



A message from Mrs Taylor

It's been such a lovely week here in school – full of smiles, kindness, and autumn adventures!

🌿 EYFS's Autumn Walk

Our Reception children had a wonderful time on their autumn walk this week. They wrapped up warm and set off to explore all the signs of the new season – from crunchy leaves underfoot to golden trees. It was such a joy to see their excitement and curiosity as they talked about all the colours and changes around them. See page 9 for more.

💖 Kindness in Year 5

A huge well done to our thoughtful Year 5 pupils, who have been nominating others for kindness awards this week. It's been heart-warming to see so many children noticing and celebrating small acts of kindness – what a wonderful example for the rest of the school!

🌳 Forest School Excitement

We were also thrilled to welcome a fantastic company who will be working with us to redevelop our Forest School area. They shared some brilliant ideas with the Miss Chalmers and Mrs Murphy, and we can't wait to see this special space grow into an even more inspiring place for outdoor learning and play over the coming weeks.

🥕 Harvest Thanks

Finally, a huge thank you to all our families for your overwhelming kindness and generosity with our Harvest donations for St Matthew's Pantry. Your support means so much and will make a real difference to local families in need. Our Year 3 children will be proudly delivering all the donations next Tuesday – what a wonderful way to show care and community spirit!

Thank you all for helping to make this such a happy, busy, and heartwarming week in school. We're so lucky to have such a caring school family! 💖

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

WEEKLY WINNERS!

- 1st Highest attendance - Y3
- 2nd Highest attendance - Y4

The whole school attendance this week is 94.64%



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
13.10.25

After school Board game Club
Y2 Y3 until 4.15pm
EYFS Doctor Talk

Tuesday
14.10.25

After school Dodgeball Club
Y5 Y4 until 4.15pm
Y6 Play Leader Training
Y3 visit to the Pantry

Wednesday
15.10.25

Diwali Workshops - EYFS, Y1
Y2
Nurse drop ins - 2.30pm book on Arbor

Thursday
16.10.25

School Council Meeting
Y6 swimming

Friday
17.10.25

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

Who is Who - Leadership



Head of School
Mrs S Taylor



UKS2 Phase Leader
Mrs B Hill



LKS2 Phase Leader
Mrs J Dawes



KS1 Phase Leader
Mrs Z Chalmers

We wanted to share an overview of our school's leadership team, so you know who's who.

Above, you'll find our Senior Leadership Team, who are in school each day. We also have Mrs. Boardman, our Executive Headteacher, who oversees the school.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher first. Your Phase Leader will be your next point of contact if further support is needed.

KS1 = Y1, Y2. LKS2 = Y3, Y4, UKS2= Y5, Y6. EYFS would see Miss Maguire then Mrs Taylor.

If you'd like to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, you can contact the school office to arrange a time, or catch us at the gate or classroom doors in the morning.

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



EYFS Valli	EYFS Harper
Year 1 Isla C	Year 1 Neela
Year 2 Emilia	Year 2 Leighton
Year 3 Samuel	Year 3 Pippa
Year 4 Alicia L	Year 4 Isla B
Year 5 Cecily	Year 5 Reggie
Year 6 John	Year 6 Olivia M

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Rohan in Y1 was nominated by Mrs Whitaker for being kind to his friends.

Mason in Y1 for being respectful to adults and kind to his friends.

Millicent in EYFS for helping her friend move her hair out of her glasses so that she could see better for their learning.

Cohen for helping Miss Maguire get my board out each day without being asked.

Lottie in Y1, nominated by Libby in Y5, for holding doors open for others in worship.

Lenny in Y3, nominated by Charlie in Y5, for using his manners to be kind to let Charlie through the door first.

Aiden in Y5 and Rosa in Y1, nominated by Mr Howden, for opening doors for each other.

Libby in Y5 for sharing her shell for the reflection space in our school hall.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 1

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week for working hard to keep your newly decorated, new carpeted classroom super tidy. Keep up the good work!

Worship

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. An Epworth Worship Together Resource sheet is produced every week, which is sent home with this newsletter. We hope you enjoy explore the activities and reflections within these resource at home.

This week's theme was all about [Wisdom](#).



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Susan in EYFS

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

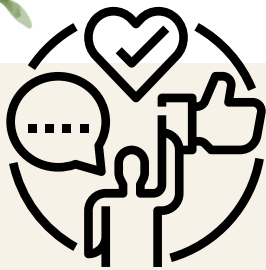


Nutgrove Collective Worship

We have explored celebrating our differences this week including exploring Neurodiversity and No Outsiders. Did you know that 1 in 7 of us are neurodivergent. We discussed how We are all unique. No one's brains are the same. We explored what Autism, Tourette's, dyslexia and ADHD and how these are superpowers.

