Nutley Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

A FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, TO REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of activity for us at Nutley! Firstly, the Year 5 and 6 children have been undertaking their Bikeability course this week and we are so proud of how well they focused and listened to instruction and showed great road safety skills.

Faith Council met this week for the first time. We discussed how we are going to change the quiet space in the playground to a Reflection Space. The children came up with some fantastic ideas and we cannot wait to get started with this. I had so many wonderful applications for Faith Council that I have decided to have two groups of Faith Council, one running from now until February (half way through the year) and one from February until July, so that all the children who applied can experience serving on Faith Council. We celebrated all these children's appointments today in Celebration Worship.

We have plans afoot for Faith Council to help in painting a Remembrance banner for St James the Less. I was visited this week by Jean Kemm, a member of the church family who asked if our children could help to make a new banner and we were only too happy to help!

Next week we look forward to welcoming Uckfield Singers in on Monday to sing for the children, school photos on Tuesday, and rounding off the week and term with our Stay and Share sessions.

Wishing all our families and school community a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denton

Class News





RABBITS

What a fabulous week we have had in Rabbit Class this week. We continued our learning around 'Supertato', but this week focussed more on being healthy and healthy/unhealthy foods. We watched a video all about how healthy foods can help our bodies and then had a go at deciding whether certain foods were healthy or unhealthy. We also came to the conclusion that even though cake might not be very healthy... we absolutely need this on our birthday, to celebrate..(in moderation.. 🎂). In maths, we have been copying and continuing simple patterns and at the end of the week we created our own simple pattern. In phonics, we have learnt the GPC's: ck, e, u, r and the tricky word 'I'. We also had a lovely time exploring our Forest School area for the first time this week with our buddies. Well done, Rabbits, on another fantastic week. One more week to go!



HEDGEHOGS

It's been another great week of learning in Hedgehogs! In history the children have been learning about the impact of the Great Fire of London and how London was redesigned to prevent such a fire ever happening again. They did some super sentences about this, taking care with writing. In DT we've been continuing to create model Tudor houses, learning to cover boxes before adding details. In English, the children have been using their knowledge of the Great Fire of London to help them write diary entries pretending to be Samuel Pepys: learning to add adjectives and adverbials to make their writing ordered and interesting. In maths we have been reviewing doubles and learning near doubles such as 7+8. Following last week's Harvest Festival, we have also made hedgehog shaped rolls; learning to follow recipe instructions and working together in pairs. Well-done Hedgehogs!

Class News Cont...



FOXES

I cannot believe that there is one week to go! In DT we made a prototype of an invention and next week we are going to try to make some new inventions seeing how we can make improvements from our previous prototype. In Maths we have been working on our column method and really practicing exchanging across 10s,100s, and 1000s. The children have also been challenging themselves with word problems. In RE we learnt about the Genesis story of Adam and Eve, the children did lots of acting including hot seating, playing the roles in the story, and then debating. In English the children have been drafting and writing their final piece of their narrative inspired by The Lost Thing. They have worked hard to include adverbials for time and place, expanded noun phrases, and prepositions. In PE the children got to go to the field to practice their tag rugby skills and play mini games with attackers and defenders. In computing, as a class, we drafted an email and explored how to lay it out, how to write it, and how to send. In French the children learnt how to introduce people saying 'her name is' or 'his name is', it will take some more practice to get used to! Have a lovely weekend!



BADGERS

I bet we have some tired children this week! I have received so much incredible feedback, both about individuals and the class as a whole, from our Bikeability instructors this week. I even managed to catch a glimpse of some children riding down onto the main road - I am so impressed! Hopefully all the children have learnt loads about riding safely and will feel encouraged to get out on their bikes more. In English, the children finished and wrote up their information texts in neat - they look beautiful! We have also begun looking at how to write a script for a persuasive advert in order to sell our gadgets! In maths, we looked at prime numbers, square and cube numbers, and went over multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In music, we wrote our own secret code on a musical stave and tried to crack each other's secret messages. In history, we looked at the Mayan number system and even completed some calculations using it! In French, we learnt how to describe injured body parts and illnesses. In science, we completed our dissolving experiment and began thinking about how we could recover the salt from our solution.

Meet the Staff

Here are the staff that your children see at school very regularly. This is not an exhaustive list, but the regulars are here! So for those of you who haven't met us... a BIG HELLO from all the staff at Nutley CE Primary School!



Mrs Denton
Head of School



Mr Procter
Executive Head



Miss Marshall
Y5/6 Teacher



Miss Benjamin
Y3/4 Teacher



Mrs Knight
Y1/2 Teacher



Miss Page
YR Teacher



Mrs Shearer
TA/ Thrive
Practitioner



Miss Bristow
TA



Mrs Tymchecko
After School
Club Leader



Miss Martin
External PE
Teacher



Mrs Jenner
SENCO



Miss Harman
School Cook



Miss Ferguson
Secretary



Mr Ellis
Caretaker



Dormouse
Forest School

Miss Watts
TA

Badgers Bikeability

This week Badger class did their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability courses. They went out in all weathers, come along in leaps and bounds and did us really proud!
Well done guys!















Forest School- Term 1

Arriving in the woods we have started each session with a game of Eagle eye. The children try their best to remain hidden while the eagles eyes are open but when they are closed they have to sneak in and tap her nest, making it back to the hiding spot before her eyes open and they are caught.

This term the children have been have been experimenting with tie-dying some pieces of fabric, they have done this using turmeric. First the children found themselves a small stick to wrap inside their piece of fabric. Next it was time to add the string, the classes have discovered that it worked best to tie the string in wider tight bands to give them the best tie-dye effect. The finished effect was a vibrant yellow, a perfect autumn colour.

