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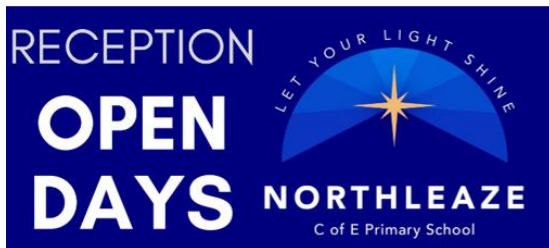


It's been a lovely week in school, with classes immersed in our whole-school shared text, *Rain Before Rainbows*. The story has sparked thoughtful discussions and creative activities across all year groups—and its themes have felt especially fitting given the weather we've had over the past couple of weeks! It's been wonderful to see how the children have connected with the book and each other through their learning.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported *Jeans for Genes Day*. The relaxed feel around school today—with lots of denim and smiles—was a great way to end the week, and it's heartening to know we're helping raise awareness and funds for such an important cause. Thank you to our children, families, and staff for your generosity and spirit.



Open Days - Help Us Spread the Word!



We warmly invite prospective families with children due to start school in **September 2026** to join us for a *Stay and Play* session on **Sunday 19th October, from 10am to 12pm**. This is a relaxed and friendly opportunity to explore our school environment, meet staff, and let your child enjoy some playtime while you get a feel for our community. There's no need to book—just come along! We look forward to welcoming you. Please see our [website page](#) for a full list of dates.

Picture News

This week in our Picture News worship, children explored the Big Question: "Why do we vote?" — inspired by recent discussions around lowering the voting age to 16 in the general election. This topic encouraged thoughtful reflection on the importance of having a voice in society and making responsible choices. It also linked beautifully with our Christian Value of the Term: **Responsibility**. Children considered how voting is not just a right, but a way to take responsibility for shaping the future. We invite families to continue these conversations at home using the 'Take Home' resource provided.



School Clubs Update

Friday lunchtime running club for children in Years 3 – 6 will be starting Friday 26 September! Please use this form to book your child a space. We very much welcome parent runners so please indicate if you can help on the form also.



[Friday Running Club booking form - September 2025](#)

Parent Voice: Behaviour and Relationships

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already shared their thoughts through our Parent Voice survey on behaviour and relationships:

👉 [Behaviour and Relationships Form](#)

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us continue to build a positive, respectful, and inclusive school environment. The survey will remain open until **Thursday 26th September 2025**, so if you haven't had a chance to respond yet, there's still time to share your views.

Thank you for your continued support



Each week I'd like to highlight some of the great things happening in our classrooms every week.
This week we start with Reception and Year 3.

Reception have settled into school life so brilliantly. We have been practising our fine motor skills using tweezers to pick up conkers and leaves. This is helping us build strength in our hands as we begin our writing journey.

We have also begun our phonics lessons. The children have worked so hard to practise their letter formation and even wrote a whole word!!

We have also shared our scrap books from the summer holidays with our new friends and been doing lots of talking and listening. Some children decided to work together to draw a picture of the old lady who swallowed a fly on a big whiteboard. They were very proud of this and worked so well together.



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning about British Values during class worship, focusing on voting and democracy. We talked about how people in the UK get to have their say in important decisions, and how the voting age has recently changed to 16. To help us understand this better, we held our very own class vote to choose our new Year 3 school council representatives. Everyone had the chance to cast their vote, and we are excited to announce that Freddie and Charis were chosen! Well done to both of you – we know you will do a fantastic job representing our class.



Weekly Emails



We will be continuing to send home class emails to share important class-specific reminders and information, and to provide a direct channel for families to communicate with us. These emails remain a valuable and practical way to stay connected on day-to-day matters. The school newsletter will now become the main vehicle for showcasing the exciting activities and learning happening across the school. This will allow all families to enjoy a broader view of school life and helps us manage teacher workload more sustainably. Please can more important or urgent communication come through the main school office email address. Thank you for your support.

