




# NEWSLETTER



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

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LOVE HOPE RESPECT



For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future.  
**Jeremiah 29:11**

*'My Best, Always, Everywhere'*

## Nutgrove Star Awards of the Week

YEAR GROUP	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Reception	Oliver	Oscar	Elliott Mc
Y1	Nico	Sebastian H H	Max
Y2	Libby	Meredith	Mark
Y3	Luca	Willow	Charlie B
Y4	Elliott H	May	Millie
Y5	Lola	Jessica Mc	Emeli
Y6	Maddie	Joe	Terrance

### Headteacher's Awards

*Gracie, Emily and Ethan Year 6 - Through their persuasive writing, we have been chosen to have a Y6 workshop from St Helens Library Service in January. Well Done!*

### Shine Award

*Minahil Y3 - shows "My Best Always Everywhere"*

## Christmas Cards

If you would like to order your child's Christmas card you have until:

**MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

**TO PLACE ORDERS WITH**

**GUARANTEED CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!**

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/>

## Gifts for Staff

*We always appreciate gifts that are sent to school for Christmas, but we also know times are very tough for all and a handmade card would also make our day this year.*



Then the Grinch thought of something  
he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas,"  
he thought, "doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ...  
means a little bit more!"

The Grinch, Dr. Seuss

School Council  
"Penny Sabotage 20 Day Challenge"  
fundraising for  
"EduKid"



**Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December**

The rules are simple. Each class will have a collection box. The aim is for classes to compete against each other to collect the most "coppers" as you can – 1p and 2ps.

Your class adds pennies to your box, but here's the twist ... you can sabotage the other classes' attempts by adding silver or gold coins to their box (boxes will be located on the Key stage 2 corridor on entry to school and Key stage 1 corridor).

At the end of the **Penny Challenge**, teachers will add up how many **pennies** are in each box, and then subtract the number of silver and gold coins in the same jar. The class with the highest total points after the silver and gold coins have been subtracted is deemed the winner and will win a prize for their class. All money raised will go towards "Edukid".

Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers

**We are collecting any pre-loved Christmas jumpers. If you have any Christmas jumpers that you would like to donate please hand them into the school office. These will then be available for any of our families who would like one in December.**

**Celebration**

Olivia Year 4 has been awarded for her outstanding effort and progress in her horse riding.



Alicia from Year 4 brought in sweets for all the staff in school!



Shayaan Year 4 and Minahil Year 3 have been awarded the Summer Reading Challenge from the St Helens Library Service. Well done for becoming Gadgeteers!

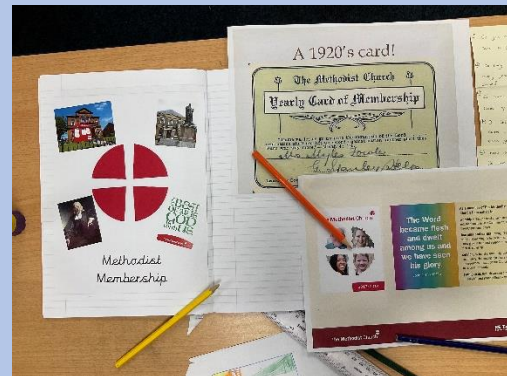


## 'Living life in its fullness' at Nutgrove

In Design Technology this week Year 2 explored a range of cooking utensils and tools to see which was the most efficient and effective. We grated, peeled, sliced, mixed, spread and measured lots of different ingredients.

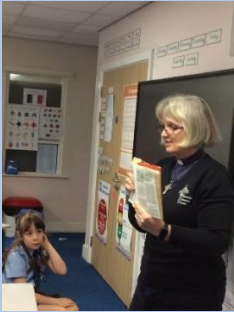


Year 6 learnt all about the Methodist Orb and that they have a Methodist membership card. They then enjoyed making their own membership cards.



