



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

SUMMER TERM - FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a lovely week in school seeing the children so excited to receive and use their new handwriting books. We have officially launched PenPals across school to support and develop our handwriting, and the children have approached their focused, dedicated handwriting lessons with enthusiasm and pride.

It has been wonderful to see such positive attitudes and determination as they begin this new journey in improving their presentation and handwriting skills.

We would also like to wish all of our Year 6 children a massive GOOD LUCK for next week as they complete their SATS.

Remember:

SATS do not define who you are.

SATS don't test your kindness, your creativity, your sporting ability or your musical talent.

SATS don't test your compassion, your courage, your confidence or your character.

Be determined.

Persevere.

Believe in yourselves.

You are all amazing, and we are so proud of every single one of you!

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 - Y3

The whole school attendance this week is 93.85%



ATTENDANCE Why is it important?

| Attendance | Days absent | Weeks absent | Lessons missed | Impact |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons | 89% or below Drastic effect on academic achievement |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 100 lessons | |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 150 lessons | 96% - 90% Cause for Concern |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 200 lessons | 100% - 97% Excellent! |
| 75% | 48 days | 10 weeks | 250 lessons | |
| 70% | 57 days | 11.5 weeks | 290 lessons | |



Next Week

- Monday 11.5.26 Y6 SPAG SATS
3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Club

- Y6 Reading SAT
- Tuesday 12.5.26 3.20pm-4.15pm Y4 Maths boosters,
Y1 Phonics Booster
Tag Rugby and Bible Explorers

- Wednesday 13.5.26 Y6 Maths SATS
Ethos Committee Meeting

- Y6 Maths SATS
Y5/Y6 swimming
- Thursday 14.5.26 Eco Council meeting
School Council Meeting

- Friday 15.5.26 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion

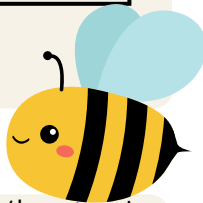


Star of the
Week



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|---------------|-----------------|
| EYFS William | EYFS Aiden |
| Year 1 Aria | Year 1 Izaiah |
| Year 2 Kai | Year 2 Amalya |
| Year 3 Nandi | Year 3 Thor |
| Year 4 Isla B | Year 4 Joseph L |
| Year 5 Joey | Year 5 Reggie |
| Year 6 Eliana | Year 6 Jemima |

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Rohan in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Chalmers, for giving the last apple to a friend that he was going to have.

Aria and Joshua M in Year 1, nominated by Rohan, for holding the door open for their friends.

Isabella in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Preter, for being a good friend and paying compliments to her teachers.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 2

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best was pleased that you kept your classroom tidy and you have had excellent manners at the dinner counter this week - keep it up!

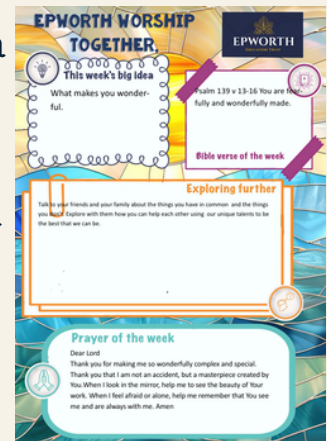
Worship

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:

God Cares



Nutgrove Collective Worship

Mrs Boardman led worship this week about equity and the importance of making sure everyone gets the support they need to succeed. The children learned that fairness does not always mean everyone gets the same thing, but that some children may need extra help or encouragement at school.

Through the bible story of The Great Banquet we learned that the host made sure everyone was invited to the feast, especially those who were often left out. The story teaches children that everyone is valued and deserves a place, even if their needs are different.

We were delighted to welcome our Year 4 families to a truly special worship focused on their class Christian value of forgiveness. Through the parable of the Prodigal Son, the children shared the powerful message of God's unconditional love, kindness and compassion. With confidence, enthusiasm and heartfelt reflections, the pupils reminded us all of the importance of saying sorry, showing mercy and welcoming others with open hearts. Thank you to all the families who joined us and supported this meaningful celebration of faith and learning.



