

Headteacher Message:



As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding first term, our Harvest Service was a truly special way to pause and reflect together. It was my first as Headteacher, and I felt incredibly proud watching the children speak and share so thoughtfully—such a credit to our school and a beautiful expression of our values in action.

Harvest is a time to give thanks, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for your continued support, kindness, and encouragement throughout this term. Your warmth has made my first few months here both joyful and inspiring.

I'm especially grateful for the generous donations from families, which was delivered to Nailsea Food Bank this morning to support those in need. It was a meaningful reminder of the power of giving and the strength of our community when we come together.



Harvest Festival
Oct 2025

INSET Day Reminder

As we come to the end of a long and busy half term, we know many of our children, staff and families(!) are ready for a well-earned rest. It's been a time full of learning, growth, and plenty of activity – and we're so proud of how everyone has begun the school year. Just a quick reminder that **Monday 3rd November is an INSET day**, so school will be closed to children. We look forward to welcoming them back on **Tuesday 4th November**. Wishing all our families a happy, restful, and restorative half term break!

Picture News Worship - This Week's Big Question: Should everyone have an identify card?

This week in our Picture News worship, pupils explored the recent announcement about the UK government's plans to introduce digital identity cards. We discussed what identity means, how technology is changing the way we prove who we are, and the importance of privacy and personal data. The children engaged thoughtfully with the topic, considering both the benefits and concerns raised in the news. It was a great opportunity to link current events with our school values and encourage critical thinking.

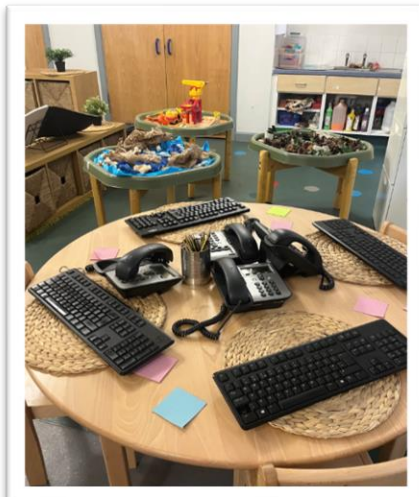
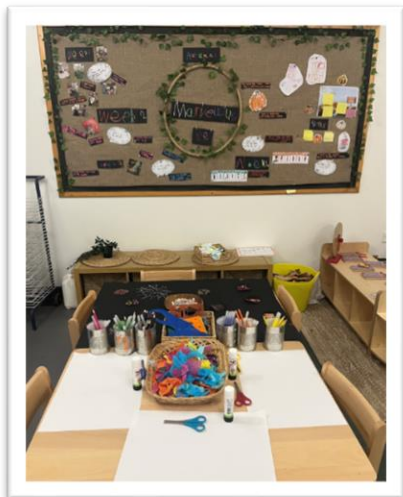
Families are invited to join the conversation and share their thoughts at www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss.

Reception 2026 Stay and Play

We were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Reception Open Morning, where we had the pleasure of sharing our beautiful EYFS classroom and outdoor learning space. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for creating such an inviting and inspiring environment, and to our wonderful PSA for providing refreshments that added a lovely touch to the morning. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community.

We still have tours in the calendar on the following dates:

Tuesday 11th November, Friday 5th December, Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 8th January



Times Tables and Team Triumph!

Learning times tables is a vital part of every child's mathematical journey. They build confidence, speed, and accuracy in calculations, laying the foundation for more complex problem-solving. That's why we've been celebrating times tables learning across the school with our exciting **House Team Battle!** Pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm and determination, and we're thrilled to announce that the winning team is... **Ashton!** Congratulations to all Ashton team members for their brilliant effort and teamwork. Keep practising, everyone—your times tables superpowers are growing every day!



Anti-Bullying Week & Remembrance Day – Advance Notice

We wanted to give families a little advance notice about two important events taking place after half term:



Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 10th – Friday 14th November

We'll be marking Anti-Bullying Week with a range of activities focused on kindness, respect, and inclusion. The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks or tights to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that it's okay to be different.

Remembrance Day: Tuesday 11th November

On Tuesday 11th November, we will be observing Remembrance Day with a special moment of reflection. Children who are members of uniformed organisations (such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, etc.) are warmly invited to come to school in their **service uniforms** as a mark of respect and remembrance.

We anticipate that we will be **selling poppies** in school to support the Royal British Legion. More information about this will be shared after the half term break.



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

Safeguarding

At Northleaze, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. If you ever have concerns about a child's welfare—whether at school or at home—please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, supported, and ready to shine.

Northleaze Primary School - Safeguarding



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Please come and speak to one of us if you have a concern about a child or adult at school,
or anything to do with keeping children safe.
The office team will know where to find us.



A Prayer **for Responsibility**

**Christian Value of the Term:
Responsibility**

Dear God,

Thank You for the many gifts You have given us—our families, our friends, our school, and our world. Help us to be responsible in all that we do.

Teach us to care for one another, to look after our belongings, and to do our best in our learning.

Show us how to make good choices, even when it's hard,
And to always think about how our actions affect others.

May we shine our light by being trustworthy, kind, and helpful every day.

Amen.



This week in class....

This term in ICT, Year 1 have been learning all about using computers safely and confidently. The children have practiced using the mouse, trackpad, and keyboard to create their very own digital self-portraits, each one showing their name and some of their favourite things. They have also learned how to save their work and the importance of naming files correctly. You can see a wonderful collage of all their self-portraits displayed here – a fantastic celebration of their hard work and creativity.



Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Toby (Y2)

KS2: Laila (Y5)

Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Laurie and Maya H

Year 2: Jack and Joshua

Year 3: Lucy and Josh

Year 4: Phoebe

Year 5: Anya

Year 6: Elodie and Austin

Birthdays this week:

Elina (Y4)

Responsibility Stars Awarded to:



Lark (Y1), Laurence (Y3),

Matilda (Y4), Millie and Heidi (Y6)

House Point Winners this week:

Ashton

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

Key Dates

24/10/25 – Last day of term 1

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 – Remembrance Day (children can wear cub/scout/brownie... uniforms)

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

14/11/25 – Individual School Photos

