



A message from Mrs Taylor



What a wonderful first half term it has been! As I come to the end of my very first full half term as Head of School, I couldn't be prouder of our children, staff, and families.

The past few weeks have been filled with learning, laughter, and a real sense of community spirit.

Our Year 6 pupils have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork during their swimming lessons and cooking experiences – such important life skills, and such fun too! Year 3 made us all proud with their visit to The Pantry, delivering our incredible harvest donations with kindness and respect. The generosity of our families made a real difference, and it was heart-warming to see our values in action.

Across the school, our children have been immersed in rich, exciting learning experiences. Diwali workshops brought colour, creativity, and celebration to our classrooms, helping everyone appreciate the beauty of different cultures and traditions. Our youngest learners in EYFS were thrilled to meet real-life heroes when doctors, nurses, and paramedics visited to share their important work – inspiring the next generation of helpers and carers!

This half term also saw the launch of our “No Outsiders – Everyone Welcome” initiative, which celebrates diversity and inclusion across our school community. It's been wonderful to see children embracing the message that everyone belongs and everyone is valued.

We've also seen our pupils stepping confidently into their new leadership roles as buddies, ethos committee members, worship leaders, play leaders, and house captains. They have already made a fantastic start in supporting and inspiring others – true role models for our school values in action.

It's been fantastic, too, to see our families engaging so positively with school life. Our “Meet the Teacher” events and phonics workshops were really well attended, offering parents a valuable insight into their children's learning and ways to support at home. A huge thank you as well to our brilliant PTFA for organising a successful uniform and book sale – not only was it a great community event, but it also helped raise £90 to support future projects in school. They will be holding another one in Spring term.

It has been a joyful, busy, and truly inspiring start to the school year. Thank you to everyone – children, staff, and families – for making my first half term as Head of School such a memorable one. I can't wait to see what the next term brings!





Epworth Worship Together

Each week we have a different focus for our Epworth Worship. A film is shared between our family of Trust schools - a different film being produced each week by a different school. It is lovely to see the children of our Trust taking a lead in a different aspect of worship.

This week's theme was all about [Rules, Leaders and British Values](#).

Nutgrove's Ethos Committee led on this week's EWT so please have a watch of the worship here: [Epworth Worship Together - Week Beginning 20th October 2025.mp4](#) as they worked so hard and we are so proud of them.

Big thank you to Mrs Dawes and Deacon Helen for working with our Ethos Committee to create this worship for everyone in our Epworth Trust family.



EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER

This week's big idea

Week 8
Rules, leaders and British values.

Everyone must obey the authorities, because all authority comes from God (Romans 13:1)

Bible verse of the week

Exploring further

Who helps keep our community safe and happy?
Can you name some people who have important jobs in our town?
What do firefighters, nurses, shopkeepers, police officers and teachers do to help others?
How do these people make a difference in our everyday lives?

Prayer of the week

Thank you for the people who look after us - our teachers, parents and leaders.
Help us to listen, to show respect and to do what is right.
Teach us to be kind and to make our school a happy, peaceful place.
Amen

Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!

- 1st Highest attendance - Y1
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y3

The whole school attendance this week is 95.36%

Attend like a Star

Be in on TIME

ATTEND EVERYDAY

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!

Next Week

Monday
3.11.25

Governors leading worship
Forest School Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
Puzzle Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
Football Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm

Tuesday
4.11.25

Drawing Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
Arts and Crafts Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
Rugby Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm

Wednesday
5.11.25

Individual and sibling photographs
Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
Football Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm

Thursday
6.11.25

Karate Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
School Council Meeting

Friday
7.11.25

9am Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor Wednesday for winners' invites)

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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This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



EYFS Haiden	EYFS Matilda
Year 1 Dhyan	Year 1 Aarin
Year 2 Anya	Year 2 Musa
Year 3	Year 3 Lenny
Year 4 Phoebe F	Year 4 Joseph L
Year 5 Libby	Year 5 Belle
Year 6 Willow	Year 6 Emma

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

Well done to the following children who received kindness awards this week for 'being' kind:
Pippa in Y3, nominated by Hallie Y3, for holding doors open for children and adults.

Leo R, Olivia B, Aariyan, Emma and Eliza in Y6, nominated by a parent, for helping their child in Celebration Praise.

Luca and Jemima from Y6, nominated by Mrs Preter, for helping her set up the smart board when the server was down.

Aiden C from Y5, nominated by Mrs Birchall, as he was really helpful and kind to a friend who needed his support and he helped lots of friends during DT lesson when they were constructing models.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week for having a lovely tidy bay and bookshelves. Very helpful and kind hands all week. Keep up the good work!

