



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM WEEK 4- FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025



A message from Mrs Taylor

It's been another busy and exciting week in school! The children thoroughly enjoyed a whole-school Mad Science workshop called Stop the Block! where they learnt all about keeping our pipelines unblocked and what is safe (and not safe!) to flush down the toilet. Every child even took home a free toilet roll to help spread the message.

Years 3-6 also took part in Smoothwall computing workshops, learning how to stay safe online. They discussed keeping personal information private, recognising real and fake images, understanding friendships and strangers online, and the importance of thinking before clicking "send." The trainer praised the children for their excellent behaviour, noting that Year 5 and Year 6 showed maturity and had some fantastic conversations.

In class, I've also been impressed by some wonderful Flashback Four maths work from Year 3 - well done to Lenny, Aurora and Isabella for their effort and progress across a range of topics.

A huge thank you as well for all your kind Harvest donations so far - they are greatly appreciated. Donations are still welcome up until Monday 14th October.

Finally, just a gentle reminder about punctuality. We have noticed a rise in late marks recently. Children should arrive between 8:45am and 8:50am so that they are ready to start the day calmly and confidently with their classmates. Arriving on time really helps them to settle and make the very best start to their learning.



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 - EYFS

2nd Highest attendance - Y1

The whole school attendance this week is 93.83%



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
6.10.25

After school Board game Club
Y2 Y3 until 4.15pm
Reception Welly Walk
3.30pm PTFA meeting

Tuesday
7.10.25

After school Dodgeball Club
Y5 Y4 until 4.15pm

Wednesday
8.10.25

Deacon Helen's Worship
Ethos Committee Meeting
School Council Meeting

Thursday
9.10.25

Y6 swimming

Friday
10.10.25

Hello Yellow Day - Wear yellow and donate to Young Minds Charity via Arbor
9am Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor Wednesday for winners' invites)

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



EYFS Jayla	EYFS Cohen
Year 1 Rosa	Year 1 Aria
Year 2 Millie	Year 2 Jayden
Year 3 Autumn	Year 3 Anya
Year 4 Thomas B	Year 4 Phoebe C
Year 5 Mark C	Year 5 Zac D
Year 6 Charlie B	Year 6 Minahil

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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



Elisheva in Y4 for kindly volunteering to move the lunch stands from the hall without being asked.

Holly in Y5 has been very kind filling up a friend's bottle when she was coughing as she recognised a drink would help.

Elliott in Y3 for kindly holding open the door for other people without being asked.

Aiden in Y5 for offering to kindly help Mrs Taylor give out toilet rolls around school.

Lucia Y1 for helping adults in Y1 class.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 5

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week for working as a team to tidy up as part of a challenge. Everyone joined in and worked hard to keep 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 **Wesley's Rule for Living**. Please enjoy exploring the resource sheet together at home.

Nutgrove Collective Worship

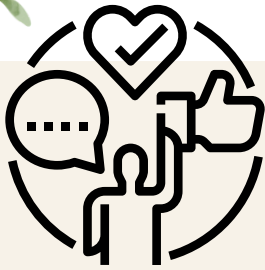
We enjoyed a worship led by Mr Turner, the founder of Edukid, the charity through which we sponsor two children in Uganda. He spoke to us about the work of Edukid, what life is like in Uganda, and introduced us to the two children we support - Joshua and Immaculate. Our School Council are now gathering fundraising ideas to help raise the vital funds needed to send Joshua and Immaculate to school.



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Harry in Y2

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





Behaviour Focus

Habits for Learning



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Habits for learning



Taking Pride

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.

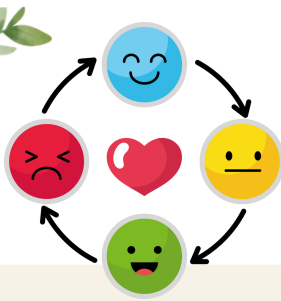
This week in worship and in class, our focus has been on Taking Pride, one of our key Habits for Learning.

