



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

We have had another wonderful week in school, with a real focus on reading and phonics across all year groups.

Last week, we introduced an additional reading session before worship each morning. These sessions are carefully designed to address gaps in learning identified through our assessments before the summer, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to make strong progress.

During our second daily reading session, many of our fantastic Teaching Assistants are working closely with children in Key Stage 1 to strengthen phonics knowledge and develop early reading skills. Reading really is the key to unlocking learning, and at Nutgrove we are committed to ensuring that every child leaves us as a confident, fluent and enthusiastic reader.

Parents can play a vital role in supporting this journey by reading with their child at home at least three times each week and signing their reading record. Children who read four times a week will be entered into our weekly prize draw, where they could win a brand-new book. Thank you for your continued support in helping to foster a love of reading.

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

Thank you for booking your child's lunches in advance on SchoolGrid. This helps us to run our lunch service smoothly and maximises valuable learning time throughout the school day.

Please also remember to log on to Arbor to view your child's trips for this academic year, provide consent for attendance and make any required payments please.

Next Week

Harvest Festival donations can be brought in please

Monday 5.10.26	Afterschool - Art and Design Club EYFS Y1 Y2
Tuesday 6.10.26	- Ethos Committee meeting at lunch - Afterschool - Multisports Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Wednesday 7.10.26	- Deacon Emily Harvest Festival worship - Lunchtime - Christian Club with Deacon Emily - Afterschool - Forest School Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Thursday 8.10.26	- School Council meeting - Y6 swimming lessons
Friday 9.10.26	9am Celebration Praise (please check dojo Wednesday for invites) - Hello Yellow Day - wear Yellow

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 Y1

They have won an extra break time next week.

The whole school attendance this week is 97.2%

Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	94.1%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	94.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	95.6%

Punctuality Award

The classes with the fewest lates this week were: Reception and Y6
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	Rosa	EYFS	Arlo P
YEAR 1	William	YEAR 1	Millicent
YEAR 2	Layla	YEAR 2	Scarlett
YEAR 3	Charlotte H	YEAR 3	Leighton
YEAR 4	Oscar	YEAR 4	Faith
YEAR 5	Molly	YEAR 5	Max
YEAR 6	Daisy	YEAR 6	Belle

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Charlie, Aiden Holly, Hallie T, Sophie and Evie in Y6, nominated by Libby (Y6), for helping her find her phone after school.

Phoebe in EYFS, nominated by Libby (Y6), for helping a friend when they fell over.

Matilda in Y1, nominated by Paige (Y6), for being kind to her friends.

Hallie in Y4, nominated by Miss Maguire, for always asking her how she is and how her day is going.

Isla P in Y5, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for being kind to a friend at lunchtime when he ate his lunch slower than his friends, so she welcomed him to chat to her.

Dorothea in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping her friend when they were hurt.

Ayla C in Y2, nominated by Mrs Strong, for always being super helpful in class.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 2

Well done on winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said she would not have known you were painting L S Lowry inspired pieces if she had not popped in and seen you painting so well whilst listening to the Matchstick Men song!



Worship

Epworth Worship Together

Each week, our Epworth schools share a child-led worship film exploring a different theme.

The Worship Together activity sheet is saved on our school website for families to explore together.