Charity Appeal

Willowbrook Hospice is a charity close to many of our families hearts here at Nutgrove. Back in 2019, Willowbrook Hospice appealed for brand new white bath and hand towels for their ward at Willowbrook Hospice. Everyone's kindness made such a difference, and they are truly grateful.

Now, after years of use, the towels need replacing to continue offering that comfort. If you can help by donating brand new white bath and hand towels, they would be deeply thankful.

As you may know, their service is free to access but not free to provide. It costs £5.9 million per year to run the hospice, with only £1.6 million coming from NHS funding. They have to raise the remaining amount themselves to keep providing the care and comfort our patients deserve.

Any donations of brand new towels can be dropped off at School by Friday 14th November and we will take them to Willowbrook Hospice, Portico Lane, Prescot L34 2QT.

Thank you for your support.

 **Willowbrook Hospice**
Every Contact Counts



Towel Appeal

 **DONATE**

Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in our worships, we have been learning all about Diwali. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a special celebration for many people. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and we found out that:

Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and others, marking the start of the New Year and the victory of light over darkness. People light small oil lamps called diyas and place them around their homes to symbolize hope and joy.

The festival lasts for five days, with the main celebration occurring on the third day, which is the darkest night of the month.

Families come together to celebrate, share sweets, and enjoy fireworks.

Diwali teaches us about kindness, sharing, and the importance of family.

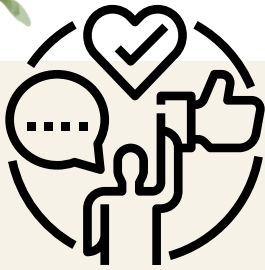
Diwali is a joyful time filled with lights, colors, and happiness!



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Elliot in Year 1

We look forward to seeing the prayers or reflections after half term.





Behaviour Focus

Habits for Learning



Nutgrove Methodist
Primary School

Habits for learning



Ready and Respectful Expectations



Eyes looking



Mouths Closed



Body Still



Ears listening



Brain focused

This week in worship and in class, our focus has been on Showing Respect, one of our key Habits for Learning.

This week we have introduced this poster to help our children to understand what is expected from them when adults are teaching or leading on worship.

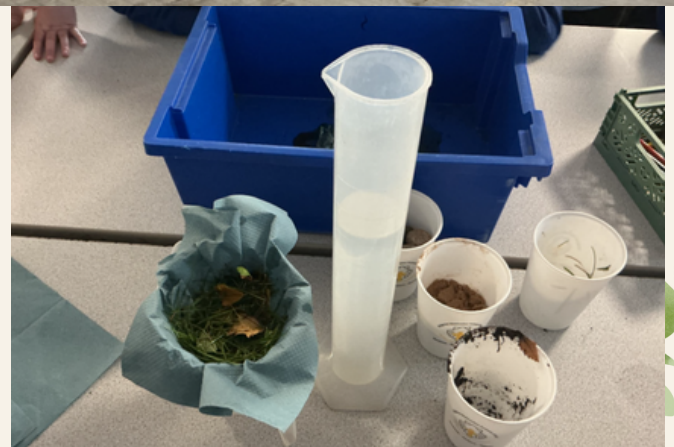
The children have responded well to these prompts so please do ask them what five things they should do once the clap and response signal has been used or if an adult is speaking to them.



Curriculum Showcase

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic couple of weeks. We have visited St Matthew's Pantry. We got to have a go at shopping on a budget, we heard a story from the Bible and we got to complete some Harvest crafts showing what we are grateful for. In PE, we have been focusing on winning and losing. We've done this through dodgeball, team building games and target practice. In DT, we have been looking at food and household items' packaging. This included: disassembling packaging, planning, making and evaluating packaging. Finally in science, we have been focusing on rocks and soils, this included looking at properties like permeability, hard or soft, rough or smooth and investigating fossils.





Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

Year 4 Exploring the Water Cycle and Heartfelt Reflections in RE

Year 4 have had a busy week full of hands-on learning and thoughtful reflection!

In Science, pupils had great fun creating their own mini water cycles using plastic bags filled with water. By placing them in sunny windows, they were able to observe evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection—all key parts of the water cycle. It was exciting to see science come to life right in the classroom! Meanwhile, in RE, the children learned about John Wesley and the moment he described his heart as being “strangely warmed.” This led to a creative activity where pupils made their own 3D paper hearts and reflected on what warms their hearts—whether it’s kindness, friendship, or helping others. It was a lovely way to connect personal feelings with spiritual learning.

