

Headteacher Message:



It's been a joy to see our Nursery and Reception children settling in and making the most of their new outdoor learning environment. This week marked their very first play in the area, and it's been full of excitement and discovery!

The children have loved exploring the water table, digging in the sandpit, performing on the stage, climbing, and playing in the new playhouse. These experiences are helping them build confidence, develop friendships, and spark their imaginations. The mud kitchen is still being prepared—but we know it will be a big hit once it's ready!

We warmly invite parents to pop their heads in to see the area on **Monday morning and after school**. We would also be delighted to welcome Nursery and Reception families into school for a short **Stay and Play** session over the next few weeks—a chance to join your child in the new space and experience the joy of learning through play together. We will let you know the date for this next week.

Picture News Worship

This week, children explored the Big Question: *"Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?"*—inspired by the Guinness World Records Book celebrating its 70th anniversary. They enjoyed learning about record-breaking achievements and discussed how effort, resilience, and creativity can help us reach our goals.



International Day of Peace — a special day recognised around the world on September 21st. It's a time to think about how we can be kind, caring, and peaceful with others. As part of our celebrations this week, the children decorated peace doves and wrote thoughtful prayers and poems, sharing their hopes for a more peaceful world.

We also linked this special day to our learning about the Christian value of **responsibility**—thinking about how we can each play a part in making our school, homes, and communities more peaceful and respectful places. It was a lovely way to reflect on how small actions, like being kind or helping others, can make a big difference.

Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We're delighted to have been successful in our application for our school to take part in the Diana Award's Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme this year. Children in Years 3–6 are invited to apply for this important role, helping to promote kindness and inclusion across our school. We have up to 10 spaces available, and selected pupils will attend a special training day on Tuesday 5th November. We will be asking parents to support with the transport to/from this event. Pupil application forms are available from the school office, and completed forms should be handed in by Friday 3rd October. We encourage all interested children to apply and take part in this meaningful opportunity.



Name our Northleaze Bear!

You may have spotted a very special new friend at our EYFS/KS1 Celebration Service — a cuddly bear who will be awarded each week by the Headteacher to a child who truly *lets their light shine*! He's already made his first appearance... but he still doesn't have a name!

We'd love your help to choose the perfect one. Please write down your suggestion and pop it into the box in the school office. Don't forget to include **your name and class**, so we know who came up with the idea. You can also explain why you chose that name — especially if it links to our school vision *"Let your Light Shine"* or something special about our school. The School Council will help choose the winning name, and we'll announce it very soon! Let's get creative — we can't wait to see what you come up with!



Headteacher's Awards

EYFS/KS1: Florence

KS2: Ivy

Responsibility Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Rosie S

Year 2: Maisie

Year 3: Sam W

Year 4: Sara P

Year 5: Olivia C

Year 6: Rose

Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Charlie & Freddie B

Year 2: Logan & Layla

Year 3: Hattie & Toby

Year 4: Isla S & Tom

Year 5: Jago & Alex

Year 6: Danny & Neve



Birthdays this week:

**Annabel (Rec), Monty and Ellie
(Year 5) Neve (Year 6)**

Parents evening bookings open on Monday

As a reminder, Parents' Evening meetings will take place on **Tuesday 11th November** and **Thursday 13th November 2025** (between approx 3.40pm and 6.30pm). These meetings will be in person at school, in **10 minute slots** per child. You will have an opportunity to view your child's work before or after your appointment.

We will be using the appointment booking system via our website, as we have used in previous years - instructions on how to do this can be found [here](#). You will need a website account in order to book a parents' evening slot, so **please ensure that you can access your account asap**.

You will be able to make bookings from **MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**.

Aspens 'free Rodeo lunch' on Thursday 2nd October

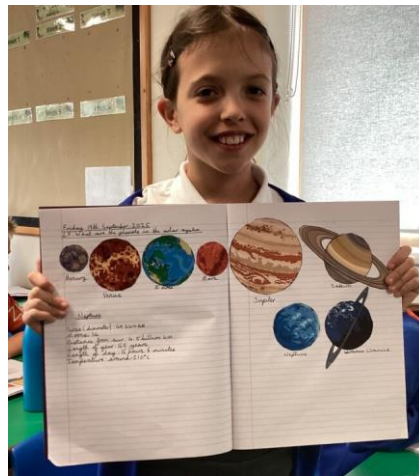
We emailed today that all children, including Nursery and KS2, can order a free lunch next Thursday 2nd October. This is happening in all Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust on Census day. All bookings for this day **MUST** be made in the normal way via Aspens Select but there will be no charge to your accounts. A menu is attached for your information - the choices for Thursday 2nd October were only added last week so if you had already booked ahead, please make sure you book for this day.

As you already know, KS1 meals are free every day, however children in **Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 ordering a lunch on 2nd October Census day does impact the funding we receive from the government next year**.

Please be advised, the spaghetti option on the poster is only for allergen menus so isn't available on your Aspens Select. All other choices are available.

This week in class.....

Year 5 have been working hard in their science lessons learning about the planets of the solar system for our Earth and Space Unit.



Year 6 have learnt that light travels in straight lines and reflects off objects so we can see them. They found out how light enters the eye, is turned into signals by the retina, and then flipped the right way up by the brain. The children also discovered how mirrors reflect images to create a virtual picture and how periscopes use two mirrors placed at angles inside a tube to reflect light down to the eye. They even made their own periscopes out of cardboard, carefully cutting and folding the tubes before fixing the mirrors at the right angles so they could see over and around obstacles just like a real periscope.



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