

Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 1st Dec** – Choir to sing at Long Ashton Community Centre, 11.00am
1st Dec – Open Afternoon, 1.30pm
7th Dec – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 9.30am
7th Dec – Christmas Lunch
9th Dec – PSA Christmas Fair
12th Dec – Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity performance, 9.30am
13th Dec – Nine Lessons and Carols Service for KS2 pupils, 6.30pm
20th Dec – Last day of term

2nd 3rd Jan – Bristol Sport Holiday Camp
4th Jan – Children return to school

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget that Christmas lunch is bookable on Aspens Select for **Thursday 7th December**. It has only recently been added, so if you were very organised and made bookings at the start of term, you may not have booked for Thursday so please do check.

Children may wear a Christmas jumper or something festive over their normal school uniform this day if they wish.

It's good to see children are bringing in hats and gloves for their break times as temperatures drop! Please make sure they are all named so that any misplaced ones can be returned to the right class quickly.

A children's prayer for Advent and Hope

Excitement is like lots of fizzy bubbles popping inside us.
 Excitement makes us wriggle and jiggle and giggle.
 Hope is gentler. Hope is quieter.
 When everything seems slow and gloomy,
 Hope holds our hand and helps us walk gently.
 Lord Jesus, you are our hope!
 Amen

Parents' Evening thanks

Thank you to all of you who attended Parents' Evening appointments this week, it was so lovely to welcome you all to the school once again. Teachers really enjoyed meeting you in person after a time in virtual meetings and we hope you found the conversations useful. Thank you for your patience with the new booking system and huge thanks to Mrs Cowell in the office for her tech support in setting everything up!

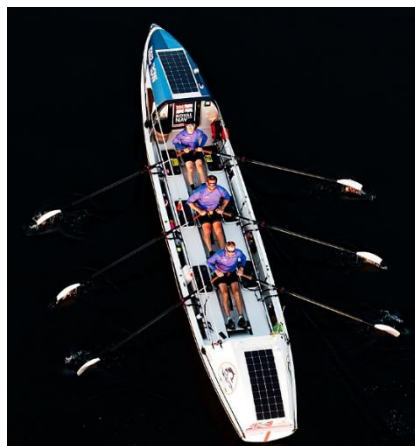
PSA EasyFundraising

In November, Easyfundraising paid us £193.77, bring this year's total to £730.58. This fantastic sum is all down to our amazing supporters, thank you! Please remember to use Easyfundraising when buying online, especially during the Christmas shopping period!

Indi's Daddy is rowing across the Atlantic!

We are excited to tell you one of our Reception parents is rowing across the Atlantic Ocean for charity with HMS Oardacious. The race is called the 'World's Toughest Row' and is a 3000 mile ultra endurance event from La Gomera to Antigua. Over 30 teams will be this year and each boat will be completely self-sufficient, carrying all food, making our own water and consuming around 8000 calories a day.

They are raising money for the Royal Navy Marines Charity and the money has been ringfenced for initiatives that support the mental health of submariners and their families. They fly out to the Canary Islands next week for the race start on 12th December and below is a picture of the boat 'Captain Jim' in which they will be for the entire race!



They hope to complete the race in under 40 days and the irony of leaving their families over the Christmas period to help support others is not lost on them. They believe this is a hugely important issue and a great cause to support. If you wish to track their progress, hear more about the challenge or donate to the cause, please follow the links below:

[Track the boat](#)
[HMS Oardacious website](#)
[Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity](#)

PSA Christmas Auction closes Sunday

The PSA Auction is in full swing with lots of people bidding during the week. It closes on Sunday so do make sure you've had a look before then. There are some great lots on offer all donated by local businesses and families and can be accessed at www.jumblebee.co.uk/northleazechristmasauktion2023



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Jack and Molly (Rec), Bonnie and Fergus (Year 1), Jack and Max (Year 2), Asa and Freya (Year 3), Danny and Olive (Year 4), Henry and Max (Year 5) and Isabelle and Lennon (Year 6) who were all awarded certificates for fantastic learning this week!

Congratulations also to Noah (Rec), Mostyn (Year 1), Imogen (Year 2), Elsie (Year 3), Finnegan (Year 4) Jack (Year 5) and Julia (Year 6) who were the recipients of this week's 'creativity' leaves. Well done everyone, another brilliant week!

House Points and Birthdays

Congratulations to **Brook** who were this week's house point winners!



Happy birthday to Theo (Y4) and Laurie (Year 1) who celebrated birthdays this week. We hope you all had a lovely day!

Bristol Sport Holiday Camps

Don't forget that Bristol Sport are running their Forever Sports Holiday camps over the festive period. They will run at Birdwell School on xxx and then at Northleaze on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January. Please book as soon as possible so that they can plan lots of fun activities for the children. Attached again are the flyers for both camps.

Old Down Illumination Trail - discount

We've been sent a flyer for Christmas Illumination trail at Old Down Country Park. They are offering families 10% - full details are on attached poster.

The Big Ambition – a survey for children

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched [The Big Ambition](#), a national survey of children and young people across England. Please click the link if your child would like to take part.

I hope you all have a good weekend; we have some cold temperatures set for the next few days!

Victoria Reyes, Headteacher