



Nutgrove Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025



A message from Mrs Taylor

We've had such a wonderful week back in school after the half-term break! It's been lovely to see the children return with smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm for the new half term ahead.

On Tuesday, our school governors led worship, taking the time to introduce themselves to the children and explain the important role they play in school life. It was a great opportunity for the children to understand how governors help support and guide our school community.

This week also saw the exciting start of our eight after-school clubs, including football, rugby, karate, crafts and puzzles, and more! The laughter and fun heard around school – especially on Wednesday evening, while staff were in training until 6.30pm – really brightened up the day. One child came out of rugby club beaming and said, "I loved it! I'm going to ask my mum if I can join a rugby team now!" Moments like that are exactly what we hope for – if our clubs spark new passions and interests in our children, then that's a wonderful success!

We also had a very special and unexpected visit in EYFS when a rare moth was found at a local allotment. The visitors kindly brought it in to show our children, who were absolutely fascinated to learn more about this unusual insect. It was a fantastic, hands-on learning opportunity that truly captured their curiosity. It's been a busy, joyful week full of learning, laughter, and discovery – a fantastic way to begin the half term!

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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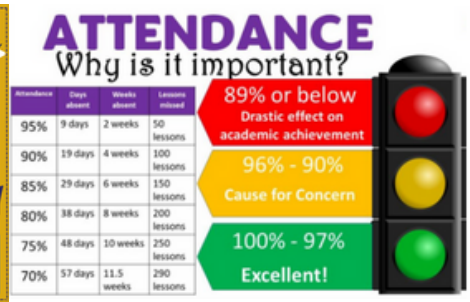
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Attendance Matters

WEEKLY WINNERS!
1st Highest attendance - Y3
2nd Highest attendance - EYFS

The whole school attendance this week is 94.32%



Next Week

- Monday 10.11.25**
 - Anti-bullying week
 - Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks
 - Forest School Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
 - Puzzle Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
 - Football Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
- Tuesday 11.11.25**
 - Remembrance Day
 - Drawing Club Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
 - Arts and Crafts Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
 - Rugby Y5 Y6 until 4.15pm
- Wednesday 12.11.25**
 - Deacon Helen's Worship
 - Ethos Committee Meeting
 - Football Y3 Y4 until 4.15pm
- Thursday 13.11.25**
 - Children in Need - dress in spots&donate please via Arbor next week.
 - Karate Y1 Y2 until 4.15pm
 - School Council Meeting
 - 9am Celebration Praise (check dojo/Arbor Tuesday for winners' invites Tuesday)
- Friday 14.11.25**
 - School closed due to INSET day

This Week's Awards

Well done to our Award winners this week:

Christian
Values
Champion



Star of the
Week



EYFS Freya	EYFS Yousef
Year 1 Lilian	Year 1 AJ
Year 2 Eva	Year 2 Kai
Year 3 Elliot Mc	Year 3 Matilda
Year 4 Alice	Year 4 George
Year 5 Evie H	Year 5 Holly M
Year 6 Olivia M	Year 6 Charlie FS

Mrs Taylor's Kindness Award

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

Cecily W and Zac D in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Birchall and Mrs Preter, as they have been amazing at helping our new Year 5 friend settle in, they have made staff so proud this week and have shown their maturity and demonstrated patience and kindness.

Joshua in Year 4, nominated by Miss Stevens, for being kind and helping Miss Stevens in after school club on Tuesday.

Matthew in Year 6, nominated by Miss Maguire, for teaching Matilda in EYFS how to put her gloves on.

Hallie T and Holly in Year 5, nominated by Mrs Robertshaw, for including and being kind to our new friend in Y5 to allow them to feel included at break and dinner times.

Aaliyah in EYFS, nominated by Miss Maguire, for asking a friend if they wanted to play when they were by themselves.



Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year EYFS

Well done winning Mrs Best's Golden Broom Award this week and for being the first class to win this 2 weeks in a row. Mrs Best said that you have kept your class even tidier after winning the broom last week. Well done EYFS.

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
All Saints Remembering the faithful



Nutgrove's Prayer Bear is going home with Lucas in Year 4

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

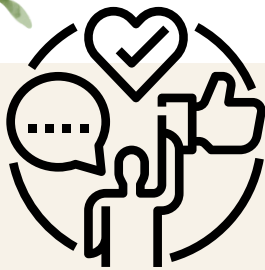


Nutgrove Collective Worship

This week in our worships, we have been exploring respecting rules. We discussed the Highway code and why we have rules in schools. We discussed what it would be like if we did not have rules and how unsafe we would be. We explored that Christians believe that in the Old Testament, a part of the Bible in which God gave people a set of rules to live by. These rules are called the Ten Commandments, and they were given to a man called Moses. We looked at the Ten Commandments and explored how they are still important today?

