



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

SUMMER TERM - FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families after the half-term break. It has been lovely to hear the children sharing stories about their adventures, activities and special moments from the holiday. Their enthusiasm and excitement have certainly brightened our first week back!

This week also saw the launch of our new after-school Judo Club, delivered by an external provider. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from the instructor following the first session. He commented on what a fantastic group of children they were and how polite, respectful and well-behaved they had been throughout. They were a true credit to our Nutgrove family, and we are very proud of them. In EYFS, the newly replaced ramp on the outdoor slide has already sparked lots of creativity. As part of their current Space topic, the children have transformed it into a space rocket and have been using their imaginations to embark on exciting journeys into space!

It has been a wonderful start to the half term, and we are excited for all the learning and experiences that lie ahead.



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 - Y3
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y2

The whole school attendance this week is 90.9%



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** 8.6.26 Y1/Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week
Y4 MTC Week
New Reception 2026 Stay and Play session
3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Club and Football Fanatics Club

- Tuesday** 9.6.26 3.20pm-4.15pm Drawing and Designing Club and Multi-sports Club

- Wednesday** 10.6.26 Deacon Helen Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
Secret Reader
3.20pm-4.20pm Judo Club

- Thursday** 11.6.26 World Cup Day
Y2 Worship for families
School council meeting
Eco Council meeting

- Friday** 12.6.26 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)
3.30pm PTFA Colour Run

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



EYFS Eliza	EYFS Sultan
Year 1 Lottie	Year 1 Rohan
Year 2 Amelia	Year 2 Musa
Year 3 Lawrence	Year 3 Anya
Year 4 George	Year 4 Teddi
Year 5 Daisy	Year 5 Libby
Year 6 Eliana	Year 6 Leo R

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Eva C in Year 3, nominated by Mr Chapter, as she kindly brought in a copy of The Gruffalo for our class library because she had two copies at home.

Phoebe F in Year 4, nominated by Alicia, for helping her clean up her water when it spilled.

Joseph B in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for holding doors open for children in other classes over lunchtime.

Lillie in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Robertshaw, she noticed a friend in Year 3 was a little bit upset and sat on the bench in the playground at lunch talking to her.

Theo in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Strong, for complimenting his friends sewing skills in DT lessons.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 4

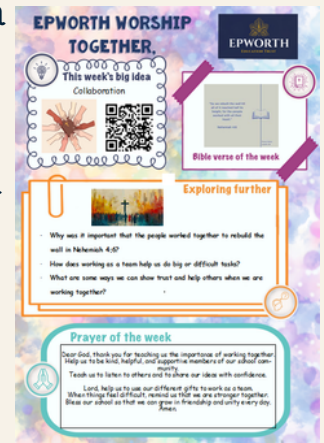
Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said not only were you tidy, but you have been super polite when she has visited your classroom. Well done and keep it up Year 4!

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:

Collaboration

Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship, we explored the important topic of bullying and anti-bullying. The children discussed how bullying is behaviour that is several times on purpose and considered the impact that unkind words and actions can have on others.

We introduced the acronym STOP: Several Times On Purpose, helping children to understand the difference between occasional friendship disagreements and bullying behaviour. We also talked about the importance of speaking up, showing kindness, and seeking help from a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else.

Through discussion and reflection, the children were encouraged to think about how they can contribute to a safe, respectful, and caring school community.



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

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



PTFA



Colour run is next Friday and there is still time to sign up Arbor - do not miss out on this amazing event! You can also sign up at the event also.

Sponsorship forms have come home with the children and we would love them to sign up, take part and raise funds for PTFA events for next year.

Thank you for your continued support. Bottle lids will be needed for voting for the Pitch for the Pot event so if you could kindly start to collect bottle lids this will help.

Good Luck



We would like to wish all of our Year 1 and Year 2 children the very best of luck as they complete their Phonics Screening Check next week, and our Year 4 children as they take part in the Multiplication Tables Check.


The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and have shown great determination, perseverance and enthusiasm in their learning. We are so proud of the effort they have put in and the progress they have made.

Remember, these checks are simply an opportunity to show what you know. Believe in yourselves, take your time and do your best—that is all we ever ask.

Good luck, everyone! We are all behind you and are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.


World Cup

The countdown is officially on! On Thursday 11th June, the 2026 World Cup begins, and we are celebrating right here at school with a fantastic mix of sport, culture, and creativity.

 Dress-Up Day: Thursday 11th June

To celebrate the official kick-off on Thursday, children are invited to come to school dressed in:

- Their favorite football shirt or full kit.
- Activewear/sports kit if they don't have a football shirt.

 What's Happening and When

- ✨ All Week Long (During Regular PE Slots):
 - PE Lessons: Our scheduled PE lessons with the coach will be completely football-based.
 - Dance Lessons: Regular dance slots will get a World Cup makeover, featuring routines set to upbeat football music!

- ✨ On Thursday 11th June (The Main Event): Alongside learning about the history of the World Cup, why it happens, and the positive values it promotes, children will take part in:
 - Creative Design: Designing their own custom football kits and team badges.
 - Class Football Session: A fun soccer session run by their class teachers.

 Quick Reminder:

Please ensure your child has appropriate activewear and trainers for their regular PE/Dance days and on Thursday for our big celebration day.