Grant Writing Support

We're currently exploring a number of exciting funding opportunities to support projects across the school, including resources for RE, music tuition, emotional wellbeing, and even a potential library space. To help us make the most of these opportunities, we'd love to hear from any parents or carers who have experience in writing grant applications—or simply a knack for persuasive writing and attention to detail. If you have some time to offer and would be willing to support the school in this way, please get in touch with the office. Your help could make a real difference in securing valuable resources for our children. Thank you for considering!

Eric – The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity

We'd like to highlight the ERIC Virtual Roadshow, a series of online webinars designed to support families navigating childhood bowel and bladder challenges. These sessions cover a wide range of topics including potty training, bedwetting, toilet-related anxiety, and how to talk to schools about continence needs. The roadshow offers practical advice, real-life case studies, and downloadable resources to help families feel informed and supported. Recordings are available for those unable to attend live, and all participants receive access to helpful materials and discounts from the ERIC shop. To explore the sessions and book your place, visit [ERIC's Virtual Roadshow page](#).



Birthdays

In our Celebration Service this week, we celebrated the birthdays of:

Name	Year
Skye	Reception
Thomas	Reception
Zara	4
Esme	2
Lewis	4
Molly	2

Headteacher's Awards

The winner of the KS1 Headteacher's Award was Noah

The winner of the KS2 Headteachers Award was Dylan

Class Certificates

This week's class certificate winners were

- 1 Freddie R-P & Tommy
- 2 Sophie & Livia
- 3 Lucas & Charis
- 4 Dylan & Libby
- 5 Tabitha & Margot
- 6 Charlotte & Ben



Values Stars

This week our values stars for RESPONSIBILITY were awarded to



Parent Governor Vacancies

We are currently seeking to fill one to two governor vacancies, specifically from within our parent and carer community. This is an excellent chance to contribute, as well as to learn and to share existing skills while discovering new talents! Please see the email distributed earlier today. The application deadline is 6.00 pm on **Friday 10th October 2025**. For further information please contact our governance clerk at: ngilg@lsp.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

A big thank you from Dan and Vicki – outgoing PSA Chairs

We both want to express our immense thanks and gratitude to everyone who has supported the PSA over the last three years. Those of you who have kindly given up time in your busy schedules to attend meetings, organise cake sales, auctions, discos, quizzes, summer and winter fayres. See below for everything raised and spent last year !

We couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks goes to **Helen and Caroline** who have performed the secretary role admirably ensuring we have all the right permissions in place and made sure we can ticket and monitor attendance at all the events. We all have busy lives and each event is a logistical challenge made so much easier by the work of the secretaries.

The annual auctions have been a great success and we could not have done this without the support of **Sally** who has worked tirelessly to continuously contact a multitude of local businesses to compile some amazing auction items every year. This generates a lot of money and takes considerable effort throughout the year

We are very privileged that our children attend such an amazing school and the fundraising we do plays an essential role in ensuring the school has access to much needed funds. From providing class budgets annually to funding special events and projects, every penny really counts so thank you so much for all your contributions, it is so appreciated.

We wish the new PTA all the best and I'm sure they will bring the same energy and commitment shown over the last three years and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.



Key Dates

19/10/25 – Stay and Play (10-12pm)
 Reception starters September 2026
 10/10/2025 – Individual school photos
 22/10/25 – Harvest Festival at Church
 24/10/25 – last day of term 1
 11/11/25 & 13/11/25 – Parents' Evenings

Term Dates 2025-2026

Term 1: Tue 2 Sep – Fri 24 Oct
 Term 2: Mon 3 Nov – Fri 19 Dec
 Term 3: Mon 5 Jan – Fri 13 Feb 26
 Term 4: Mon 23 Feb – Thu 2 Apr 26
 Term 5: Mon 20 Apr – Fri 22 May 26
 Term 6: Mon 1 Jun – Wed 22 Jul 26

INSET Days 2025-2026

Monday 3 November
 Friday 16 January
 Friday 13 February
 Monday 1 June