



## Headteacher Message:

**What a week it's been at Northleaze!** Our heads are spinning, and we suspect there may be some rather tired children (and staff!) this weekend! We started with Odd Socks Day to celebrate individuality and launch Anti-Bullying Week, paused to reflect during our Remembrance activities, welcomed families for Parents' Evenings, and finished with the fun jollity of Children in Need. It's been a week bursting with learning, community spirit, and opportunities to shine—thank you to everyone who helped make it so special!

## Parents' Evenings – Thank You!

It was wonderful to see so many parents in school this week for Parents' Evenings. We really value parents as partners in your child's learning, and your support makes such a difference. Please remember that we have an *open-door policy*—if you ever have questions, concerns, or even something to celebrate, you are always welcome to make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher. If you accidentally missed your appointment or would like a follow-up conversation, please do get in touch. Thank you for working with us to support your child's journey.

## Remembrance at Northleaze

I was incredibly proud to have been asked to do a reading at the Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints Church. It was lovely to see so many children from our school there, representing us so beautifully in their uniforms of service. The service itself was deeply poignant, and I felt a great sense of honour and privilege to be part of it—joining together to serve the community and its future generations.



On Tuesday, we gathered in the hall for a special worship to mark Remembrance Day. Together, we watched a thoughtful video, observed a one-minute silence, and listened to the Last Post. A huge thank you to our Year 6 pupils who read *In Flanders Fields* so beautifully—it was a moving moment. We were also incredibly proud of our Nursery and Reception children, who showed such respect throughout the service, as did all our pupils. In addition, we were delighted that our Service children and their families were able to attend the special event at the Long Ashton memorial at the top of the hill.

## Picture News – COP30 Webinar

This week, all our classes took part in a special live Picture News webinar linked to COP30, the global climate conference. It was an amazing opportunity for our pupils to learn more about the important decisions world leaders are making to protect our planet.

Children listened to experts explain what COP30 is all about and why it matters for the future of our environment. They explored big questions such as: *What can we do to help tackle climate change?* and *Why is it important for everyone to work together?*

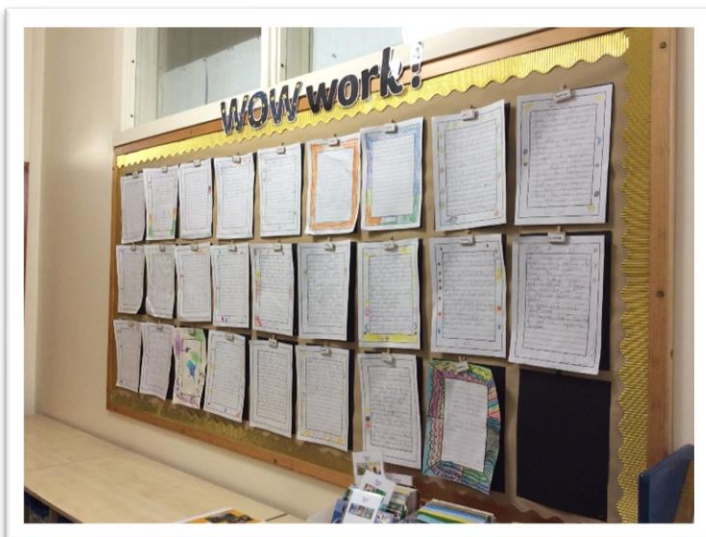


This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to see themselves as globally aware citizens. They learned that even small actions can make a big difference and that their voices matter in shaping a better future. We were so proud of their curiosity and thoughtful ideas.

### Introducing Opal Adventurers!

We're delighted to share that we are launching a new outdoor 'forest school' style learning experience as part of our curriculum. Starting with Year 3 this term, each class will have the opportunity to spend a term visiting the woods on a weekly basis, enjoying hands-on activities that link to areas such as PE, PSHE, Art, and Science. These sessions will help children build confidence, creativity, and teamwork while deepening their connection with nature. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful woodland nearby, providing the perfect setting for exploration and adventure. Every class will have the chance to take part in Opal Adventurers during this school year.

*"Year 3's first **Opal Adventurers** experience was an amazing adventure! As we stepped into the woods, we could feel the crunch of leaves beneath our feet and smell the fresh, earthy air. We could see the trees were glowing with autumn colours—reds, oranges, and golden yellows. We spent time exploring the forest, collecting beautiful fallen leaves, sticks, and pinecones to make our own nature creations. Some of us made leaf crowns and pictures on the forest floor, while others worked together to build a den out of branches and logs. It was so much fun to work as a team, use our imaginations, and enjoy being outdoors surrounded by nature."* Year 3



### WOW Work!

Year 2 have been learning about the story 'The Comet', and this week published their innovated poems, in which they had thought hard to find interesting and exciting new words that could replace some less interesting ones! They then used their best handwriting to publish a finished version onto their own frames and decorated them with space themes. They look brilliant, well done Year 2!

### School Finances and the Vital Role of Our PSA

*Please also see the separate letter regarding the school's financial situation.*

Further to the above letter, as many of you will know, school budgets are under increasing pressure, and this is a challenging time for education funding nationally. In the past, the PSA's fundraising efforts provided the 'icing on the cake'—those extra treats and fun additions that enriched school life. Unfortunately, the reality now is that we

often rely on the PSA to help fund some of the essentials that keep our school running smoothly. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a generous and supportive parent community, and we are deeply grateful for everyone's hard work and contributions.