Year 5 have been exploring pneumatics ready for their next Design and Technology lesson





As part of our RE unit about the Bible, Deacon Helen kindly came into Year 2 and brought with her a selection of her Bibles. The children had prepared lots of questions in advance and thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

## Safeguarding Updates

### Safeguarding at Nutgrove

Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance to us at Nutgrove;

Safeguarding is woven into our curriculum through PSHCE lessons, Computing and IT, assemblies and special events and external visitors.

Three members of staff are trained in Safeguarding to meet the Standards of the Designated Safeguarding requirements:

- Mrs. R Bottell ( Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mr. C Chuard (Deputy Headteacher/ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs. K Barlow (Pastoral Assistant/ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

All our staff and Governors are trained in Safeguarding at the beginning of each school year. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the main school office at 01744 678400

St Helens Safeguarding information please see the link below

<https://sthelenssafeguarding.org.uk/scp>

### **NUTGROVE PTFA**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5 pm – 7 pm Christmas Movie Night -The Polar Express

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.30 pm – Christmas Carols on the playground

We are hoping to raise funds for our school for new resources and lots of plans for next year to follow.

We are looking to do a Raffle for the Christmas Carol event and are asking any friends/families to donate any raffle prizes they can for this.

**[nutgroveptfa@epworthtrust.org.uk](mailto:nutgroveptfa@epworthtrust.org.uk)**

## PE TIMETABLE DECEMBER 2022

<b>Monday:</b>	Year 5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Year 1
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Years 3 and 6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Year 4 PE and Year 5 Swimming
<b>Friday:</b>	Year 2 and Reception



### After School Clubs

Monday - Year 3 and 4 Football with Mr. McClurg and Mr. Howden Last session 12/12/22

Monday -Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Dance with staff from Rainhill High School Last session 05/12/22

### NOTES FOR PARENTS

- Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9 am and 2.45 pm
- If you have not collected your 2 Nativity tickets please do so from the main school office. 2 per child for either the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are taking part.
- Please note that on winter PE days children can wear plain blue or black leggings or joggers - no patterns are permitted.
- Year 5's last swimming session is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Christian Value

The Christian value we are focusing on this half term is 'Self Control'  
At the end of this half term, we will be celebrating all children who have shown exceptional 'Self Control' with our values celebration.

## Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

Help us remember that Christmas is about Mary and Joseph getting ready for Jesus' birth not about food and presents.

It is about God's plan for our World

Gracie Year 6

## ATTENDANCE



- ✓ This week the class with the highest attendance is Year 1 95.42%
- ✓ The whole School attendance so far this year is 95.59%
- ✓ National Average so far this year is 93.5%

## Community Notice

### Wesley Methodist Church



*Not looking forward to Christmas?  
Are you missing someone this year?*

Join us for a  
**Blue Christmas Service**

Wesley Methodist Church  
Vincent Street, St Helens

1pm Tuesday 20th December



## St James Church Eccleston



**Christmas Events**

**Christingle Service**  
Sunday 4th December 4pm @ St Matthew's  
Sunday 11th December 10am @ St James

**Candlelit Carols**  
A shared service with Our Lady's @ St James  
Sunday 11th December 6pm  
• Mulled wine and mince pies served.

**Crib Service**  
Saturday 24th December 3pm - A special service  
for those with little ones.

**Christmas Eve Communion**  
Saturday 24th December 9pm @ St James

**Christmas Day Service**  
A special celebration service at 10am @ St James

[www.stjameseccleston.org](http://www.stjameseccleston.org)  
St Helens Road, L34 2QB

## Tear Drops Christmas Fayre



**TEARDROPS**  
*Christmas*  
**FAYRE**

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER**  
**11AM - 4PM**

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STALLS  
SANTA'S GROTTO  
LIVE MUSIC  
FESTIVE FOOD AND BEVERAGES  
RAFFLE, GAMES AND TOMBOLA  
JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

TEARDROPS HUB, 110 CRAB STREET, ST. HELENS, MERSEYSIDE, WA10 2DJ  
TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE EMAIL [FLORENCE@TEARDROPS.ORG.UK](mailto:florence@teardrops.org.uk)

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Supporting  
Your Community

