



## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the teacher
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the teacher
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – [Backwell Secondary Open Evening for prospective Y7 families](#)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Year 6 to LifeSkills Centre
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Jeans for Genes Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Open Morning, 9.15am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – [Nailsea Secondary Open Evening for prospective Y7 families](#)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Space Week!
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Service at All Saints Church, 9.45am. All welcome.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 visit to Caerleon
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Open Afternoon, 1.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of term for pupils
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day
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- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Children return to school

## Reminders

As explained in our welcome back letter, the school gates will be open between 8.40am – 8.50am each morning. Children should be in their classroom by 8.50am for registration.

If your child will be absent or needs to leave school during the day for any important appointments, please email the school office and they will pass details to the class teacher.  
[school@northleazeprimary.org.uk](mailto:school@northleazeprimary.org.uk)

## A prayer for a new year

Dear Lord,

We pray for the coming year ahead, this new beginning and all the opportunities that will arise in the coming year.

Bless our teachers and all the staff who work at the school. Help them to continue to work together to make this school a wonderful place to learn.

Help us as pupils to try our absolute best in all things, work hard and aim high. Help us to be caring towards each other and always to let our light shine.

Amen

## Welcome back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of this new academic year. I do hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see the children back at school this week, full of news of their summer and excited to see their friends again.

In our whole school Collective Worship on Wednesday, we spent time thinking about the vision Northleaze has for its pupils and what this means. 'Let your light shine', which comes from the book of Matthew in the bible (5:16), is our vision and something we are passionate about for our young people. We want the pupils at our school to shine their light for all to see, to be proud of who they are and to strive to be the very best they can be.



MATTHEW 5:16

## Applying for Secondary School 2024

If you have a child in Year 6, should now have received a letter from North Somerset (via us) letting you know that you need to apply for your child's secondary school place by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. This can be submitted [online](#) and applications open on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## Open Days for Reception 2023

We have planned four Open Days to enable prospective Reception September 2024 families to look around our school. Please could we ask that you share these dates with any friends, family or neighbours and point them in the direction of the [Open Days page](#) on our website? We would be delighted to meet them. Thank you.

## Parent Survey response 2023

Thank you again to all the families that completed last year's Parent Survey. Over the next few weeks we will share some of the actions we are taking in response so that you know your thoughts and suggestions are listened to! For this week, you have hopefully appreciated the slightly extended gate opening time in the morning which is in response to some of your concerns about the congestion, driving and parking issues in the area around our school. We are hopeful this is making a positive difference to your morning!

## News from All Saints Church

This Sunday's Family Service at 10.00am will be an opportunity to get ready for the new term and season, plant some seeds and look for growth. Refreshments and a chance to chat follow the service.

## Our Christian value this term

This term we will be exploring the value of 'responsibility' with the children through Collective Worship, PSHE lessons and in our general, day to day conversations. We will be using the bible story of 'The Good Shepherd' (Luke 15) to help us understand this value, helping our children to recognise that we have responsibility for the choices we make for ourselves, for others and for the world around us.



## Easyfundraising Update from the PSA

In August, we were paid £239 for the last quarter, which brings the total amount raised via Easyfundraising for Northleaze PSA to £4373 over the last few years. This is a fantastic sum and the PSA would like to thank you for your support and encourage you all to remember to use Easyfundraising when shopping online. Click [here](#) to sign in or to sign up!

## Update from the PSA

A quick update to let you know that the total funds raised by the PSA last academic year was £12,180! That really is incredible and down to the hard work and commitment of the PSA and the generosity of support and contributions from all our families. Thank you!

## Admission Arrangements Area

Each Local Authority is required to establish a 'relevant area' for admission policy consultations. This is the area in which authorities must consult with schools regarding their proposed admission arrangements before finalising them. Please see the attached information sheet for more details and how to make a response, should you wish to.

## Long Ashton Scouts Race Night

Please see the attached flyer with information about a fundraising event for the LA Scouts on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Looks like a fun evening!

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Laila (Y3) and Savana (Y3) who celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you both had a lovely day!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend; take care in the heat!

Victoria Reyes, Headteacher