



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

What a wonderful week we have had in school! It has been a pleasure to welcome our governors into school for a series of pupil voice sessions focused on safety and behaviour. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, confidently explaining the many ways we learn about staying safe, both in and out of school.

The governors were incredibly impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding of safeguarding, as well as their ability to explain our behaviour policy and the high expectations we have for everyone in our school community. Most importantly, our pupils spoke proudly about how well-behaved, respectful and kind our children are, and how these values help to create the calm, positive learning environment we all enjoy.

We are extremely proud of how confidently and maturely our children represented the school and showcased the excellent culture that exists here every day.

On Wednesday 7th October, Deacon Emily will be leading our Harvest Festival worship. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on how fortunate we are and to support those in our local community who may need a helping hand.

This year, we will be collecting donations for St Matthew's Pantry, and we would be incredibly grateful for any contributions. Children are welcome to bring donations into school from Monday onwards. Please see list below.

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

Don't forget:

- if you need to use our Breakfast Club, please try to book in advance through Arbor.
- Please log into SchoolGrid and order school meals before the start of the day.

Next Week

Monday 28.9.26	Harvest Festival donations can be brought in please 3.20pm-4.15pm Art and Design Club EYFS Y1 Y2
Tuesday 29.9.26	Ethos Committee meeting 3.20pm-4.15pm Multisports Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Wednesday 30.9.26	Deacon Emily worship 12.20pm-12.50pm Christian Club with Deacon Emily 3.20pm-4.15pm Forest School Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Thursday 1.10.26	School Council meeting Y6 swimming lessons
Friday 2.10.26	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 and Y5
They have won an extra break time next week.
The whole school attendance this week is 98%

Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	98.5%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	99.1%
Year 6	95.7%

Punctuality Award

The class with the least amount of lates this week was: Reception
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



EYFS	Timmy	EYFS	Shayaan
YEAR 1	Eliza	YEAR 1	Oliver
YEAR 2	Rosa	YEAR 2	Elliot
YEAR 3	Ollie	YEAR 3	Anya
YEAR 4	Hallie	YEAR 4	Oliver B
YEAR 5	Oscar	YEAR 5	Phoebe C
YEAR 6	Aiden	YEAR 6	Libby

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Eva and Anya in Y3, nominated by Mrs Preter, for going straight over to comfort a friend when they were upset.

Izaiah in Year 2, nominated by Mrs Strong, as he was incredibly kind to a friend on the playground this week.

Alex in Y3, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for letting a friend have his seat at lunchtime when he had finished his dinner.

Mason and Leo in Year 2., nominated by Mrs Strong, as they helped a friend who was hurt on the playground - they worked together as a great team to be kind.

Lucia in Y2, nominated Sophia, for helping her tie her shoe laces.

Hallie and Anya in Y4, nominated by Mrs Preter, for helping our younger friends and making them smile.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year EYFS

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said little hands make light work! She has spotted you all working as a great team to ensure your classroom is so tidy every day - 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 **How do I grow strong roots?**



Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Xiana in Y1

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

This week in worship, we explored two important messages about belonging and building strong foundations. Through Jesus' parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders, children reflected on the importance of developing strong roots through kindness, honesty, resilience, friendship and faith, helping them to stand firm when challenges arise. We also celebrated our uniqueness through the story of Elmer, thinking about how our differences make our school community richer and stronger. As part of our No Outsiders learning, children reflected on how everyone is different, everyone is welcome, and how we can ensure that all members of our school family feel valued, included and loved.



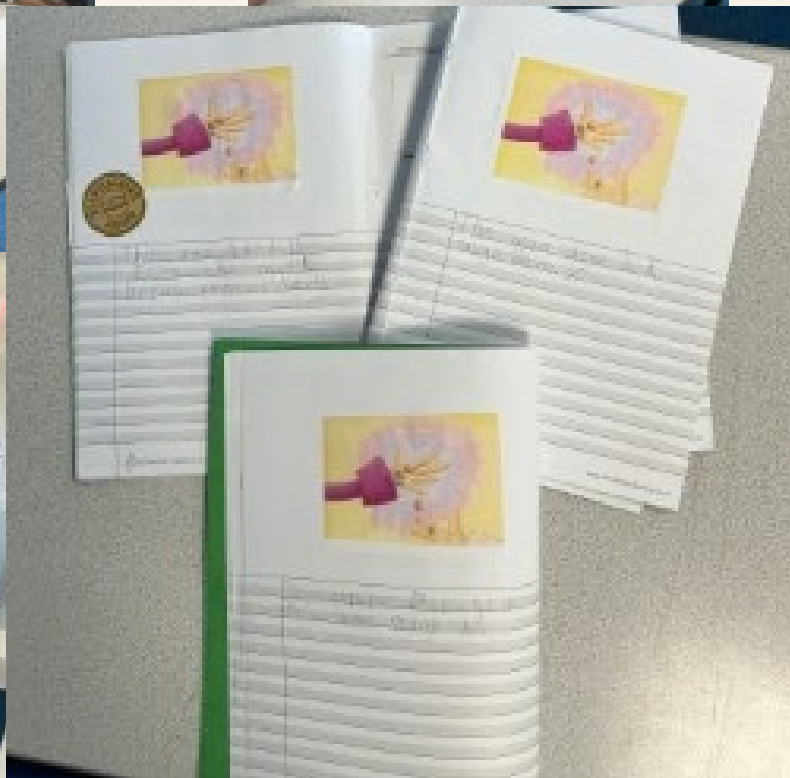
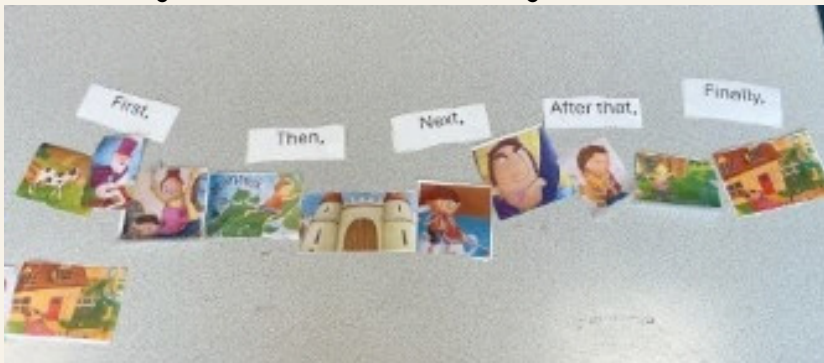


Curriculum Showcase

Year 1

In Year One this week, the children have been working super hard in their writing lessons. They have been ordering key events from their class text of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children completed some role play of key scenes and then wrote some sentences describing what was happening in these scenes.

In maths, the children have been practicing their counting and have been so impressive with their knowledge of our key words this week 'fewer' and 'more'. They have been counting one more and one less using counters.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 2

What a fantastic start to Year 2!

We have been busy describing the Bog Baby based on our book in English and designing our own characters for our narratives. In Maths, we have been exploring multiples of 10, while in RE we have been learning about special books, including the Christian holy book, the Bible. Science has taken us outdoors on exciting minibeast and microhabitat hunts, and in PE we have been developing our throwing, catching and aiming skills. We have also started our drawing topic in Art, exploring the work of L. S. Lowry and having a go at creating our own drawings inspired by his style.





The Pantry

St Matthew's Pantry would particularly benefit from the following items:

- Longlife milk
- tea bags
- custard
- tins of fruit
- rice
- pasta
- jam

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We know that, as always, our school community will come together to make a real difference to others.

