

Headteacher Message:



As autumn settles in, we've enjoyed a week full of light, learning, and community. From the warmth of our Reception Welcome Service at All Saints Church to the colourful celebration of Diwali through a captivating puppet show, it's been a joy to see our children embracing both tradition and diversity. These moments remind us of the beauty in coming together and the many ways our children continue to let their light shine.



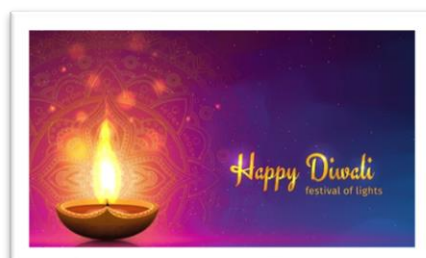
Reception Welcome Service at All Saints Church

Yesterday, our Reception children were warmly welcomed into the Northleaze family during a special 'Welcome Service' at All Saints Church. It was a joyful and memorable occasion where the children listened to a Bible story, sang a song, and each received a special gift—a book of Bible Stories to take home and enjoy. The walk to the church was just as special, with the children delighting in the autumn sights and sounds, collecting feathers, conkers, and sticks, and kicking through the leaves. We are so fortunate to be in such a beautiful location. It was especially lovely to have so many parents join us to share in this milestone moment—thank you for helping make it such a warm and welcoming celebration!



Diwali Puppet Show

On Friday 13th October, we were delighted to welcome the *Same Same But Different* theatre company into school for a spectacular Diwali puppet show. With two performances—one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2—the children were captivated by the vibrant retelling of the story of **Rama and Sita**, brought to life through colourful puppets, music, and engaging storytelling. The show offered a joyful introduction to the themes of Diwali, which will be celebrated this year on **Monday 20th October**,





Celebrating Cross Country success

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news from the recent Gwent League cross country event — one of the largest and most competitive leagues in the UK, covering South West England and South Wales. A huge congratulations to **Charlotte**, who came **1st** in her race out of **100 girls** in the Under-11 category, and to **Finnegan**, who placed **8th** out of **108 boys**. These incredible results place both children in the **top 10%** of their age groups — a remarkable achievement!

More Cross Country success

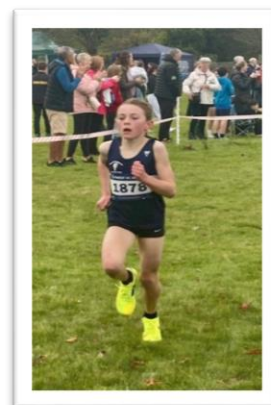


On Wednesday this week, 20 enthusiastic children from Years 5 and 6 represented our school at a Cross Country event held at the BGS Sports Ground. It was a fantastic morning filled with energy, determination, and team spirit. Our pupils showed incredible resilience and sportsmanship, and we are thrilled to share that they won numerous races across the event and many children were placed within the top 10 runners in their category! A big thankyou to all the adults who supported on the day, and a huge well done to all the children who took part—you truly let your light shine!

We were delighted with these words from one of the parents who watched the event “Winning is always good, however the attitude displayed by all of the children was simply outstanding, encouraging each other to do their best and supporting their team mates to just be their best was what stood out to us. Events like this are about being the best that you can and they absolutely achieved that.....as children they were a credit to the school and everything the school values stand for and they certainly let their light shine.”

Harvest Service and food collection

Our Harvest service at All Saints Church will start around 9.30am next Wednesday. Parents are welcome to join us there. We would love to collect food items for the [Nailsea Foodbank](#) and have listed at the bottom of the newsletter the items that they are currently in need of. Children can bring these to school on Wednesday or Thursday please.



Picture News Worship - This Week's Big Question: What makes a good peacekeeper?

This week, we've been exploring the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) in our Picture News sessions. The children have been learning about the importance of working together to solve global challenges and promote peace. We've had some thoughtful discussions around the question: *What makes a good peacekeeper?* It's been wonderful to hear the children's ideas and reflections on how they can help make a positive difference in the world.

Families are invited to join the conversation and share their thoughts at www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss.

