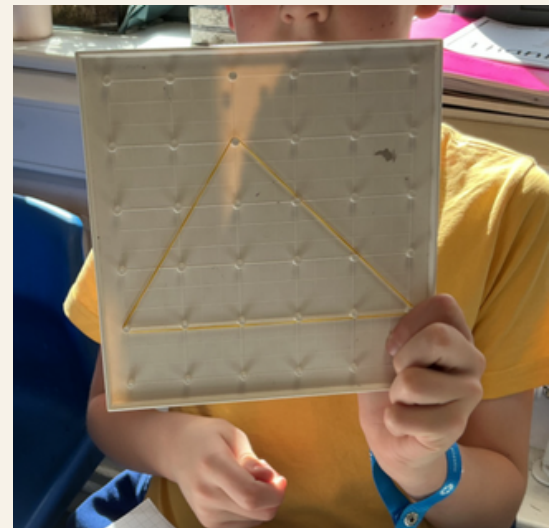
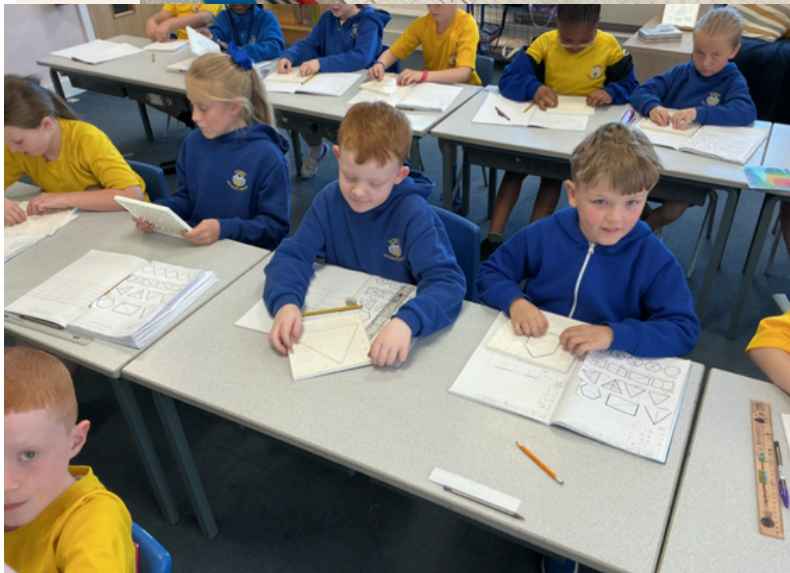
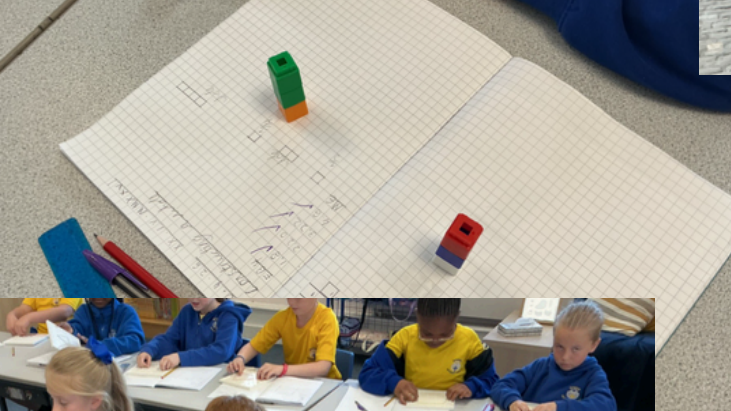
# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 3

It has been a busy and exciting time in Year 3! We thoroughly enjoyed our recent trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, where we explored the fascinating history of textiles, technology and transport. The children were engaged and curious throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and making links to their learning back in the classroom. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions by exploring parts and wholes, as well as building confidence in geometry. The children have been constructing, decomposing and drawing a variety of shapes, showing great perseverance and creativity in their work. In RE, we were lucky to welcome Deacon Helen, who led a meaningful lesson about how people can be changed by Jesus. The children reflected thoughtfully and shared their ideas with respect and maturity. We have also been making the most of the sunny weather by playing rounders on the field.

It has been wonderful to see such teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display.

Well done, Year 3, for your hard work and positive attitudes!





# Curriculum Showcase

## Year 4

In Art, Year 4 have been learning about a wide range of painting skills. We explored tints, tones and shades, as well as warm and cool colours. The children practised different techniques, including wet-on-wet, flat, gradient and variegated washes. We practised using warm and cold colours, and different brush strokes. We also learned about the architect and artist Antoni Gaudí and used his famous dragon designs as inspiration for our own artwork. The children worked hard to use all of their new painting skills, and they were incredibly proud of their finished pieces – we loved how they turned out!

In PE, Year 4 have been learning a range of yoga poses. The children have enjoyed improving their balance, strength and flexibility, as well as learning how to relax and focus their minds.

In Literacy, we have been reading *The Great Kapok Tree*. The children have had great fun learning about rainforest animals and the importance of protecting the rainforest. They particularly enjoyed speaking in role as the animals.

