



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

As we come to the end of our first full week, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children. They have settled back into school so positively and have shown a wonderful enthusiasm for learning.

It has been a real pleasure to visit classrooms and see the fantastic start they have made to the new academic year.

There has already been so much to celebrate across the school. In EYFS, children have proudly shown me their pencil grip and early writing skills. Year 1 have produced beautiful handprint artwork linked to our rules and their Christian Value of peace. While Year 2 have been reflecting thoughtfully on their hopes for the future, linked to their class Christian value. In Year 3, pupils have been writing poems about thankfulness, and Year 4 have impressed me with their scientific investigations into solids, liquids and gases. Year 5 have been developing their writing through the use of parenthesis, and Year 6 have embraced their Play Leader training with maturity and enthusiasm.

The quality of work and positive attitudes I have seen this week have been outstanding, and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful achievements that this year will bring.

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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Admin Reminders

A gentle reminder that Class Dojo is used by teachers to communicate key messages and updates with parents. To ensure that important information is not missed, please be aware that Class Dojo is not monitored regularly throughout the school day. If you need to share any important information about your child, please speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact the school office, who will be happy to pass on any messages.

Next Week

Monday 14.9.26	After school clubs start for 5 weeks 2.50pm EYFS Meet the Teacher meeting 3.20pm-4.15pm Art and Design Club EYFS Y1 Y2
Tuesday 15.9.26	Ethos Committee meeting 3.20pm-4.15pm Multisports Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Wednesday 16.9.26	Deacon Emily worship 12.30pm-1pm Christian Club with Deacon Emily 3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Thursday 17.9.26	School Council meeting Y6 swimming lessons
Friday 18.9.26	9am Celebration Praise (please check dojo Wednesday for invites)



Attendance Matters

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!



Attendance Award

Highest attendance is Y2

They have won an extra break time next week.

The whole school attendance this week is 97.05%

Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	96.7%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	96.8%

Punctuality Award

The class with the least amount of lates this week was: Year 6
They have won 15 minutes of Golden Time next week.

Reading Award

Reading at home every day, even for just 10 minutes, helps children develop their vocabulary, confidence and imagination, while building a lifelong love of reading.



Well done for reading 4 times this week at home and picking a book as a prize!

Keep up the hard work.

Remarkable Reader!

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



YEAR 1 Matilda	YEAR 1 Jacob
YEAR 2 Lottie	YEAR 2 Dhyan
YEAR 3 Alivia	YEAR 3 Eliza
YEAR 4 Thomas	YEAR 4 Wynter
YEAR 5 Jacob W	YEAR 5 Phoebe F
YEAR 6 Mark	YEAR 6 Cecily

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Amelia in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for offering to zip up the children's coats up.

Rosa in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for seeking out a friend who was on their own to introduce herself and play together.

Faith in Year 4, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for putting up a younger child's hood on the way out of school to after-school club when it was raining.

Mark and Holly in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Murray, for helping when they spotted Mrs Murray was pushing an ICT trolley, so they stopped to help.

Libby in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for being kind and honest.

Sophie in Year 6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for stepping in to support worship when a friend won an award.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 5

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said that you were amazing last year at keeping tidy and you have been even better at the start of this year! Keep up the hard work.



Worship

Epworth Worship Together

Each week, our Epworth schools share a child-led worship film exploring a different theme. The Worship Together activity sheet saved on our school website for families to explore together.

This week's theme was **Where do I belong?**

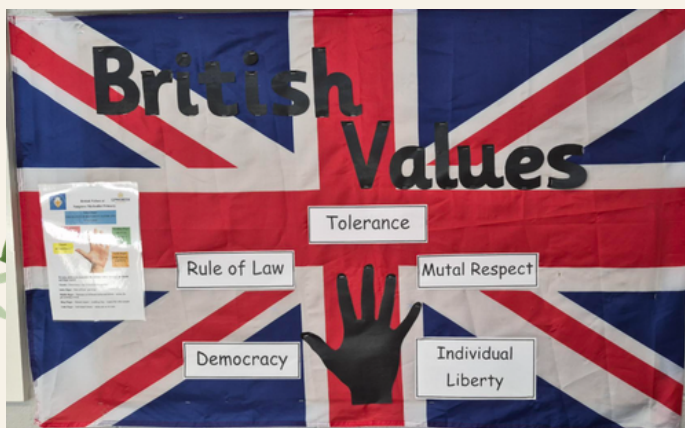


Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Eva K in Year 4

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

In Worship this week, we learnt all about British Values and what they mean for us in school. We explored the importance of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We discussed how these values help us to be kind, respectful, responsible members of our school community and prepare us to be good citizens in the wider world.





