Nutgrove Methodist Primary School Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another fantastic week in school, and I have been incredibly proud of the children and staff.

This week, we welcomed an educational consultant into school, who was highly complimentary about what he saw across our classrooms. He was particularly impressed by the way children were engaging in their learning, demonstrating excellent attitudes and strong habits for learning. It is always wonderful when visitors recognise the enthusiasm, focus and determination that our children show each day.

One area that attracted particular praise was the significant improvement in children's handwriting. Since introducing our new handwriting scheme and dedicated handwriting lessons, the progress made by so many pupils has been remarkable. It was a real pleasure to showcase the pride children are taking in their presentation and the high standards they are achieving.

I would also like to extend a huge congratulations to Miss Maguire, who was awarded the Della Bartle Possibilities Award at the Epworth Education Trust Conference last Friday. Chosen from more than 30 nominations, this award recognises Miss Maguire's unwavering commitment to ensuring every child reaches their full potential, alongside her invaluable work supporting Early Years provision across our Trust. We are incredibly proud of this well-deserved recognition and grateful for the positive difference she makes to the lives of so many children.



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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

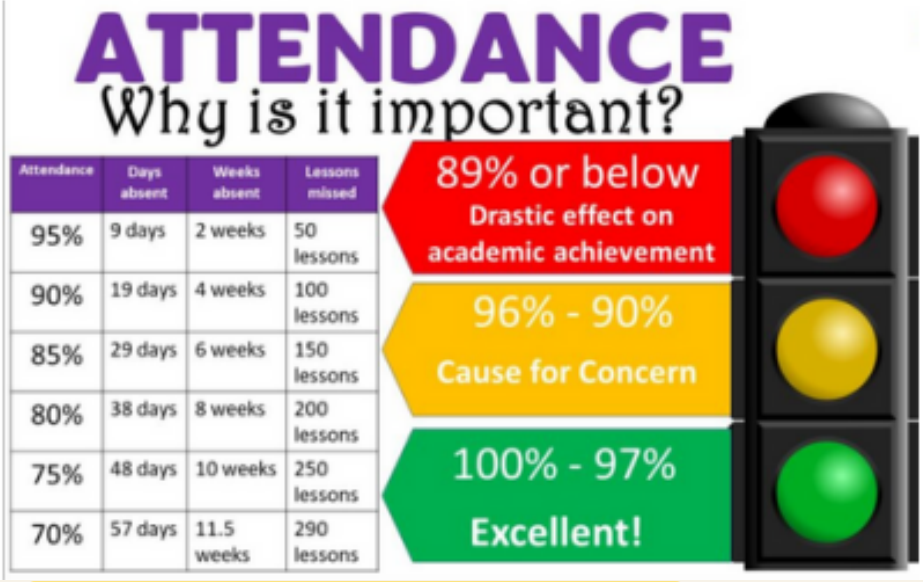
Thank you for booking on the Breakfast Club in advance

Next Week

Christmas Show tickets information to go out.
Christmas disco donations to be brought in and disco entry
No Outsiders lesson in PSHE

Monday 23.11.26	• Y5 Bikeability • Lunchtime - Christian Club with Deacon Emily • 3.30pm-4.15pm Clubs - sensory play • Choir cancelled
Tuesday 24.11.26	• Y5 BIkeability • Y3 trip to Science and Industry Museum • Ethos Committee meeting • 3pm PTFA Uniform shop in Wesley Room £1 an item in cash • 3.30pm-4.15pm Club - Karate
Wednesday 25.11.26	• Y5 Bikeability • Eco Committee meeting • School Council meeting • 3.30pm-4.15pm Clubs - Judo and Art and crafts
Thursday 26.11.26	• Recyling Workshops for all classes • 9am Y6 worship for families • 3.30pm-4.15pm Clubs - Tennis
Friday 27.11.26	• 9am Celebration Praise (please check dojo Wednesday for invites)

Attendance Matters



Class	Attendance this week
EYFS	97.6%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	90.6%

Attendance Award

Highest attendance is Year 1
They have won an extra break time next week.
The whole school attendance this week is 96.2%

Punctuality Award

The class with the fewest lates this week is: 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 Value Champian		Star of the Week	
EYFS	Arthur	EYFS	Amelia
YEAR 1	Mason	YEAR 1	Aiden
YEAR 2	Aarin	YEAR 2	Leo
YEAR 3	Timi	YEAR 3	Teddy
YEAR 4	Lawrence	YEAR 4	Elliot McG
YEAR 5	Poppy	YEAR 5	Alice
YEAR 6	Holly	YEAR 6	Joey

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Pippa in Y4, nominated by Anya and Sam (Y4), for helping out and dancing with reception children.
Phoebe in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire for sharing part of her puzzle with a friend to make their puzzle whole.
Logan, Joey, Evie, Sophie and Esme in Y6, nominated by Mrs Taylor, for being kind supporting Deacon Emily leading in worship on Wednesday.
Layla in Y2, nominated by Leo, for helping clean up his coat after he fell over.
Eva in Y4, nominated by Miss Maguire, for helping a friend when they were sad.
Joshua Y5, nominated by Mrs Preter, for offering to help a younger child find his way to tennis club when he couldn't remember where to go

Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done on winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week! Mrs Best said being very well organised and had lovely manners when Mrs Best has been visiting- well done, Year 3

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: Why is everyone different?





Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Mason Y4 We look forward to seeing the prayers or reflections next week.