This week's theme was: *Where does your courage come from?*



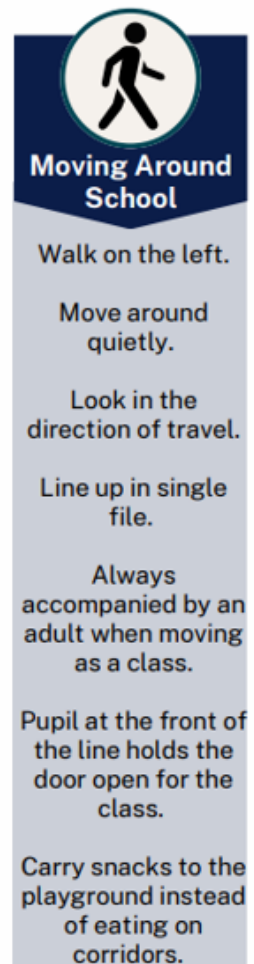
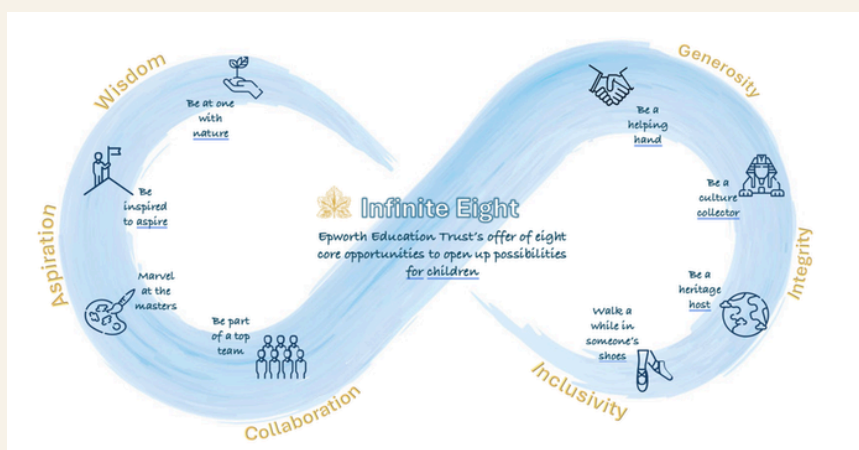
Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Phoebe F in Y5

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

This week, we have explored our habits for learning, including how we transition between activities and move safely and calmly around school. We focused on three key expectations: facing forwards, walking in single file and remaining quiet.

We have also revisited our Infinite Eight strategy, exploring its eight strands and reflecting on the many opportunities pupils enjoyed last year. Building on these successes, we have begun planning exciting Infinite Eight opportunities for the year ahead.





Deacon Emily in Class

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 were very grateful to have Deacon Emily helping to teach our RE lesson. We talked about all of the different types of Bibles, the work of The Bible Society and the early history of the Bible. We were also very fortunate to explore and discuss some of Deacon Emily's own personal Bibles.

Thank you Emily!



Hello Yellow Day



This Friday, we will be supporting Hello Yellow Day and raising money for YoungMinds. Children are invited to wear something yellow, or a yellow accessory, and make a small donation if they wish.

Hello Yellow Day helps raise awareness of children's mental health and encourages young people to talk openly about their feelings, seek support when needed, and show kindness to others. Thank you for helping us support this important cause and the valuable work of YoungMinds.

Donations can be made here: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>



Curriculum Showcase

EYFS

This week in Reception, we have started our exciting new topic, People Who Help Us. The children have been immersing themselves in role play by looking after patients and caring for animals as vets in the home corner. In the construction area, they have been busy building ambulances and fire engines, while also talking about the jobs they would like to do when they grow up. We have also been learning about the emergency services and the emergency number to call if help is needed. It has been a fantastic start to the topic, with lots of enthusiasm, imagination and learning taking place.

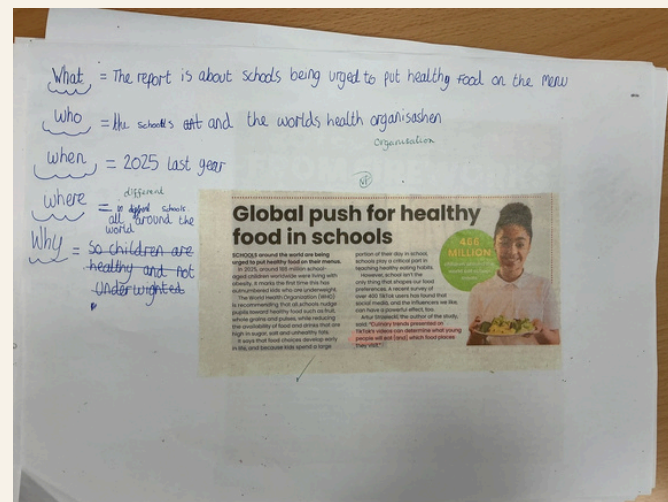




Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard and making great progress across the curriculum! In English, we have been finishing our character descriptions of Pip from Great Expectations and analysing newspaper articles in preparation for writing our own reports about the escape of the convict Magwitch. In Science, we have been investigating conductors and insulators and carrying out practical experiments to test different materials. In Geography, we have been learning about the counties and major cities of the UK, while in Art we have been exploring a selection of paintings from different art movements and discussing the styles and techniques used by the artists. We are also making fantastic progress in swimming! We have been perfecting our strokes, building our confidence in the water and, most importantly, having lots of fun in the pool.





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.