New Reception 2026 tours and Stay & Play Sunday 19th October

As part of the ongoing school tours for families applying for Reception places in September 2026, it has been a pleasure to welcome so many prospective parents and carers to the school this week. A variety of tour dates and times are available over the coming months, all listed on the school website. In addition, the school is delighted to invite current our current Nursery children—and any other local 3 and 4 year olds who will be starting school next year—to a special weekend **Stay & Play** morning on **Sunday 19th October from 10am to 12pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children and families to explore the Early Years environment and meet some of the team.

Times Table House Battle!

We're ending the term with an exciting **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) House Battle** for children in Years 2 to 6. Pupils are encouraged to log into their TTRS accounts and play to earn points for their house in this friendly competition. Let the battle begin—and may the best house win!



Battle Duration:

Starts at 4pm on Friday 17th October

Ends at 5pm on Thursday 23rd October

The winning house will be announced during Friday's Celebration Worship.

Healthy Screen Time Reminder: *To promote balanced screen use, scores will only count for games played **before 7pm each day.***

Attendance Matters

We are proud to share that our school's overall attendance currently stands at a **very good 97.4%**, and we thank our families for their continued support in ensuring children are in school and learning. Attendance is monitored regularly, and every day in school counts—lost learning time can significantly impact progress and wellbeing. We kindly ask parents to avoid booking holidays during term time. Headteachers can only authorise absence in **exceptional circumstances**, which do not include holidays or leisure activities. For full guidance, including how to apply and what qualifies as exceptional, please visit the [North Somerset Council's term time holidays page](#)



Health Update: Headlice and Chickenpox

We would like to inform parents and carers that there have been recent cases of **headlice** and **chickenpox** reported in school.

Headlice

Headlice are common and spread through head-to-head contact. They are not a sign of poor hygiene and can affect anyone.

- Please check your child's hair regularly.
- If lice or eggs are found, treat promptly using wet combing or medicated treatments.
- There is no need to keep children off school if they have headlice.

For detailed NHS advice on spotting and treating headlice, visit: [NHS Headlice and Nits Guidance](#)

Chickenpox

Chickenpox is a viral infection that causes an itchy rash and can make children feel unwell.

- Children should stay at home until all spots have crusted over, usually around 5 days after the rash appears.
- Most cases are mild and can be managed at home with rest and fluids.
- Please contact your GP or NHS 111 if you're concerned, especially if your child is very young, has a weakened immune system, or develops complications.

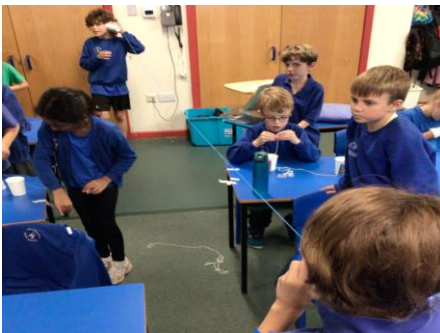
For NHS guidance on symptoms and care, visit: [NHS Chickenpox Information](#)

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for **Free School Meals (FSM)**, applying could help the school receive valuable **Pupil Premium** funding. This funding is provided to schools and continues for **six years**, even if your child stops receiving FSM. It helps us invest in resources, staffing, and enrichment activities that benefit the whole school community. You can check eligibility and apply through your local council or visit the [GOV.UK Free School Meals page](https://www.gov.uk/free-school-meals) for more information. If you need any help with the application, please speak to the school office—we're happy to support you

This week in class.....

In Science this term, Year 4 have been learning all about sound. We made paper cup 'telephones' to investigate how the distance the sound has to travel affects the sound we hear. We have also learnt about the parts of the human ear that turn vibrations into sounds that we hear. Today, we investigated how the size and shape of an animal's pinna might affect the volume of the sound.



Our **Reception class** and **Year 6 children** have been having their first 'partner time' this week. As you may know, children from these classes are partnered up and spend time together during the week both in class and outside, doing various different activities, Year 6 read with their younger partners and accompany them on Forest School outings. We know from previous years, both ages of children benefit hugely from this buddying and it's been really nice seeing them interact and play together so far.



