



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

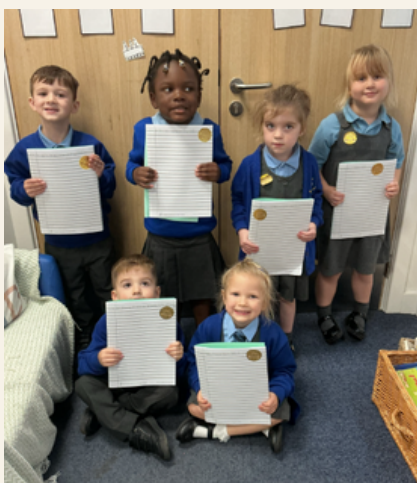
Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

What a wonderful week it has been in school! It has been a pleasure to see the fantastic learning taking place across all year groups, particularly the remarkable improvements in handwriting. I have been especially impressed by our Reception children, who have only just started their school journey and are already developing and perfecting their tripod grip with great determination and enthusiasm. Across the rest of the school, the progress resulting from the introduction of our new handwriting books in the Summer Term is clear to see. Children are taking great pride in their presentation, forming letters more consistently, and demonstrating increasing confidence in their writing.

It is incredibly rewarding to see the positive impact of this initiative and to celebrate the hard work of both our children and staff. We look forward to seeing this excellent progress continue throughout the year.



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

Please log on to Arbor and complete all the consent forms for your child, even if you want to decline consent.

Don't forget: if you need to use our Breakfast, please try to book in advance through Arbor.

If you were given an allergy form to complete please can this be returned asap.

Next Week

Monday 21.9.26	3.20pm-4.15pm Art and Design Club EYFS Y1 Y2
Tuesday 22.9.26	Ethos Committee meeting 3.20pm-4.15pm Multisports Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Wednesday 23.9.26	Deacon Emily worship 12.20pm-12.50pm Christian Club with Deacon Emily 3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Thursday 24.9.26	School Council meeting Y6 swimming lessons
Friday 25.9.26	9am Celebration Praise (please check dojo Wednesday for invites)

Attendance Matters

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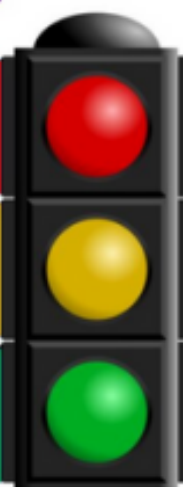
Why is it important?

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 Y1

They have won an extra break time next week.

The whole school attendance this week is 96.5%

Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	98.1%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	89%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	95.0%

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 Fjola	YEAR 1 Theo
YEAR 2 Alfie	YEAR 2 Ayla
YEAR 3 Theo	YEAR 3 Lily-Rose
YEAR 4 Izzy	YEAR 4 Eva C
YEAR 5 Ezra	YEAR 5 Evie M
YEAR 6 Ayomide	YEAR 6 Lucy

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Jacob in Y1, nominated by Miss Robertshaw, for sharing with a friend.

Anaiah in Reception, nominated by Mrs C Hill, for being kind to a friend when they fell over.

Cohan, Oliver, Susan and Jacob in Y1, nominated by Charlie and Ayomide (Y6), for their manners and kindness towards their friends and others.

Nish in Y3, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for being kind to his friend.

Eva in Y3, nominated by Mrs Murray, for supporting a friend by making them smile.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said you had been really tidy this week. You were even super tidy after lots of cutting out activities. Keep up your 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 **Why did God make me different?**

EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER.

This week's big question: **WHY DID GOD MAKE ME DIFFERENT?**

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful."
Psalm 139:14
BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Exploring together
Psalm 139 reminds us that God made every one of us carefully and wonderfully. There is no one else exactly like you.
Talk together:
- What makes you unique?
- What gifts, ideas or qualities make you special?
- How can our differences help us to flourish together?
- How can we encourage ourselves and others to dream BIG?
- How can we show kindness and care for everyone?
Try this: Choose one word that describes a gift, quality or dream you want to grow this year.

This week's prayer
Dear God,
Thank you for making each one of us unique, wonderfully made and deeply loved. Help us to understand ourselves, manage our feelings and choices, care for everyone and use the gifts you have given us to grow, flourish and help others.
Amen.

FLLOURISHING TOGETHER - WEEK 1



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Ezra in Y5

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

Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in worship, the children explored two important messages about valuing ourselves and valuing others.

Through the Bible teaching of The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), they reflected on how God has created each person uniquely, with different gifts, talents and strengths that all play an important part in our school community. Children were encouraged to celebrate their own qualities and recognise the strengths of those around them.

We also focused on Anti-Bullying and Choosing Kindness, thinking carefully about the impact our words and actions can have on others. Through stories and discussion, the children learned the importance of showing compassion, including others and having the courage to speak up or seek help when someone is being treated unkindly.

Together, we reflected on how we can help make our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, respected and included.



CHOOSE KINDNESS



Children as Leaders



School Council

Valerie, Nico Alicia, Zac, Cecily, Ben Eliza, Leighton, Lottie and Aarin



Y6 Prefects

Poppy, Evie, Libby and Mark



Worship Team

Hallie, Bella, Aiden, Zac Mark and Cecily



Ethos Commitee

Isla-Mae, Esmae, Sophie, Libby, Alice, Teddi Theo, Isabella, Myla and Sam



Eco Warriors

Sophie, Lily-Rose, Aaliyah, Hallie Freay, Aaliyah and Joshua



Well done Year 3

We are incredibly proud of our current Year 3 pupils, who have been successfully selected to have their prayer published in the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2026/2027. As a class, they worked together to write a beautiful prayer based on the theme of 'Sorrow and Joy', thoughtfully reflecting on this important topic. To have their work chosen for inclusion is a fantastic achievement, and we are delighted that their creativity, faith and teamwork have been recognised in this way. Congratulations, Year 3. We are so proud of you all!