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

During classroom visits and when walking around school it has been lovely to see children dressed smartly in the correct uniform. Children are working hard at storing their belongings safely and neatly in cloakrooms including coats and bags on pegs and lunchboxes stored away.

 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



Zones of Regulation

As explained last week, part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing of all pupils, we have introduced the Zones of Regulation across our classrooms. This is a framework designed to help children develop greater awareness of their emotions and to equip them with strategies to manage how they feel in a healthy and constructive way. These are our new posters to support implementing the Zones of Regulation in school:

Green Zone

Happy	Calm	Proud	Loved
Cheerful	Grateful	Content	Okay

What can you do?

It's Good to be Green!

Open your Window of Tolerance

WINDOW OF TOLERANCE

This is where things feel just right, where you are best able to cope with the punches life throws at you. You're calm but not tired. You're alert but not anxious.

What can you do?

Eat well 	Drink well 	Sleep well
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WAYS TO WELLBEING

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It's Good to be Green!

Blue Zone

Tired	Bored	Tearful	Sad
Disappointed	Ashamed	Sick	Shy

Regulate to return

Red Zone

Scared	Upset	Overwhelmed	Disgusted
Furious	Grumpy	Aggressive	Angry

Remove to regulate

Deep Breathing EXERCISE

Yellow Zone

Frustrated	Amazed	Surprised	Worried
Nervous	Excited	Embarrassed	Annoyed

Regulate to return



Curriculum Showcase

Year 4

Y4 have been having a lot of fun in science lessons. We pretended we were the particles in a solid, liquid and gas. We proved that air has weight when we weighed a deflated balloon then weighed an inflated balloon. We learned about air resistance and went outside to test this out. It was a lot harder to run with a board in front of us and we could really feel the resistance!



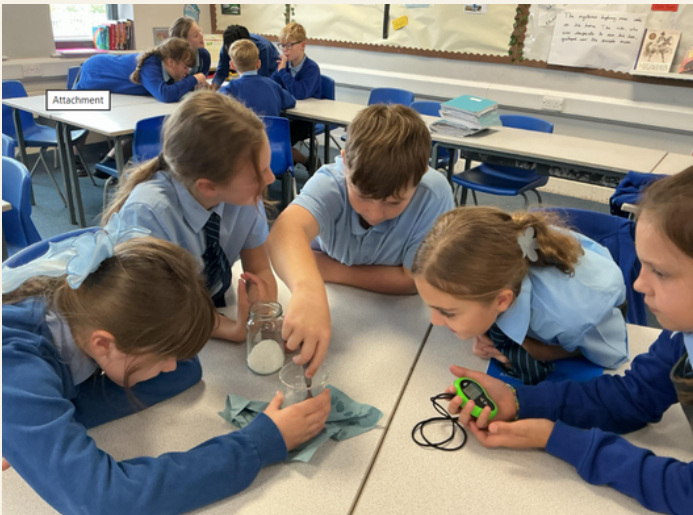


Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

We are delighted with how much the children have matured since Year 3. They are very helpful and working co-operatively across all areas.

In science Year 5 have been busy carrying out investigations to see whether the temperature of the water affects the rate at which sugar dissolves. We planned a fair test and discussed our predictions and variable. After carrying out the investigation, the children recorded their results and drew conclusions. We were super careful with the just boiled water! In French we have been exploring feelings and we have been practising greeting each other and asking each other how we are feeling. We are loving working on our text 'The Highwayman'. We have looked at descriptive language, the mood and setting. We have written playscripts and a recount.



Don't
Forget!

Admin Reminders

Breakfast club booking

Breakfast club is now available on Arbor to book your child on. Please look in the club section on your arbor account to book. Please can this be done at least the day before - thank you.

Reception Photographs

On October 23rd, St Helens Star will be publishing a special First Class of 2025 photographic feature that aims to capture as many First Class photos as possible. If photograph consents have been granted for newspaper coverage then your child will have had their photograph taken today and Miss Maguire is submitting her photograph for this feature.

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 any children who are starting school in September 2026 then please spread the word. Thank you.

