



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

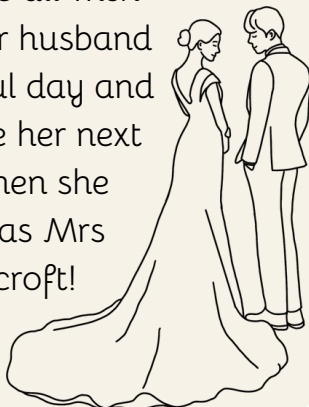
A message from Mrs Taylor

On Monday, our children took part in a series of SCARF workshops and we were incredibly proud of the way they engaged throughout the day. The children participated thoughtfully, shared their ideas confidently and demonstrated a real enthusiasm for learning. Their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and willingness to contribute ensured that each session was a great success.

The SCARF trainer was so impressed by our children that she commented she wished there were more hours in the school day because she had thoroughly enjoyed her time in our classrooms and wanted to spend longer working with them. What a wonderful tribute to our amazing children! They were fantastic ambassadors for our school.



A big congratulations to Miss Atherton who gets married today - we all wish her and her husband a wonderful day and we will see her next week when she returns as Mrs Moorcroft!



Y3 Y4 Dance Performance

Year 3 and Year 4 have been working hard with Dancing Lucy during one of their PE lessons each week to develop their dance skills. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at 2:45pm on Tuesday to watch a performance of the dance they have been learning.

Next Week

Last week of Autumn 1 half term

Monday 19.10.26	Eco Committee meeting
Tuesday 20.10.26	- Ethos Committee meeting - Y2 Lowry Art Workshop afternoon 2.45pm Y3 and Y4 Dance performance with Dance Lucy
Wednesday 21.10.26	- Flu Vaccines in school - Lunchtime - Christian Club with Deacon Emily
Thursday 22.10.26	- School Council meeting - Y6 swimming lessons
Friday 23.10.26	9am Celebration Praise (please check dojo Wednesday for invites) - Last day of Autumn 1 half term - Autumn 2 half term starts on Monday 2nd November

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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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 Year 5
They have won an extra break time next week.

The whole school attendance this week is 98.1%

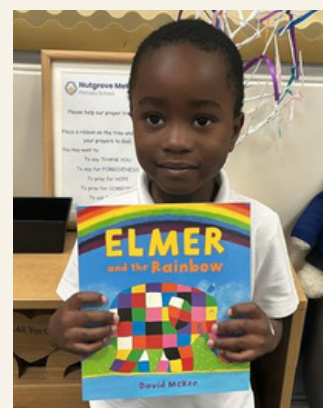
Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	98.5%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	98.8%

Punctuality Award

The classes with the fewest lates this week were: 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 Value Champion		Star of the Week	
EYFS	Arlo R	EYFS	Esmee
YEAR 1	Thomas	YEAR 1	Susan
YEAR 2	Marcus	YEAR 2	Lucia
YEAR 3	Hollie	YEAR 3	Millie
YEAR 4	Anya	YEAR 4	Pippa
YEAR 5	Joseph L	YEAR 5	Aaliyah
YEAR 6	Evie	YEAR 6	Belle

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award



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

Libby, Poppy, Evie H in Y6, nominated by Mr Chapter, for helping him organise the new badminton rackets.

Alex from Y3, nominated by Mark in Y6, for offering to help him in his role as prefect.

Joe in Y3, nominated by Mrs Preter for showing kindness to another child in class, making sure that they are included.

Thomas in Y4, nominated by Hallie in Y4, for being kind and helping his friends when they had fallen over.

Jacob in Y5, nominated by Mr Howden, for being kind to a friend during football at lunch.

Ollie in Y3, nominated by Libby, Poppy and Evie H in Y6, for sharing with his friends.

Thomas in Y4, nominated by Mrs Dawes, it was raining one day and he used his bag to put over a friends head to stop them getting wet. He was also spotted helping friends in class with work.

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 6

Well done on winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said that your classroom was the most improved! Well done and keep it up!



Worship

Epworth Worship Together

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

This week it was led by our very own Ethos Committee and it is amazing, please watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3yBts3tUXw>

This week's theme was: **How do my choices shape who I become?**



Nutmeg's Prayer Bear is going home with Freya in EYFS

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

Nutmeg Collective Worship

We were thrilled to welcome Sports Education on Monday for a special assembly packed with Judo demonstrations! They will be leading an after-school Judo club throughout Autumn 2. It's a wonderful way for children to stay active, build discipline, and try something new—information letters and sign-up details have already been sent home!