We can't wait for a brilliant week of learning, movement, and team spirit!

Thank you as always for your wonderful support!



WORLD CUP 2026 CELEBRATION WEEK!
Thursday 11th June - Kick-Off!

CELEBRATE WITH US!
⚽ DRESS UP DAY: THURSDAY 11th JUNE ⚽

Children can wear football shirts, kits, or activewear!
(Wear trainers for active sessions)

WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL WEEK

FOOTBALL-BASED PE LESSONS **WORLD CUP DANCE & MUSIC**

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE (The Main Event):

FOOTBALL SESSIONS WITH CLASS TEACHERS **LEARN WORLD CUP HISTORY & VALUES** **DESIGN YOUR OWN OWN KIT & BADGE**

History, Why it Happens, Positive Values



2026-2027

We are pleased to announce staffing structure for next year:

	Teacher	Support staff
EYFS	Miss Maguire	Mrs Storey
	Teacher	KS1 Support Staff
Y1	Miss Hornby Mrs Chalmers – maternity leave	Mrs Murphy Mrs Robertshaw Miss Atherton
Y2	Mrs Strong	
	Teacher	LKS2 Support Staff
Y3	Mrs Preter Mrs Birchall (before she goes on maternity leave in September)	Mrs C Jones Mrs Mitchell
Y4	Mrs Dawes	
	Teacher	UKS2 Support Staff
Y5	Mr Chapter	Mrs Potter
Y6	Mrs Hill	Mrs Murray Mrs L Jones

Andy Reid MBE Visit

As part of our Infinite 8 Strategy, "Be Inspired to Aspire – Listen to someone with an inspiring story," we were delighted to welcome our local hero, Andy Reid, to school yesterday.

Andy shared his incredible journey with the children and left us all feeling inspired by his resilience, determination and positive attitude. The children came away with many powerful messages, including:

- "Be the best version of yourself."
- "It doesn't matter who you are or where you are from, don't doubt yourself!"
- "Break the big goal up into tiny little goals. As you do the little ones, you eventually achieve the big one."

Amongst his many achievements, Andy recently completed the London Marathon, becoming the first triple amputee to do so.

The children listened beautifully throughout the whole-school assembly and were a credit to our school. Year 5 were then fortunate enough to take part in a separate question-and-answer session with Andy.

We were incredibly proud of how thoughtfully they asked their questions and how respectfully they listened to his responses.

Everyone returned to class feeling motivated and inspired to challenge themselves, persevere with their goals and believe in what they can achieve.

A huge thank you to Andy and his Standing Tall Foundation for taking the time to visit us and share such an inspiring story.





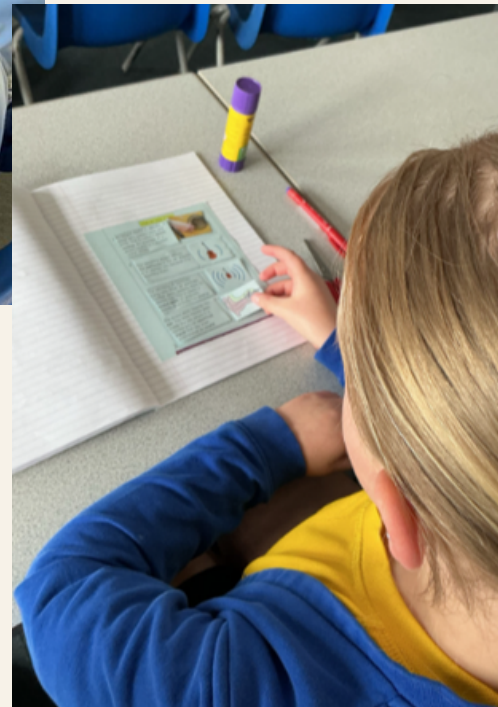
Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

Year 4 have been having a fantastic time in Science recently, exploring the exciting topic of sound. The children have been learning how sound is made through vibrations and how these vibrations travel through different materials. They carried out investigations to discover how sound can travel through solids, liquids and gases.

We also explored how our ears work, helping us to hear the sounds around us. The children enjoyed learning about the journey sound takes from our ears to our brain. As part of their practical learning, pupils experimented with a range of instruments to investigate how we can change the pitch and volume of sounds. There were lots of hands-on activities and some very enthusiastic musicians in the classroom!

In History, Year 4 have been learning about Ancient Greece. They have explored what life was like in Greek society and discovered how people spent their free time. The children were particularly interested in Greek entertainment, including the Olympic Games, theatre performances and festivals.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous first week back. On Monday they worked really well in DT, learning about electrical systems and how LDRs are used in objects like automatic night lights 💡

In RE the children re-enacted the life of John Wesley through a series of still photos. We focused on the point in his life where John felt his heart 'strangely warmed', what this meant to John Wesley and what this might mean to us.

In our English lessons we have looked at the book 'Around the World in 80 Festivals' by Nancy Dickman and Lucy Banaji. We haven't quite managed to look at all 80 festivals but we have focused on a fair few!

In French we have begun looking at the work of the French artist Henri Matisse with the aim of producing our own collages in his style. Watch this space!