Many people think that the Ten Commandments still contain some very good advice about how to live alongside other people. Much of the advice has to do with respecting other people in various ways. Our world could not exist in the way it does today without some rules to follow, and Christians believe that the Ten Commandments are a good place to start.

Pause and think as a family about how rules keep us safe and help us live in a way that respects other people.



Behaviour Focus

Habits for Learning



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Habits for learning



Learning Time

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.



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.

This week we have shone a spot light on sitting up straight following the correct seating position both in class and in the dinner hall when eating our lunch. Please chat to your child about not tucking their legs up onto the seats in school. Thank you.

Moving Around School	Showing Respect	Taking Pride	Breaktime and Dinner Time	Positive Interactions	Learning Time
<p>Walk on the left.</p> <p>Move around quietly.</p> <p>Look in the direction of travel.</p> <p>Line up in single file.</p> <p>Always accompanied by an adult when moving as a class.</p> <p>Pupil at the front of the line holds the door open for the class.</p> <p>Carry snacks to the playground instead of eating on corridors.</p>	<p>Pick items up from the floor.</p> <p>Hold doors open.</p> <p>Demonstrate good manners.</p> <p>Say thank you.</p> <p>Allow others to pass on corridors (give way).</p> <p>Respond to the Clap-Response signal straight away.</p> <p>Follow the 1-2-3 movement signals for all transitions.</p>	<p>Wear your uniform with pride.</p> <p>Look after books and belongings.</p> <p>Hang coat and bag on peg.</p> <p>Store lunchboxes neatly in the correct tubs.</p> <p>Resources away and chair under table before leaving the room</p> <p>Be a positive role model.</p> <p>Take ownership of the Habits for Learning.</p>	<p>Line up quietly, in a single file line, facing forward when collecting lunch.</p> <p>Collect your drink before you sit down at your table.</p> <p>Eat quietly having conversations on your table.</p> <p>Stay seated whilst eating until directed by an adult to move.</p> <p>Tidy up your own plates. No food to be dropped on the floor.</p> <p>Use reflection area quietly and respectfully.</p> <p>Engage in games with playleaders.</p> <p>Play in your designated zone.</p>	<p>Make eye contact with adults.</p> <p>Say 'good morning' or 'good afternoon.'</p> <p>Say 'please' and 'thank you' when asking for something.</p> <p>Listen when others are speaking and wait your turn to respond.</p> <p>Use kind words.</p>	<p>Sit up straight following correct seating position model.</p> <p>Speak at appropriate volumes.</p> <p>Raise your hand to show you would like to speak.</p> <p>Have the same high expectations with all adults that teach you.</p>

The expectation of pupils



Curriculum Showcase

Year 5

What a fantastic week it's been for Year 5! We've shown great enthusiasm as we began our exciting new novels – Journey to Jo'Burg and our spooky core text, Room 13. In our learning about Remembrance Day, we created stunning Monet-inspired artwork and wrote Remembrance poems in the style of the French poet Appollinaire. We also donated generously to the Poppy Appeal – a true reflection of our kindness and thoughtfulness. Throughout the week, Year 5 have continued to shine by being welcoming, inclusive, kind, and patient – values that make us incredibly proud. In PE, we consolidated our football skills and worked brilliantly in small groups to design creative activities using what we've learned. A wonderful week full of teamwork, creativity, and kindness – well done, Year 5! 🌟





Curriculum Showcase

Year 6

In Y6 this week we have been learning about Remembrance. We read 'Flanders's in Fields ' written by John McCrae. We discussed his role in the war and how his experiences influenced his life. We researched Haiku poems; we investigated the style and format of these poems, revising our knowledge of syllables. At the end of the week, we wrote our own Haiku poems about remembrance.

We created some artwork around the topic of remembrance, using a style of painting called Pointillism. We firstly created a background for our paintings using a cloth to dab the paint onto the paper to create texture. We then used cotton buds to add details such as grass, poppies, and clouds.

In PE this week we started our new topic of hockey. Children practised balancing their tennis ball on the hockey stick, when they had achieved this, they then moved around the pitch balancing their ball. Finally, we played some games where the children had to work in teams to collect as many balls as possible. Children are really looking forward to playing a full game soon.



Can I write a haiku about remembrance?

Remembrance day haiku

Wailing soldiers, graves,
Wind whispering in the grass,
We are not safe here.



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 be on sale next week until 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.

Reception starters for September 2026

Open 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.



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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.