Year 3 delivered a wonderful worship all about being thankful, their class Christian Value for this year.

The children were amazing and did a fantastic job sharing their message. It was clear how hard they had worked to prepare, with everyone speaking clearly and confidently. Their enthusiasm shone through, and it was lovely to see how much they genuinely enjoyed taking part.

The assembly was a beautiful reminder of the importance of being thankful and appreciating the people and things that make our lives special. We are incredibly proud of Year 3 for delivering such a thoughtful and engaging worship assembly!

Our Learn to Learn Skills and the Epworth Child

At our school, we want every child to leave with much more than academic knowledge. As part of the Epworth Education Trust, we share a vision for what every child should know, do and be by the time they move on to the next stage of their education.

Alongside teaching a rich and engaging curriculum, we explicitly teach and celebrate six Learn to Learn Skills that help children become confident, resilient and independent learners for life:



These skills are woven into everyday learning across school and help our children develop the confidence and independence needed to succeed both now and in the future.

The skills also support our vision of "The Epworth Child." We want our children to leave us as kind, hopeful, joyful, healthy, confident, safe, responsible and moral citizens who know they belong and feel loved. Through strong knowledge, key skills and a wide vocabulary, we aim to equip every child to thrive in school, within their community and throughout later life.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting these skills at home, and we look forward to working together to help every child become a successful lifelong learner.



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 tree 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 continue to be on sale next week in 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.

Clubs

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run our after-school clubs this term.

Your support is greatly appreciated. A big well done to all of the children who attended and participated so enthusiastically. We hope you enjoyed the experience and are proud of all you have achieved.



Our new after-school clubs are now live on Arbor and places are filling up fast! We have a fantastic range of activities on offer, so be sure to log in and sign your child up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Art & Design Club

Art & Design Club with Mrs Murphy!

Starting Wednesday 4th November and ending Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

Wednesdays, 3:20pm–4:15pm.

- Only 14 places available – first come, first served.
- Wednesdays, Children will get hands-on with a wide range of artistic techniques, exploring different materials, colours, and styles through creative projects. It's the perfect place for young artists to express their imagination, practice new techniques, and create artwork they can be proud of!
- Year 5 classroom

* Children will be collected from the main office at the end of the session.

Singing / Choir Club!

with Mrs Preter

Key Stage 2 children are invited to join Singing / Choir Club with Mrs Preter!

14 places available
KS2

Year 3 classroom – first served

Monday 3:20 pm – 4:15 pm

Children will sing a variety of fun, uplifting songs, learn vocal techniques, and practice harmony and rhythm. The club helps children build confidence, make friends across KS2, and share the joy of music together.

Children will be collected from the main office at the end of the session.

Christmas performance during worship

Karate Club

Join Coach Miss Mitchell for fun martial arts sessions!

Only 14 places available – first come, first served!

Under professional coaching, children will learn fundamental martial arts techniques, discipline, and self-defense skills in a fun and controlled environment.

Benefits: improved focus, coordination, fitness, and self-confidence. Our martial arts program helps children develop discipline, respect, and physical skills in a safe, fun environment.

KS1 and KS2
Tuesdays



PTFA

COMING SOON...



1 WE GIVE

Each child will receive a tube of Smarties to take home.

2 YOU FILL

Enjoy your Smarties, then fill the empty tube with 20p coins.

3 RETURN

Bring your filled tube back to school to help us raise money!



★ **FILL YOUR TUBE. ROCK THE SCHOOL.** ★
★ **BRING BACK ROCK KIDZ!** ★



Curriculum Showcase

Year 3

Year 3 have had such a busy few weeks, especially this week! In science we have been busy testing soils for permeability and graphing our results. As part of our RE we have focused on Harvest festivals around the world. We led the whole school worship on our Christian Value 'Thankfulness' and included some of our learning in RE on this. We took part in a SCARF workshop all about our bodies and what our bodies need. We have also been practising our French greetings whilst wearing our conversation glasses! This morning we visited St Matthew's Pantry to find out about the amazing work that they do there. In between, we have also been trying our best with our assessments!





Curriculum Showcase

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to have a fantastic half term! In English, we have been writing exciting explanation texts about how to catch a Bog Baby and have now begun planning our own colour poems. In Maths, we have been using manipulatives to explore doubles and near doubles, helping us to develop our understanding of number facts. We also enjoyed a visit from SCARF, where we learned about keeping our bodies healthy and looking after our mental wellbeing.

In Art, we have been sketching our local area in the style of Lowry, focusing on the unique features of our community. We are very proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm shown by the children this half term.

