

## Biodiversity at Northleaze



### Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 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
- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – All Saints Church Celebration of Music Festival, 3pm
- 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
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – INSET Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y5 residential visit to Charterhouse

We are delighted that our wildflower meadow survived the heat of recent weeks and, in fact, is looking more beautiful than ever!



This year, our Eco-Council will continue to look at ways in which we can increase our biodiversity understanding and work, through our curriculum and the practical things we can do at school.

### Meet the teacher opportunities

Thank you to all the families that were able to join us after school on Monday and last Friday to meet the teachers and see the children's new classrooms. We hope this was a really useful chance to introduce yourself, to have a quick chat and to familiarise yourself with your child's new learning environment.

### Parent Survey response 2023

As mentioned last week, your responses to the Parent Survey last summer have helped us to shape our provision for the year ahead. The above 'Meet the teacher' event is just one of the ways in which we plan to give you more opportunities to come into school and share your child's learning and experiences. You will see that you are very welcome to join us at this year's Harvest Service – we do hope some of you will be able to!

### A day of SEND – a free event for parents

Please see the attached flyer for information about a free North Somerset event for parents and carers of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). It is taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> October and will have over 60 stalls, training sessions, keynote speakers and practical workshops. This is the largest SEND event North Somerset have ever arranged!

### My child is poorly, should they go to school?

We appreciate it isn't always easy to know the answer to this question and so have linked to a very helpful page on the NHS website called '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Do have a read of this as there are often times when it is fine for your child to attend school with minor illnesses and it may help with any tricky, persuasive conversations at home!

### Bristol Sport after school clubs

There are still some spaces in both the Monday and Friday sports clubs. Please see the attached poster for details.

### Jeans for Genes Day

We would, once again, like to support the Jeans for Genes campaign to raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. Their ambition is that every individual, and their families, can access the right support at times when it's needed most.

Next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) **children are welcome to wear their jeans to school** (jean shorts, jean skirt or dungarees are fine too) with their normal school uniform on top. There is no need to bring any money to school but donations to the charity would obviously be very welcome. [Donate here if you wish to.](#)



### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Freya and Sam (Year 1), Juliette and Dylan (Year 2), Olivia P and Theo R (Year 3), Sid and Elodie (Year 4), Harvey and Jamie (Year 5) and Mia and Willow (Year 6) who were all awarded certificates by their teachers.

Congratulations also to Charis (Year 1), Elina (Year 2), Molly (Year 3), Danny (Year 4), Eliza (Year 5) and James (Year 6) who were the recipients of this week's 'responsibility' leaves. This week's Headteacher's Award was presented to Eloise in Year 6. Well done everyone, a wonderful start to this new academic year.

### House Points, Birthdays and Doodle

Congratulations to **Yanley** who were this week's house point winners! Congratulations also to Edison and Heston who achieved their 100-day streak on Doodle; to Reggie who achieved his one year streak, and to Gulliver, Thomas S and Olive who achieved their 1000 day streak! What fantastic effort everyone!



Happy birthday to Ayda and Darcey (Y4), Darcie (Y5), Theo (Y3) and Zara (Y2) who celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you all had a lovely day!

### News from All Saints Church

This Sunday's 'Breakfast@9' goes wild with food, faith and fun outdoors and breakfast around a campfire! Everyone's invited – bring a chair or picnic blanket to Bow Cottage, Gatcombe. There is then a traditional Harvest Festival Communion at All Saints at 10.30am.

### Holiday Clubs

We will continue to upload details of half term activity clubs to the [Holiday Clubs page](#) of our website. 'Shine' are running one at Flax Bourton School this half term with a 20% discount if you book by this Sunday!

### Reminders

You are all welcome to join us at our **Harvest Service on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**, 9.45am, at All Saints Church. Rev'd James will lead us in a traditional church service with songs, prayers and poetry from the children.

Please ensure you inform the office if you need to collect your child during the day for an appointment. They will then be able to let the class teacher know in advance. Thank you.

### A prayer for responsibility

Dear God

May my life shine like a star in the night, filling my world with goodness and light.  
When I have to choose between right and wrong, help me make the right choice and give me peace in my heart.  
Help me to take responsibility for my actions, my words and my decisions.  
May I always be the best version of me possible.  
Amen

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
**Victoria Reyes, Headteacher**