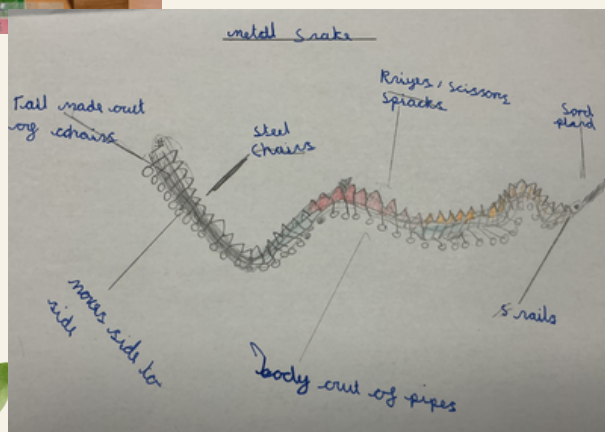
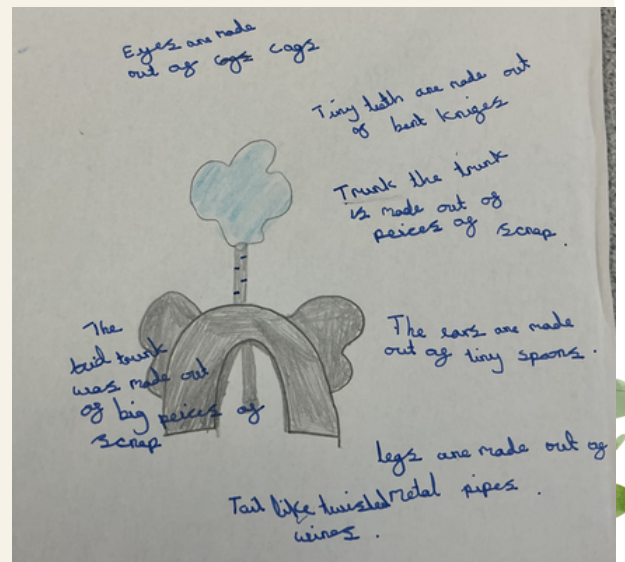
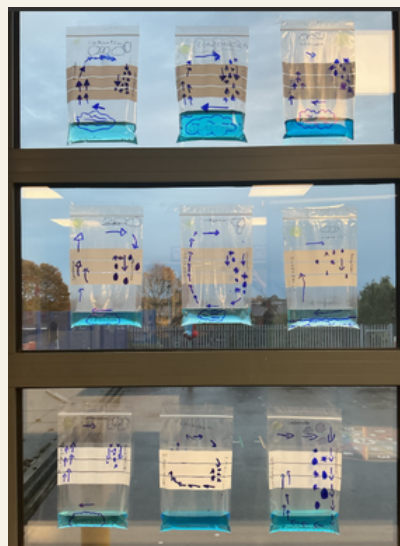
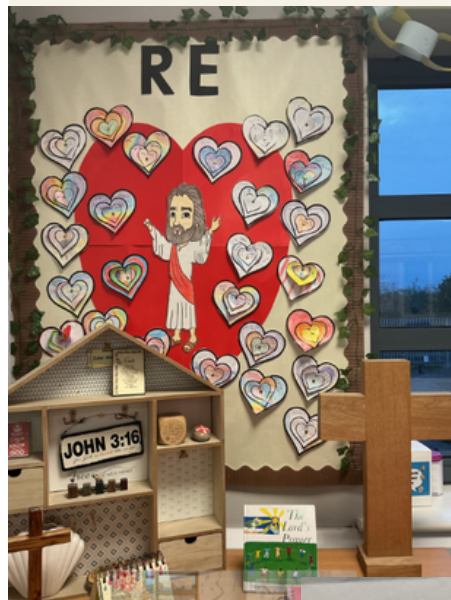
Well done, Year 4, for a week full of curiosity, creativity and care!

Year 4 have been busy combining their imagination and instruction writing skills this week!

Inspired by the book *The Tin Forest*, pupils designed their own metal animals—creatures that could live in the story’s magical, recycled world. From shimmering birds to clanking elephants, the children drew some fantastic designs.

They then wrote clear, step-by-step instructions explaining how to make their metal animals, using imperative verbs and time conjunctions. This activity helped them practise their writing skills while linking beautifully to their reading and design work.