Nutgrove Collective Worship



This week, our collective worships have focused on the important themes of kindness, respect and inclusion as we marked Anti-Bullying Week.

As part of the week, the children took part in Odd Socks Day, celebrating the message that we are all unique and that our differences make our school community stronger. Through reflection and discussion, children explored how everyone has different talents, interests, backgrounds and traditions, and why these differences should be celebrated rather than used as reasons to exclude others. They considered how they can show kindness, include others and help everyone feel valued and accepted.

Through our No Outsiders worship, we explored the book Our House by Michael Rosen and Bob Graham, using the story to promote discussion around kindness, belonging and anti-bullying. Children reflected on how acts of kindness can help people feel welcomed, supported and included within a community. They thought carefully about the impact their words and actions can have on others and how they can play a positive role in ensuring everyone feels safe, respected and valued.

The message throughout the week has been clear: everyone is unique, everyone matters, and everyone deserves to be treated with kindness, respect and understanding. By celebrating our differences and looking out for one another, we continue to strengthen our school community and uphold our commitment that there are truly 'No Outsiders' at our school.

PTFA

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Smartie Tube Challenge. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity and support, we raised an incredible £358.70!

We are also incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTFA, who have kindly agreed to fund the remaining amount needed to bring a Rock Kidz event to school. This exciting experience will be taking place very soon, and we know the children will thoroughly enjoy taking part.







Please join us for our next PTFA event next week if are in need of any new uniform or the next size up!

Or be super prepared and grab some summer dresses or shorts ready for summer.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle in support of **Willowbrook Hospice**. Donations are still welcome and can be brought to the school office by Friday 4th December.
Raffle tickets will be on sale at our Christmas Fair and school performances. Thank you for helping us support this wonderful local charity and the vital work they do for families in our community.



Christmas disco information - donations can be sent in up til Monday 15th December for entry to the disco.

Christmas Fair information - please join us for this exciting event.





Curriculum Showcase

Reception

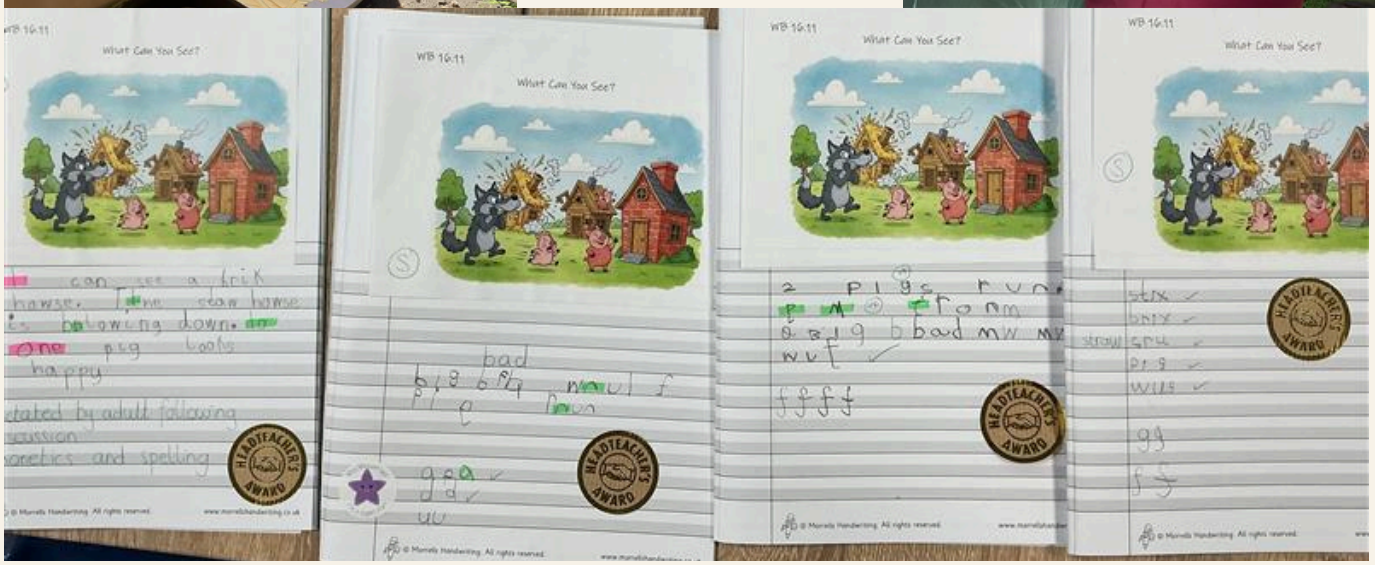
This week in EYFS, the children arrived to discover a mysterious collection of sticks, bricks and straw in our learning nook! We began the week by creating a suspect list and searching for clues to solve the mystery. Once we started reading The Three Little Pigs, the children quickly realised that the Big Bad Wolf must have been responsible for the mess and began designing traps to catch him. We also made stick puppets to retell the story and completed some fantastic writing about the text, using our phonics knowledge to record our ideas. It has been a wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity and excitement for learning! 🐷📚🐺













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Year 1

In Year 1 this week, the children started looking at our new class book 'The Snowman'. They recreated their own front covers for the book and started looking at adjectives to describe the character of the Snowman. Furthermore, they have been doing some investigating this week in DT. The children looked at sliders and even created their own. This helped to deepen their knowledge of mechanisms and understand how they could incorporate them in their final DT piece.