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

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



YOU SAID, WE DID



How our SEND provision has developed this year



STRONGER NETWORKS

SENDCo attends Trust and LA network meetings.



GROWING EXPERTISE

A further staff member is completing NPQSENDCo training.



EXPERTISE AROUND SCHOOL

We are utilising other expertise around school to support areas like Wellcomm.

SEND NEWSLETTER

We introduced a SEND newsletter this year – a Summer newsletter to follow!



SEND COFFEE & CAKE AFTERNOON

Introduced this year and covered the graduated approach, SEMH and 1:1 drop ins.



REDEVELOPED SPACES

We have redeveloped spaces in school to support children such as the Star Room and the new Meadow Intervention Space.



Star Room

Meadow Intervention Space



ZONES OF REGULATION

Zones of Regulation areas are now in every class – further explanation of this will be on this week's newsletter.

AAM & APDR REVIEWED

All About Me (AAM) and Assess, Plan, Do, Review (APDR) paperwork has been reviewed and shared regularly.

More information to follow on the Summer SEND newsletter.



CHILDREN'S VOICE MATTERS

Children's voice is fed into APDRs.



TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Interventions are introduced for each area of need with staff trained to deliver them and this is tracked in class Provision Maps.



PIVATS TRACKING

Most vulnerable children are assessed using a new tracking system called PIVATS. This ensures all small steps of progress can be celebrated.



WEEKLY PRACTICE SESSIONS

We hold weekly practice sessions to train staff and build confidence in supporting our children.



SAFE TEACH TRAINING

2 Safe Teach training sessions were held for staff to de-escalate and support children.



AUTISM-FRIENDLY SETTING

We have started our Autism-Friendly Setting accreditation with training for SENDCo and all staff.



SCHOOL NURSE SUPPORT

The school nurse was invited to parent meetings to speak to families and held 1:1 drop in sessions.



YOUR VOICE COUNTS

An extra SEND survey was sent to families of children with SEND.



NEXT STEPS BASED ON YOUR FEEDBACK

Thank you for sharing your views. Based on your feedback, we will:

- ✓ Introduce quieter areas in the playground.
- ✓ Help staff to support families where children may mask behaviours in school.



Thank you for working with us to support every child to thrive.

My Best, Always, Everywhere.

School Developments

Thanks to our Great Athletes voucher, we are delighted to have invested in a wide range of new PE and playground equipment to enhance our pupils' physical activity, teamwork and enjoyment of sport.

Our new resources include musical instruments such as moon tambourines and mini rainmakers to support rhythm, movement and creative play, alongside coloured playground chalk to encourage active learning outdoors. We have also expanded our provision for structured PE with a full Sports Day pack, Activate base stations and an England Handball starter kit—helping to develop coordination, agility and team skills.

For adventurous learning, our Outdoor Adventurous Activities kit will support problem-solving and teamwork, while multi-sensory balls and hook-and-loop sets provide inclusive opportunities for all learners to engage in physical activity.

We're especially excited to introduce new equipment for popular sports, including rounders posts, badminton nets and sets, tennis balls and rugby balls—giving pupils more opportunities to practise and enjoy a variety of games. Our giant target, pyramid bean bags and tail balls will also support throwing, aiming and coordination skills.

To encourage active play and social interaction during breaktimes, we've added fun and engaging resources such as Mega 4 in Line and space markers for playground games. This investment will help us continue to promote a love of sport, develop key physical skills and ensure all children have access to high-quality, engaging PE experiences.

Thank you for all your continued support and sponsorship money that has made this happen! We are very excited to see all the new resources arrive in school. Thank you to Mr Chapter and Mrs Chalmers, our PE leaders, for organising this.



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 5

Year 5 have been busy learning a new skill in maths - using a protractor to measure and draw angles correctly. We have had to make sure that we are being super accurate and using the correct scale. Having an idea of what the approximate answer might be is definitely helping!