The children have been using conkers to make their own toadstools. They carefully drilled a hole into the conker using a palm drill, making sure to only go half way through the conker. Some classes used egg boxes and some used clay to make the stem of their toadstool. With both parts made a stick was pushed half into the conker and half into the stem, using paint pens they then decorated their conker top with autumnal yellows, oranges and reds.

Rabbits had their first ever Forest School sessions of the year, they enjoyed playing a conker rolling game. The aim was to see who could get their conker as far along the playground, this was made a little trickier as they were rolling up hill. The year 6 buddies joined Rabbits for their second Forest School session. Together they explored the school Forest School site, climbed trees, crawled through pipes and gathered a selection of autumnal leaves. These leaves were used to make an autumn hedgehog picture, using the leaves as the spikes of a hedgehog.











Red Butler Music School

Don't forget that Red Butler Music School offcer lession during school hours here at Nutley. This includes Guitars and Drums currently, but they also offer Piano and Ukelele lessons. For more information contact the school office.



Amazing Achievements

Achievement Certificates

Badgers- Evie A, Olivia O'D
Foxes- Albion H, Bea F-G
Hedgehogs- Charlie J, Ellis G
Rabbits- Jedd H

Values Award- Respect

Badgers- Charlie L
Foxes- Harry S
Hedgehogs- Lily G
Rabbits- Ronnie M

Star Badges

500 stars- Charley E
700 stars- Kenzi R
900 stars- Olivia O'D

Staff Superstar

Mrs Tymchenko

Good Deed Feeds

Ella R
Faye B-C

Faith Council

Our Faith Council has been announced for this year.
We have got two groups this year. Group One will be our Faith Council until February 2027 and Group Two for the second half of the school year.

Group One





Faith
Hope
Love

Group Two



Attendance Year to Date

Whole School 96.3%

Just a gentle reminder that government guidelines are to fine families taking more than 5 days consecutive holiday. Please be aware of this before booking holidays during term time!

Rabbits	97.2%
Hedgehogs	95.6%
Foxes	97.0%
Badgers	96.5%

Dates For Your Diary

OCTOBER

Mon 19th	Badgers Spy Day
Tue 20th	School Photos
Thu 22nd	Stay & Share- Foxes
Fri 23rd	Stay & Share- Rest of school
	Church Worship
	Last day of Term 1

NOVEMBER

Fri 06th	PFA AGM- 14:30 (Hall)
Tue 10th	Rabbits Forest School
	Parents Evening
Thu 12th	Parents Evening
Fri 13th	Church Worship
Tue 17th	Badgers Forest School
Tue 24th	Hedgehogs Forest School
Fri 27th	Church Worship

DECEMBER

Tue 01st	YR & Y6 NCMP Screening
	Foxes Forest School
Tue 08th	Rabbits Forest School
	Glyndebourne One Voice Concert
Fri 11th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9.45am
Mon 14th	Nativity Performance 9.45am
Tue 15th	Nativity Perfomrance 2pm
Fri 18th	Christingle Service in Church
	Last day of Term 2

JANUARY

Mon 04th	First day back for Term 3

Open Mornings for Admissions September 2027

Come and visit our amazing school.
In the heart of the Ashdown Forest, we are a small, community Church of England school, that prides ourselves on creating a safe, friendly and nurturing environment for your children.

Monday 2nd November 9am
Monday 16th November 9am
Monday 30th November 9am

Contact the school office for more information:
01825 712575
office@nutleyce.e-sussex.sch.uk
Nutley CE Primary School,
High Street Nutley, Uckfield, TN22 3NW

Nutley School PFA

WE NEED YOU!

Primary School AGM

6th November • 2:30pm

Nutley Church of England Primary School Hall

Join us to share ideas, hear updates, and help shape our school community!



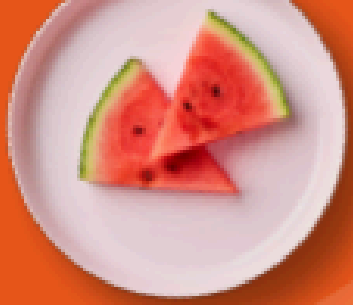
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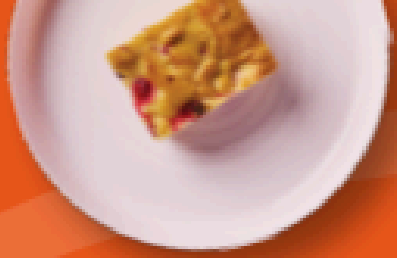
Volunteer • Support our school

All parents & carers welcome!

EVERY VOICE MATTERS – COME ALONG & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For more info contact the school office • Everyone welcome







DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.

- If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a FREE school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up
- Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day
- From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income
- Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day



DELICIOUS!



Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.

SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND HOW TO REGISTER



Chartwells Schools

Parent Support Team
EAST SUSSEX

PIONEER

Learning About Neurodivergent Children

Want to learn more about Autism or ADHD?

Understand how to support neurodivergent children and learn simple stratgeies that work support their needs!

Friday 20th November

1:45-2:45pm

St Mary's of the Virgin Church of England School

To book a place, please email or speak to the office.

FAMILY HUB
EAST SUSSEX

East Sussex County Council

Early Help 0-19
Respect | Partnership | Strength

NHS
East Sussex Healthcare
NHS Trust

Parent Support Team
EAST SUSSEX

PIONEER

Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children

Want to understand the signs of **anxiety**?

Want ways to help your child feel **calmer**, more **confident**, and **safe** when anxiety takes over?

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