Dear God,
Please help us to be joyful and have love in our hearts.
Help everyone across the world to have hope for a happy life and future.
When we are sad, please comfort and support us.
Thank you for leading and guiding us to provide hope for others when they need it.
Amen.

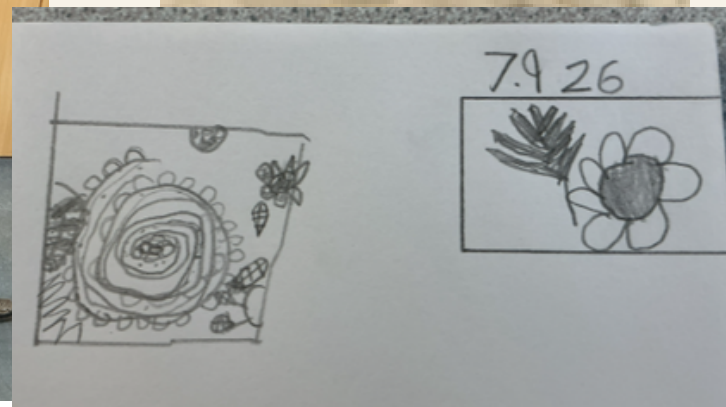
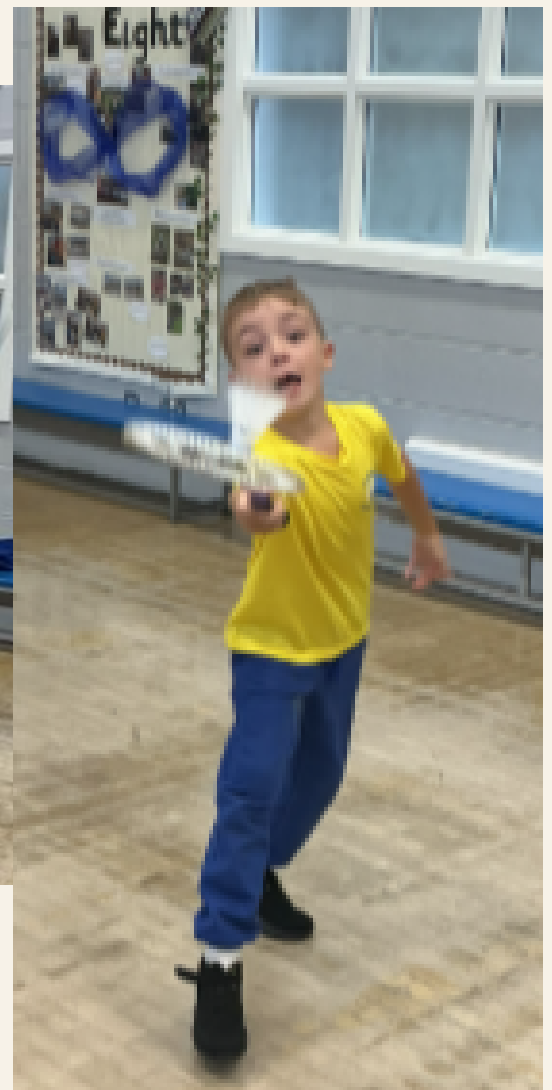
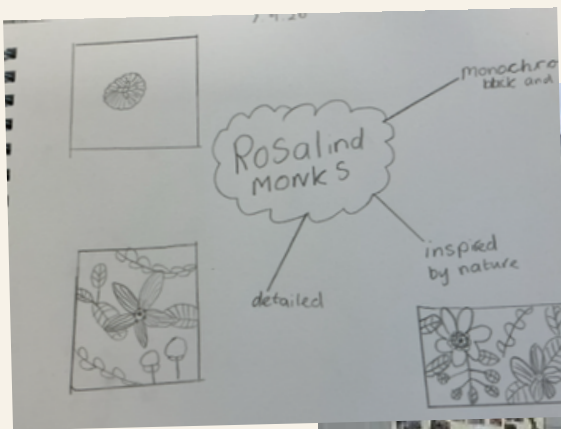
Year 2 class prayer, Nutgrove Methodist Primary School



Curriculum Showcase

Year 3

What a busy and fun start to the term we have had! We have begun our art topic, drawing in the style of Rosalind Monks. We have tried to copy her style by using a view finder so that we can really focus on her work. In history we took a journey through time. We also looked at how we have evolved over many, many years and started our topic on the Stone Age. Our English lessons also took us to the Stone Age with hot seating one of the main characters of our core text, Stone Age Boy. In PE we are learning how to play badminton. It is quite tricky but fun!





Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy learning and exploring. In Science, we have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. We had great fun pretending to be particles, moving like each state of matter to show how particles are arranged and move.

We have also been exploring air resistance. We discovered that air can slow us down by running with boards and feeling the resistance as we moved.

In PSHE, we have been developing our teamwork skills through role play. We became human machines, working together and listening carefully to make our machines work successfully.

We are also enjoying our class books, *The Butterfly Lion* and *The Tin Forest*, which have inspired some lovely discussions and creative ideas.

