



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

What a great week we have had in school! Our Year 6 Play Leaders have been taking their new roles very seriously and are already making a positive difference at lunchtimes. They now have their own high-visibility jackets so that all children can easily identify them.



The Play Leaders have been leading purposeful play activities with our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils, whilst developing their own leadership skills and embodying our new Learn to Learn skills, including organisation, teamwork and communication. These are just some of the six key skills we want all of our children to develop during their time at our school, helping them to become confident, capable and successful learners.



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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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Birchall on the arrival of baby Luke last week. We are pleased to hear that both mum and baby are doing well and wish them all the very best.

Next Week

Last week of after school clubs

Monday
12.10.26

- SCARF PSHE Parent workshop 8.30am-9am hall
- SCARF PSHE workshops for EY-Y4
- SEND drops 1-3pm with SENDCo
- Afterschool - Art and Design Club EYFS Y1 Y2

Tuesday
13.10.26

- EY Welly Walk
- Ethos Committee meeting at lunch
- Afterschool - Multisports Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Wednesday
14.10.26

- Deacon Emily Harvest Festival worship
- Lunchtime - Christian Club with Deacon Emily
- Afterschool - Forest School Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Thursday
15.10.26

- 9am Y3 Worship for families
- School Council meeting
- Y6 swimming lessons

Friday
16.10.26

- 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 Y3
They have won an extra break time next week.
The whole school attendance this week is 96.26%

Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	97.64%
Year 1	93.33%
Year 2	95.71%
Year 3	98.77%
Year 4	92.8%
Year 5	97.93%
Year 6	98.26%

Punctuality Award

The classes with the fewest lates this week were: Year 4
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	Anaiah	EYFS	Finley
YEAR 1	Xiana	YEAR 1	Tife
YEAR 2	Lilian	YEAR 2	Joshua
YEAR 3	Amelia	YEAR 3	Eva
YEAR 4	Oscar	YEAR 4	Helin
YEAR 5	Isla B	YEAR 5	Joshua
YEAR 6	Bella	YEAR 6	Zac

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Eva K in Y4, nominated by Tami Y4, as she spotted her helping another friend when they fell over.

Arthur in EYFS, nominated by Mrs Picton (Governor), for holding the door open for his friends leaving the hall after worship.

Theo in Y3, nominated by Mrs Murray, for helping her clean the cloakroom without being asked.

Sebastian in Y5, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for offering to help fix a display when something had fallen off.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 4

Well done on winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said that your classroom is always spotless and she is always so impressed! 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 is saved on our school website for families to explore together.

This week's theme was: **What gifts has God given to me?**



Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Amalya Y3

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

What a wonderful week of worship we have shared together. We spent time exploring the message behind Hello Yellow Day with Miss Maguire, learning about the importance of positive mental wellbeing and how we can support ourselves and others. Thank you to everyone who wore yellow today and helped raise funds for YoungMinds, supporting children and young people with their mental health.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Turner from Edukid, who helped us learn more about life in Uganda and the inspiring stories of the two children we sponsor, Joshua and Immaculate. Through drumming, dancing and storytelling, we discovered how our fundraising makes a real difference, helping to provide education, resources and opportunities for them both to attend school. It was a fantastic reminder of how our generosity can help change lives across the world.



Open Evening and Remembrance Day

Reception starters for September 2026

Opening evening will be held on Monday 16th November at 4 - 5pm. This will consist of a presentation in the hall and tour of the school. Free refreshments will be provided. If you know any children who are starting school in September 2027 then please spread the word. Thank you.



The poster for Nutgrove Methodist Primary School's Open Evening features a blue background. At the top left is the school's logo, a yellow cross inside a circle with the text 'Nutgrove Methodist Primary School'. At the top right is the Epworth Education Trust logo, a stylized leaf with the text 'EPWORTH EDUCATION TRUST'. The main title 'Open Evening' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the date and time 'Monday 16th November at 4pm' are written in yellow. A small photo shows two children sitting on a bench, one holding a book titled 'A BOOK OF DRAGONHOOD'. Three speech bubbles contain quotes from students: 'Everyone is welcome at Nutgrove - we all belong together.' by Sebastian, 'In our school, we learn and have fun.' by Phoebe, and 'We have lots of fun clubs, I developed my skills and practised being part of a team in one of our free afterschool clubs' by Ayla. A photo of a child in a blue school uniform is also included.

