



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School Newsletter

SUMMER TERM - FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026



A message from Mrs Taylor

We are delighted to announce that Miss Maguire will be taking on the role of EYFS and KS1 Phase Leader from September 2026 while Mrs Chalmers is on maternity leave.

Miss Maguire has already made a wonderful contribution to our school community, and we are excited to see her step into this leadership role. We know she will do a fantastic job supporting both staff and pupils, and we look forward to working with her in this new capacity.

A big thank you to all our families for their understanding following the cancellation of Sports Day. We would also like to say a huge well done to our children for the way they have adapted to the extreme weather conditions. Despite changes to break times, lunches and PE timetables, they have remained positive, resilient and focused on their learning throughout the heat. Thank you also to our staff for their flexibility and support in helping everything run smoothly. We are very proud of how well everyone has coped. Thank you to our very generous parents for the donations of ice pops! So kind of you all.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers not to park on the zig-zag markings or double yellow lines around the school site. Please be considerate of our neighbours. These restrictions are in place to help keep our children, families and wider community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring a safe environment for everyone.

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 - Y5
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y4

The whole school attendance this week is 94.11%



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 29.6.26**
Y6 high school transition week
1pm onwards SEND drop ins with Mrs Dawes SENDCo
3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Club and Football Fanatics Club
-
- Tuesday 30.6.26**
3.20pm-4.15pm Drawing and Designing Club and Multi-sports Club
-
- Wednesday 1.7.26**
Deacon Helen worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
3.20pm-4.20pm Judo Club
-
- Thursday 2.7.26**
Moving up morning to new classes
School council meeting
Eco Council meeting
-
- Friday 3.7.26**
9am Celebration Praise (check dojo for winners' invites Wednesday)

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion

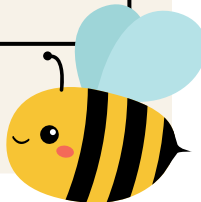


Star of the
Week



EYFS Xiana	EYFS Mason
Year 1 Lottie	Year 1 Neela
Year 2 Anya	Year 2 Eva
Year 3 Oliver	Year 3 Isabella
Year 4 Sebastian HH	Year 4 Oscar
Year 5 Charlie	Year 5 Zac
Year 6 Charlie FW	Year 6 Isla

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



Well done to the following children who received kindness awards this week for 'beeing' kind: Alfie in Year 1, nominated by Lottie in Year 1, for picking up items she did not realise she had dropped and she was very grateful for this.

Minahil in Year 6, nominated by Mr Chapter, as she went in to Year 3 to help the children learn about the rules for living in Islam and answered questions.

Parents who donated icepops for children and staff thank you for being so kind!

Charlie FW in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Chalmers, for being caring and kind towards children in Year 1.

Libby in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Birchall, as she offered to lend Miss her personal fan.

Esmæ in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Birchall, as she came over and checked in on Miss personally with the heat and being pregnant!

Neela in Year 1, nominated by Mrs Mitchell, for showing amazing kindness at lunchtime, getting her friend some delicious fruit from the fruit trolley.

Lillie in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Dawes, for helping a friend with his science when he was finding it tricky.

Elliot McG in Year 3, nominated by Mrs Dawes, for holding a door open without being asked.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

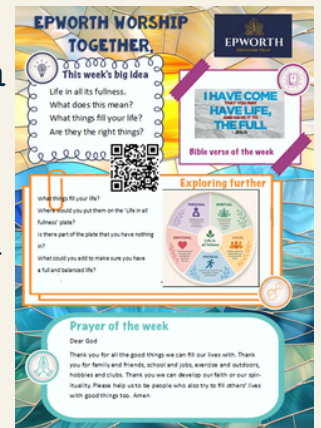
Winner: Year 2

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said that your classroom has been really tidy all week so well done. Keep it up Year 2.

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 exploring the activities and reflections within this resource at home.



This week's theme was all about

[Life in all its fullness](#)

Nutgrove Collective Worship

In Worship this week, with Mrs Chalmers, the children explored the value of courage. We discussed how making the right choice is not always the easiest path, and that it often requires bravery and strength of character.

The children listened to the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den, reflecting on how Daniel showed great courage by standing firm in his faith and beliefs, even when faced with difficult consequences. Throughout the week, the children have been thinking about how self-belief and courage go hand in hand. They have reflected on the importance of trusting themselves and striving to make the right choices, even when it may feel challenging.

In worship with Mrs Taylor we explored our No Outsiders initiative and celebrated the importance of belonging, inclusion and recognising that everyone is unique and valued.

Through the story A Handful of Buttons, the children explored the many different and wonderful families that make up our Nutgrove family. We reflected on the message that every family is special in its own way and that our differences are what make our community so unique.

We are very proud of the kindness, respect and thoughtful reflections shown by our children as they continue to help make Nutgrove a welcoming and inclusive place for all.



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

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



PTFA Pitch the Pot

Voting is underway and it looks a close call. Voting will now close Tuesday morning. PTFA members will be selling votes on the KS1 playground after school on Monday - please bring along your £1 for 3 votes.

Nutgrove PTFA

PITCH for the POT

MEET THE FINALISTS!

YOU DECIDE WHERE THE MONEY GOES!

1

BALL PEN NETS & NEW GOALS



More ball pen nets and new football and rugby goals for more active, enjoyable playtimes.

2

PASTORAL & READING NOOK SHED



A calm and welcoming space to read, relax and support wellbeing for everyone in our school.

3

EYFS & KS1 PLAYGROUND MAKEOVER



Exciting improvements to help EYFS and KS1 children learn, play, explore and grow through fun and adventure!

VOTE NOW!

£1 = 3 VOTES

- ★ Bring in £1 to get 3 votes
- ★ Use all 3 votes on one project or split them however you like!
- ★ Place your votes in the tubs for your chosen project

YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CHOICE!

VOTING OPENS THIS WEEK!

Thank you for helping to make our school even better!



Curriculum Showcase

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed another busy week of learning!

In PSHE, we learned about the PANTS rule and discussed how to stay safe and seek help from trusted adults. In Science, we explored water transport in plants and discovered how water travels from the roots to different parts of a plant. In Maths, we developed our understanding of fractions through a range of fun strategy games. In RE, we learned about the rules for living in Islam and had the opportunity to try dates, a food traditionally eaten to break the fast during Ramadan. We also enjoyed completing a relationship tree with Mrs Mitchell, helping us to reflect on the important people in our lives and the connections we share with others.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time in Design and Technology this term, becoming food designers and chefs for the day. After tasting a variety of ingredients, the children planned, designed and made their own toasties. The highlight was tasting their creations and seeing if their ideas worked. They then evaluated their toasties, discussing what went well and what they would improve next time. The project was a great success, helping pupils develop their design skills while having lots of fun. Year 4 enjoyed investigating habitats in the school garden. The children explored different areas and discovered a variety of living things, including insects, worms and spiders. They discussed why animals live in certain habitats and how these environments provide food, water and shelter. It was an exciting lesson that helped pupils learn more about the natural world around them.