As we approach the festive season, the PSA are working hard behind the scenes to plan a range of fun, social, and family-friendly events. Please do support these activities and help promote them locally to increase the funds raised. Whether through attending, donating prizes, or contributing financially, your support enables the PSA to continue making a real difference for our children. Thank you for your on-going support.

**For more information about forthcoming PSA events, please see dates at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.**

### **Year 5 – Children in Need**



### **SMSA Vacancy**

We are looking for a caring, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our team as a Lunchtime Supervisor. Even if you are only available one day a week, we would be interested in you joining Northleaze. The role involves helping to ensure that our pupils have a safe, happy and enjoyable lunchtime experience. The responsibilities include:

- Supervising children in the dining hall, playground and around school during lunchtime
- Encouraging positive play and good behaviour
- Assisting younger pupils with eating where needed
- Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all pupils at all times
- Dealing with minor incidents, recording head bumps and reporting more serious issues to senior staff

If you, or someone you know, are interested, please pop in and speak to the school office or email us on [office@northleazeschool.co.uk](mailto:office@northleazeschool.co.uk)

### **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



**Corinne Clarke**  
Headteacher  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Julia Simmons**  
Year 5 Teacher  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Rowena Davin**  
Safeguarding Governor

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.



### Christian Value of the Term: Creativity

#### A Prayer for Creativity

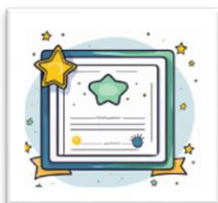
Dear God,  
Thank You for the wonderful world You have made.  
Thank You for giving us minds that can imagine and hands that can create.  
Help us to use our creativity to make things that bring joy, beauty, and kindness.  
May our ideas shine brightly and help others too.  
Amen.



#### Headteacher's Awards

**EYFS/KS1: Charlie**

**KS2: Libby**



#### Class Certificates Awarded to:

**Year 1: Freddie & Rosie**

**Year 2: Bluebell & Bertie S**

**Year 3: Jack & Leo**

**Year 4: Max & Henry**

**Year 5: Asa & Zara**

**Year 6: Harry & Felicity**

#### Responsibility Stars Awarded to:



**Year 1: Lark**

**Year 2: Maisie**

**Year 3: Charis**

**Year 4: Ada**

**Year 5: Freya**

**Year 6: Jocelyn**

### Recent Birthdays:

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| <b>Leon Y2</b>     | <b>Ben Y6</b>     |
| <b>Rhys Y3</b>     | <b>Noah Y2</b>    |
| <b>Felicity Y6</b> | <b>Libby Y4</b>   |
| <b>Wren Y4</b>     | <b>Indie Y2</b>   |
| <b>Bonnie Y3</b>   | <b>Freddie Y1</b> |
| <b>Toby Y3</b>     | <b>Maisie Y2</b>  |

### Celebration Worship

If your child is being presented with an award in our celebration worship but you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to email the office and a Teams invite can be sent to you if you would like.



### Key Dates

**27/11/25** – PSA Wreath Making 7pm – 9:30pm  
**29/11/25** – PSA Christmas fair 1pm - 4pm  
**03/12/25** – School Christmas Panto ('Enchanted')  
**09/12/25** – EYFS Nativity – 9:30am  
**10/12/25** – Year 5 Christmas Concert in Weston  
**11/12/25** – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day  
**11/12/25** – KS2 - Carols by Candlelight at All Saints  
**16/12/25** – KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity

### INSET Days 2025-2026

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

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

## PSA Festive Events

### PSA Festive Fundraising Update

We've had a brilliant few weeks — thank you to everyone who supported our recent events! Together we raised £291 at the cake and book sale and £195 at the last Break the Rules Day. Your generosity makes such a difference to our school.

**Looking ahead, we have lots of festive fun coming up:**

### PSA Christmas Auction

Going Live 6am tomorrow, Saturday 15th November!

This is one of our biggest fund raisers and we have some fantastic donations so please show your support.

Prizes include vouchers from local businesses, luxury hampers and amazing services offered by some of our parents. There are items varying in price and age demographic, something for everyone!

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our incredibly generous community of parents, business owners and beyond for all the donations.

The auction can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/northleazechristmasauction2025>

Happy bidding!

### Wreath Making Workshop – Thursday 27th November, 7–9.30pm

Come and join the PSA at a Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 27th November from 7pm until 9.30pm. The team who make the wreaths for the PSA auction will be on hand to demonstrate and guide you through the process. Tickets at £25 include all materials, mince pie and glass of fizz and are available until 20th November from <https://pta.events/Northleaze/Wreath>

### Christmas Fair

We are getting ready for the Christmas fair which will be held at 1-4pm on 29th November. Tickets to visit Santa's Grotto are now available — don't miss the chance for your little ones to meet the man in red!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/northleazeprimaryschoolpsa>

There is a PSA box in the foyer for any donations, we are looking to collect good condition second hand toys, sweets and Christmas jumpers.

Thank you to all your continued support, together we can make Christmas at Northleaze extra special.