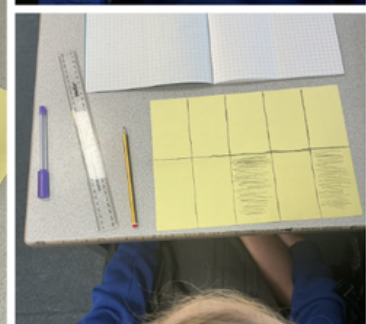
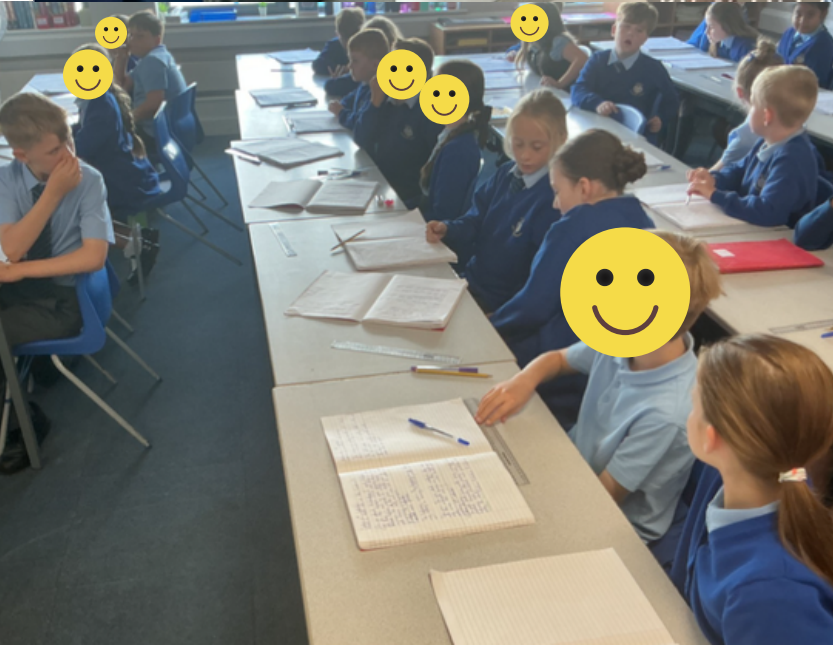
Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year! In PE, we have been developing our basketball skills, learning how to keep the ball under control, pass accurately and shoot with increasing confidence.

In PSHE, we took part in a fun Collaboration Challenge, working together in teams to plan, communicate and construct the tallest tower we could. This gave us the opportunity to practise our teamwork, listening and problem-solving skills.

In English, we have been exploring the poem The Highwayman, focusing on how pace, tone and emphasis can change the way a poem is read and performed. We have been experimenting with our voices and expression to bring the poem to life!





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Year 6

What a fantastic first week our Year 6 children have had! They have settled into Year 6 beautifully and have been working hard to learn and revise their new routines. This week, the children have taken part in Play Leader training, ready to take on their new responsibilities, and enjoyed curling in PE. They have also been busy in the swimming pool, developing their swimming skills. We were delighted to welcome the Headteacher of Rainhill, who visited us to tell the children all about the upcoming open day. In Geography, we have begun learning about counties, while in Maths we have been working hard on place value and numbers up to 10 million. We have also started two exciting new books in Literacy. Our new class read is *Wonder*, while our literacy focus book is *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. The children have already begun getting stuck into both! It has been a very busy and exciting start to Year 6, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in. Well done, Year 6!