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EPWORTH EDUCATION TRUST

Open Evening

Monday 16th November at 4pm

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Sebastian

'In our school, we learn and have fun.'
Phoebe

'We have lots of fun clubs, I developed my skills and practised being part of a team in one of our free afterschool clubs'
Ayla

Remembrance Day Poppies

The following items will be on sale next week on the run-up to Remembrance Day:

- Snap Bands (£1)
- Ribbon Wrist Bands (£1)
- Pencils - assorted colours (50p)
- Reflective Poppies (50p)
- Stickers - assorted colours (20p)
- Paper Poppies (donation)
- Paper Poppies - pinless (donation)



Please send in money with your child if they would like to purchase anything for the British Legion.

PSHE and Pencil Grip

PSHE - SCARF

We use SCARF curriculum to deliver our PSHE and RSHE curriculum across the school. EY-Y4 are excitedly having workshops delivered by SCARF on Monday (free of charge as the school are paying for these amazing workshops). So we would like to invite parents and carers to an information meeting on Monday 12th October at 8:30 am led by SCARF. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Coram Life Education mental wellbeing workshops taking place in school on Monday and our wider SCARF PSHE curriculum. During the session, we will discuss the workshop themes being delivered in school, including:

All About Me (Reception),
My Wonderful Body (Year 1),
Feelings (Year 2),
Meet the Brain (Year 3)
Great to Be Me (Year 4)



We will also share how these sessions help children develop resilience, confidence and positive mental wellbeing, as well as ways families can support this learning at home. We look forward to welcoming you and your children



Pencil Grip



Nip



Flip



Grip



Developing a Strong Pencil Grip

This week, we have been promoting the correct tripod pencil grip using our "Nip, Flip, Grip" approach, beautifully demonstrated above by Anaiah in EYFS. Developing a secure tripod grip is an important part of early writing, as it helps children build the fine motor skills and hand muscles needed for pencil control, letter formation and writing stamina. By encouraging the correct grip from an early age, we can help children become more confident and successful writers. We would encourage families to support and reinforce this at home whenever children are drawing, colouring or writing. These posters are now displayed in every classroom to promote the correct pencil grip.



Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract multiples of 100. We have enjoyed practising our skills through lots of fun and challenging games, which have helped us become more confident mathematicians.

In Music, we have been exploring ostinatos – repeated musical rhythms or patterns. We used a range of instruments to create our own repeating rhythms and enjoyed experimenting with different sounds.

Our Science lessons have been all about the states of matter. We have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. We explored water and discovered how it can change from a solid (ice), to a liquid (water), and then to a gas (steam). It has been fascinating to learn how temperature can cause materials to change state.

In Literacy, we have been developing our creative writing skills. We have been writing our own stories using The Tin Forest as our stimulus. We have enjoyed creating interesting characters, settings and storylines and using descriptive language to bring our ideas to life. In RE, we have been learning about Buddhism. We have explored some Buddhist beliefs and traditions and made our own colourful prayer flags. It was lovely to see everyone's creativity while learning about a different faith and culture.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing couple of weeks!

We have been busy exploring different types of Bibles and learning about how sacred texts are used by Christians. In English, we have been immersing ourselves in newspaper reports, identifying their key features and beginning to develop our own reporting skills.

In Science, we have been investigating irreversible changes, getting hands-on with exciting experiments involving fizzing tablets and burning paper (outside of course). We have been developing our scientific thinking by observing changes, making predictions and explaining what we have discovered.

It has been fantastic to see the children so enthusiastic, curious and engaged across the curriculum!