We reminded ourselves that we are all children of God and special in our own ways and how everyone is welcome at Nutgrove.





Behaviour Focus

Habits for Learning



Nutgrove Methodist
Primary School

Habits for learning



Showing Respect

Pick items up from the floor.

Hold doors open.

Demonstrate good manners.

Say thank you.

Allow others to pass on corridors (give way).

Respond to the Clap-Response signal straight away.

Follow the 1-2-3 movement signals for all transitions.

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

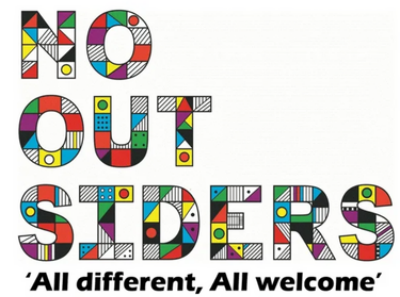
Each week, we will highlight a different habit as part of our ongoing commitment to developing strong and consistent learning behaviours across the school.

Mrs Best has reported that she has seen picking things up in class and heard the children encouraging each other to do this. It is wonderful to see children stop for each other and adults to allow them through doors before them. Children have had a marked effort to use their manners at lunchtime with the kitchen staff - well done children.

Moving Around School	Showing Respect	Taking Pride	Breaktime and Dinner Time	Positive Interactions	Learning Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the left. Move around quietly. Look in the direction of travel. Line up in single file. Always accompanied by an adult when moving as a class. Pupil at the front of the line holds the door open for the class. Carry snacks to the playground instead of eating on corridors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick items up from the floor. Hold doors open. Demonstrate good manners. Say thank you. Allow others to pass on corridors (give way). Respond to the Clap-Response signal straight away. Follow the 1-2-3 movement signals for all transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your uniform with pride. Look after books and belongings. Hang coat and bag on peg. Store lunchboxes neatly in the correct tubs. Resources away and chair under table before leaving the room. Be a positive role model. Take ownership of the Habits for Learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line up quietly, in a single file line, facing forward when collecting lunch. Collect your drink before you sit down at your table. Eat quietly having conversations on your table. Stay seated whilst eating until directed by an adult to move. Tidy up your own plates. No food to be dropped on the floor. Use reflection area quietly and respectfully. Engage in games with playleaders. Play in your designated zone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make eye contact with adults. Say 'good morning' or 'good afternoon.' Say 'please' and 'thank you' when asking for something. Listen when others are speaking and wait your turn to respond. Use kind words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit up straight following correct seating position model. Speak at appropriate volumes. Raise your hand to show you would like to speak. Have the same high expectations with all adults that teach you.

The expectation of pupils

No Outsiders



I am pleased to share with you that our school is participating in No Outsiders, a programme designed to nurture inclusion, belonging, and respect for diversity in our school community.

What is No Outsiders?

- No Outsiders teaches children that everyone belongs – there are “No Outsiders” here.
- Through picture books, age-appropriate lessons, and assemblies, children learn to celebrate difference as something positive.

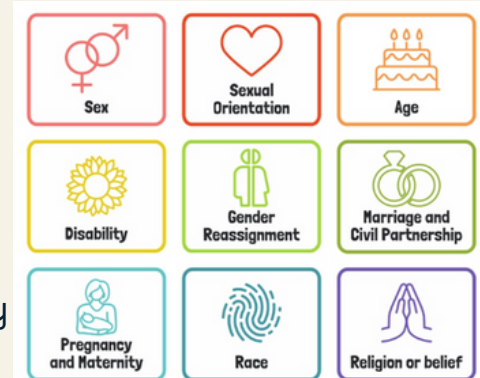
Each year group uses a set of carefully chosen books with linked lessons to explore themes of friendship, respect, and acceptance.

Why we using this approach:

- The programme supports our work in promoting British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.
- It also introduces children to the Protected Characteristics in the Equality Act (such as age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity). By learning about these in an age-appropriate way, children understand the importance of equality and respect for all.
- This helps every child feel safe, accepted, and confident in expressing who they are, while also preparing them for life in modern Britain.

How you can get involved

- The No Outsiders website has a dedicated Parents and Carers section with guides, book lists, and videos.
<https://no-outsiders.com/parents-and-carers#2619e025-132a-48d7-99bd-79181394f7ff>
- Talking with your child about the stories and themes they explore in school helps to reinforce these important messages at home.



Together, we can ensure every child knows that they are valued and that there truly are No Outsiders in our school.



Y6 EYFS Buddies

As part of our drive to develop young leaders across school, we are delighted to introduce our Y6–EYFS Buddies. These Year 6 children have kindly volunteered to support our EYFS pupils during worship by modelling how to enter and leave worship in line with our Habits for Learning.