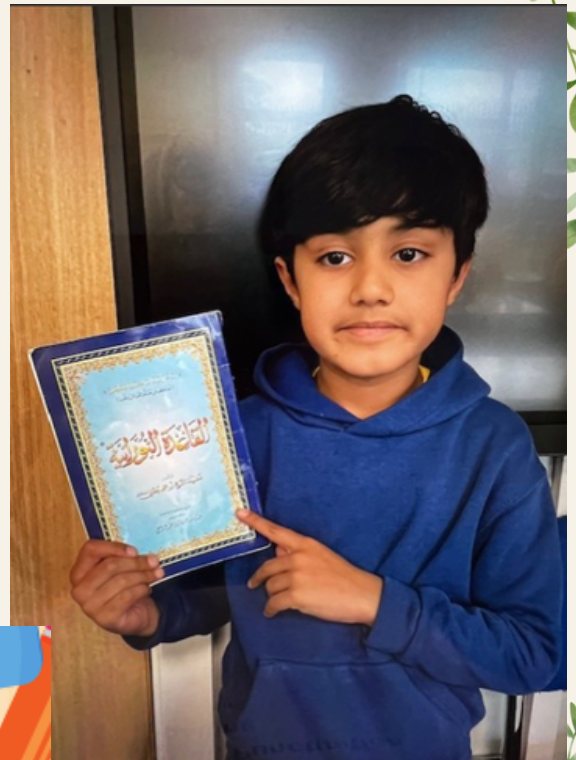
It’s been a brilliant way to bring literature to life through creativity and writing!





Learning at home

In Year 2 have been learning about sacred texts in RE and our most recent lesson was about the Qur'an. Musa was delighted to come into school the next day and share his own copy of his "children's Qur'an". All the children were full of questions and he shared his knowledge with them so well. What a superstar!



Nutgrove Methodist
Primary School

JOIN US FOR OUR
OPEN EVENING

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2026

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

4PM-5PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION
AND TOUR OF SCHOOL. RING 01744
678400 TO BOOK A PLACE.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Reception 2026

Please share with anyone who has children looking for a place to start school in September 2026 - we would love them to join our Nutgrove family!



After School Clubs Offer

Our Vision

At Nutgrove, we know that academic outcomes alone do not make a well-rounded person. We are committed to developing the whole child through a range of experiences that go beyond curriculum requirements.

We understand the importance of extracurricular clubs and events as part of our children's education. We believe that doing things outside of the classroom plays a vital role in children's education - it enhances our children's learning journey beyond the school day. Extracurricular activities are one of the ways to support children to have greater opportunities, aspiring children to learn more about a subject or finding a skill that they would like to pursue in more depth.

Our programme of clubs on offer varies from term to term but aims to provide a mix of sport and creative activities. We believe that these opportunities give children the chance to make new friends, build upon their growing confidence and offer valuable life experiences too.

Aims of our Provision

- To build a circle of peers who share a common interest / hobby / goal
- To provide opportunities to develop new skills
- To support existing passions and nurture new ones
- To create opportunities to participate in competitive sports - to build teamwork, respect and resilience
- To foster a positive attitude to all aspects of school
- To promote a healthy lifestyle: both physically and mentally.



We are pleased to announce that the following clubs are on offer during Autumn 2 and are all free of charge:

Autumn 2			
Forest school	Mrs Murphy	Monday	Y5 Y6
Puzzles Club	Mrs Stevens	Monday	Y3 Y4
Football	Mr Chapter	Monday	Y5 Y6
Drawing Club	Mrs Murphy	Tuesday	Y3 Y4
Arts and Crafts	Mrs Stevens	Tuesday	Y1 Y2
Rugby	Miss Mitchell (Coach)	Tuesday	Y5 Y6
Football	Mr Howden	Wednesday	Y3 Y4
Karate	Miss Mitchell (Coach)	Thursday	Y1 Y2

Don't
Forget!

Admin Reminders

Breakfast Club Booking

Please book in for breakfast club via Arbor prior to sessions - thank you.

Remembrance Day Poppies

The following items will continue to be on sale after half term on the run-up to Remembrance Day:

Snap Bands (£1)

Ribbon Wrist Bands (£1)

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 British Legion.

Applications to Secondary School 2026

A reminder to all our Year 6 families that it's time to apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2026. The closing date for applications is Thursday, 31st October 2025. It's very important that all families submit their application before the deadline – late applications may not be considered in the first round of offers. If you need any help or advice about the application process, please speak to the school office. Let's make sure every Year 6 pupil is ready and excited for their next big step!