We would like to say a huge thank you to James Lavin and Viridor. James is one of our parents who approached his employer for a donation, from their Community Grant fund, to assist with our redevelopment of our EYFS area. We were absolutely delighted to hear this week, that Viridor have awarded us £5,000. If your employer has a Community Grant fund, please contact the school office and we can work on an application with you.

Break the Rules day plus Cake & Book sale – Friday 24th October

Next week, the PSA have kindly arranged a number of small events on the last day of term. Friday 24th October is 'Break The Rules' day. Children can come into school dressed in non-uniform and donate some money for doing some things we would not see on a normal day! All the details are on the poster below, including a link to the PTA Events website where you can make a donation for the number of 'rules' broken! Please remember that if your child has PE on Friday, they still need to be dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear for PE.

After school, it is the Year 3 Cake sale and the PSA will also run a Book Sale. Cash is preferred for these two events so please bring along some change for treats and books!

Northleaze School PSA

BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

- Wear school uniform
- No fancy dress / PJs
- Bring a healthy lunch or snack
- Have neat hair
- No wild hair colours
- No temporary tattoos
- No nail varnish
- Wear school shoes only
- Fill your water bottle with water only

When?
Friday 24th October

Here's how it works:

Suggested donations
50p per rule broken
OR
£2 for unlimited rules
-< Pay via PTA Events

www.pta-events.co.uk/northleazeprimaryschoolpsa

Cake & Book Sale

Friday 24th October
From 3:20pm

Cash only on the day please
Cakes £1, Books 50p

PSA Events during this year

Below you can see dates for some of the bigger scale events that the PSA are busy working on for this academic year - please put these in your diary! Each class will hold a cake sale during the year and your class reps should let you know the dates for these plus any other smaller events planned. Many thanks in advance to the PSA for making all these happen and to everyone who supports them. We really are so grateful.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

NORTHLEAZE PSA

CHRISTMAS FAIR	NOV 29
FEB 6	QUIZ NIGHT
K1 AND K2 DISCO	MAR 19
JUL 3	SUMMER FAIR

AS WELL AS THE USUAL CAKE SALES, TEXTILE COLLECTIONS, BREAK THE RULES DAY



Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Arianna

KS2: Harry



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Finley and Beck

Year 2: Leon and Alice

Year 3: Mostyn and Madeleine

Year 4: Penny and Scarlett

Year 5: Heston and Johnny

Year 6: Isla and Sid



Birthdays this week:

Thomas B (Y1), Freya (Y3), Molly (Y4)

Responsibility Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Dougie

Year 2: Freddie

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: Imogen

Year 5: Harrison

Year 6: Heidi

House Point Winners this week:

Ashton

Key Dates

19/10/25 – Stay and Play (10-12pm) Current Nursery and potential Reception starters September 2026

22/10/25 – Harvest Festival at Church 9.30am

24/10/25 – Last day of term 1 Break the Rules day, Cake & Book sale (after school)

03/11/25 – INSET (School closed to pupils)

04/11/25 – **Children return to school – Term 2**

05/11/25 – Anti-bullying ambassador training (at Yatton School)

10/11/25 – Odd Socks Day (children wear odd socks to school)

10/11/25 – 14/11/25 Anti-bullying Week

11/11/25 & 13/11/25 – Parents' Evenings

14/11/25 – Individual School Photos

INSET Days 2025-2026

Monday 3 November

Friday 16 January

Friday 13 February

Monday 1 June

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

Nailsea Foodbank

Nailsea Foodbank, a branch of Clevedon and District Foodbank (Charity No:1154997) and is part of the Trussell network.

For more information go to clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk. The Foodbank is always happy to receive donations of:

- Fruit Juice (Carton)
- Breakfast cereals
- Milk (UHT)
- Tinned Soup
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Pasta Sauces
- Instant Mash Potato
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta
- Baked beans/spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Rice
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- Sponge Pudding
- Biscuits or Snack Bars
- Jam
- Sugar (500g)
- Tea Bags/Instant Coffee
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Rolls
- Feminine Hygiene
- Soap
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet cleaner/bleach
- Washing powder/liquid
- Disposable nappies size 4 and upwards are also useful.