At lunchtime, our buddies and their EYFS partners enjoy lunch together before heading out to the playground, where the Y6 children organise fun games and activities for everyone to enjoy.

They are already working incredibly hard in their new roles and will be taking part in training over the next two weeks with the team from St Helens Council (SHAPES – St Helens Association for Physical Education & Sport). This training will help them to plan and organise engaging playtime games even more effectively.

We are so proud of our new Y6–EYFS Buddies and the wonderful start they've made!



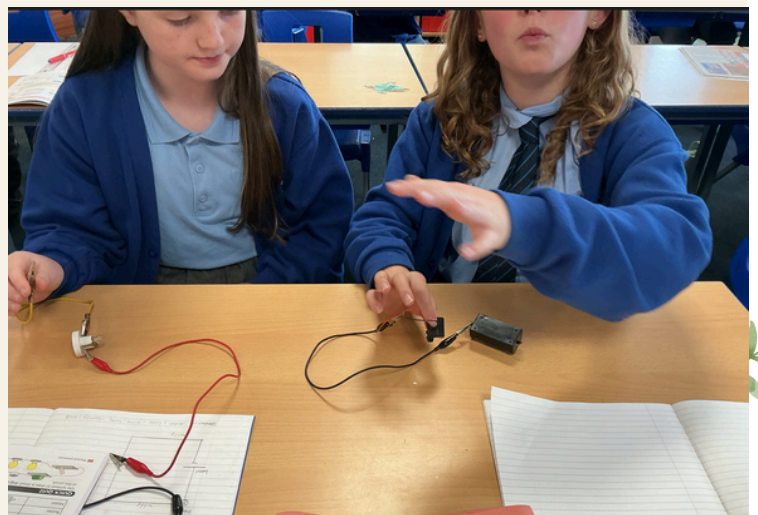
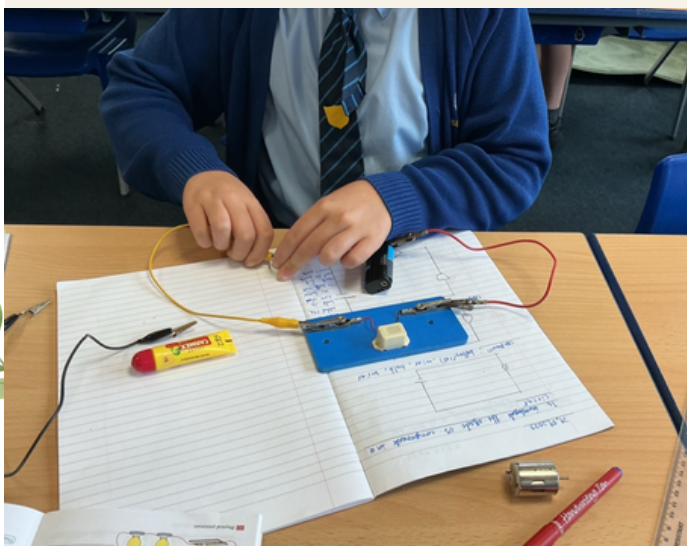
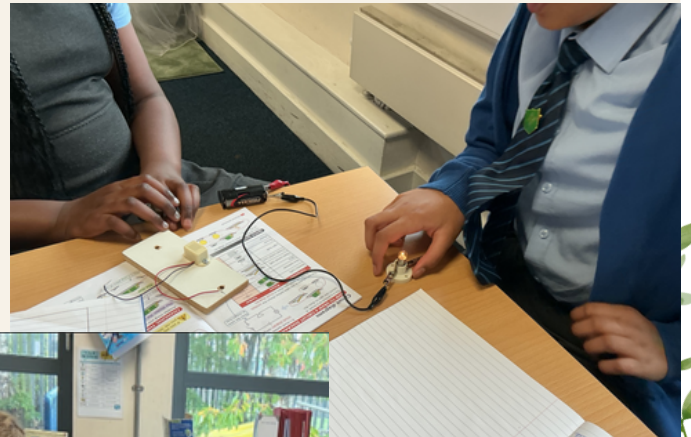


Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

Y6 have been busy this week across lots of areas of the curriculum. In science, we have been investigating the effect of adding more than one component to circuit. In DT, we are making doorstops, this week we made our own paper pattern by investigating nets of 2d shapes. We then pinned our pattern onto material and began cutting out.

In English, we are writing a newspaper article based on the escape of Magwitch - the convict from Great Expectations.





Curriculum Showcase

EYFS

On Monday EYFS went on a Welly Walk as part of our Infinite Eight offer. We walked around the school grounds, paying a visit to Forest School and the Trim Trail, whilst discovering different signs of Autumn. We then came back to class and made some artwork with the natural resources that we found on our walk which we have proudly displayed in our window!



Exciting News for Girls' Football in Our Community!