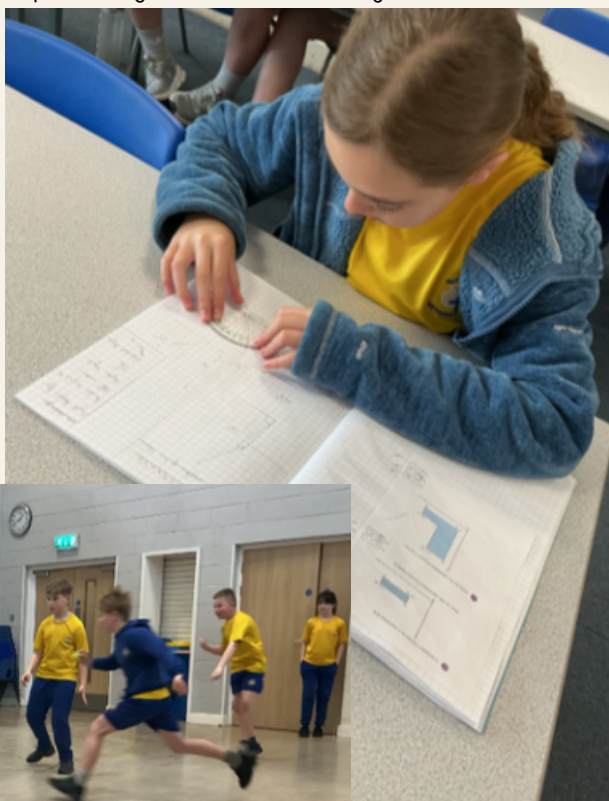
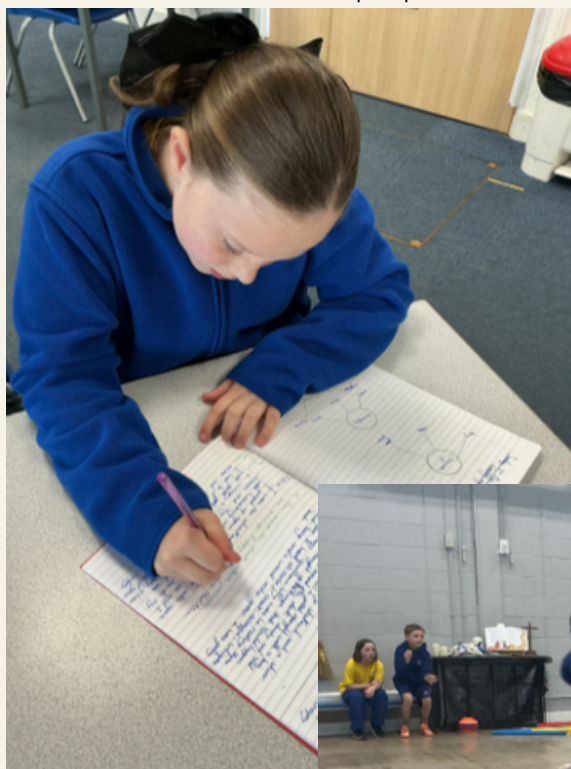
In literacy we are really engrossed in our Jane Eyre novel. We have written narratives full of mystery and suspense. In poetry we have focused on 'How to Cut a Pomegranate' by Imtiaz Dharker. We looked at the amazing metaphors and then had a go at describing another fruit. We performed these to the class.

In French we are enjoying finding out the planet names and describing the planets. We listened to a story and poem about the planets and we were able to pick out key vocabulary.

In geography we have been finding out about some of the volcanoes in Iceland. There are 130 in total!

Cricket has been a fun game in our PE lessons.

We have learnt a new word this week - Umuganda. It is a Rwandan word and means coming together in a common purpose. We are trying to include lots of 'Umuganda' in our day!





Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their upcoming SATs, and we've made sure learning has been both productive and fun.

In SPaG and maths, we've taken part in our "Unfair Game", where children competed in teams to solve problems and answer questions quickly and accurately. This brought out great teamwork and enthusiasm with children earning both positive and negative points.

For spelling, we have been using Spelling Frame to practise rules and patterns. We've explored syllables and practised how to break longer words into manageable chunks, alongside playing games to help reinforce our understanding. We've also enjoyed playing both regular Bingo and Irish Bingo to revise key grammatical terms and concepts in an exciting and memorable way. It's been fantastic to see everyone growing in confidence, supporting one another, and showing such a positive attitude towards their learning as they get ready for SATs.