We're delighted to share some fantastic news from a recent local event celebrating a generous £5,000 donation from Football 4 Change and SHEIN. The funding will go towards transforming Two Butt Lane Playing Fields into a new hub for girls' football, which will be run by Michael Corless Soccer Schools (MCSS).

To celebrate the occasion, a special presentation took place with a great turnout from the community. Our very own Cecily was invited to attend, as she currently plays for the MHS Rangers boys' team – the only girl on the squad! She joined other talented young players from MCSS to mark the exciting milestone.

Cecily also had the amazing opportunity to meet Connor Coady (former Everton and current Wrexham player) and Lianne Sanderson, broadcaster and former England international with 50 caps.

As part of this initiative, girls-only football sessions will be running on Tuesday evenings from 6–7pm at St Edmund Arrowsmith School. It's a wonderful opportunity for girls to get involved, build skills, and be part of a growing local community for female footballers.





PTFA Update

NUTGROVE



Thursday 23rd October

After school

KS1 Playground

PTFA UNIFORM AND BOOK STORE



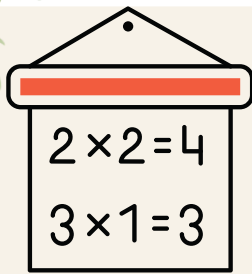
Nutgrove PTFA would like to invite you to the uniform and book store.

This event will take place on Thursday 23rd October on the KS1 playground (in the hall if it rains), we will communicate this closer to the time.

All items will be priced at £1.

If you have any old or unused uniform or books please bring them to the office or your child can bring it to the classroom. We will be accepting donation until Wednesday 22nd October. Please ensure that uniform and books are in a good condition.

Thanks,
Nutgrove PTFA



Times Tables - Competition Time

Why Learning Times Tables Matters




Knowing their times tables really helps children feel confident in maths! When they can recall their multiplication facts quickly, it makes all sorts of maths work easier – from solving tricky problems to working with fractions and division. Times tables are a bit like the building blocks of maths: once children have them nailed, everything else becomes much simpler.

Practising regularly also helps children work faster and feel proud of how much they know. Even a few minutes a day can make a big difference!

How TT Rock Stars Can Help

TT Rock Stars is a fantastic, fun way for children to practise their times tables. It turns learning into a game – children can earn coins, level up their rock status, and challenge their friends (or even parents!).

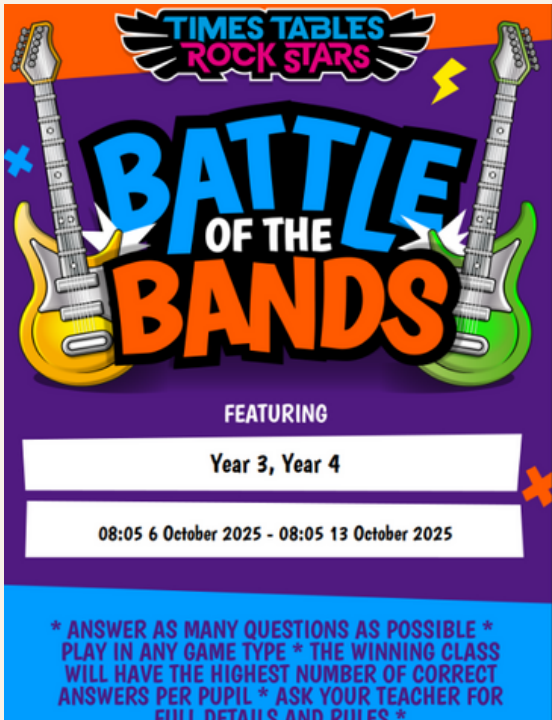
A few minutes of play each day helps children:

-  Get faster and more confident with their times tables
-  Enjoy learning through friendly competition
-  See their progress and feel proud of their improvement

Parents can help by encouraging short, regular sessions at home.

Celebrate their effort and enthusiasm – every little bit of practice helps!

Good luck to Year 3 and Year 4, who are busy in a Battle of the Bands competition on TT Rock Stars to see which class can answer the most times tables questions correctly before 13th October. Keep going children!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

**BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

FEATURING

Year 3, Year 4

08:05 6 October 2025 - 08:05 13 October 2025

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS
WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER PUPIL * ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR
FULL DETAILS AND RULES *

Don't
Forget!

Admin Reminders

PE Kits

Please can children come into school on PE days in correct PE kits. Flared pants are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Parking at the front of school

Please can we kindly remind you that the zig zag lines at the front of school should not be used to park on please. This is to ensure our whole school community is kept safe.



Reception starters for September 2026

Opening evening will be held on Monday 10th 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 anywhere that we could display a poster in our local community then please come and pick up a poster from our School Office - thank you.

