



Headteacher Message:

This week, as part of Parliament Week, we introduced our termly focus on one of the five British Values – this term we are finding out all about 'The Rule of Law'. Children have been learning about the role of Parliament and how laws are made, and we've explored how this links to our own school rules: *Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Kind*. These rules guide our actions and behaviour every day. We've also been reminding pupils about respectful behaviour in classrooms and throughout the school, and discussing why following rules matters—not just in school, but in society as a whole. This helps our children understand that rules create fairness and safety for everyone.



Parliament Week



As part of Parliament Week, we were pleased to welcome **Sadik Al-Hassan** to school on Monday. He toured the classrooms, meeting pupils and answering their questions about his role as an MP. Sadik encouraged discussion and explained what his job involves, making the conversations accessible and engaging for all ages. Later, in the hall, our Year 5 and 6 pupils asked thoughtful questions on topics such as recycling, the cost of food, and how priorities are decided—helping them think about leadership and decision-making. He shared insights into both the challenges and positive aspects of his work, giving the children a valuable opportunity to learn more about how democracy works.



Year 5 Camp

What an incredible few days our Year 5 children have had on their residential! From climbing and caving to gorge walking and bushcraft, they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness towards one another. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff team—Mrs Simmons, Mr Jones, Mrs Harper, Miss Williams, and Miss Reynolds—for making this adventure possible and supporting the children so brilliantly. As headteacher, I visited on Wednesday evening, and it was an absolute pleasure to see their smiling faces and hear their excited stories about the days' activities. We know they'll be returning full of memories, new skills, and ready for some well-deserved rest (and big hugs from home!). Photos will be shared via a secure OneDrive link soon—please remember these are not for social media.



Picture News Worship

This week's picture news topic question was 'What are some of the different ways that we can express ourselves?' This links to the story in the news about how McDonald's has changed the colour of its famous 'happy meal' box, making it white on three sides. We have been exploring what 'Creativity' means to us, as this term's Christian Value, so this linked well with our worships this term and provoked interesting discussion in classes.



New clubs

As the weather turns colder, we want to give children some extra opportunities to enjoy indoor activities at lunchtime, while still making sure they have plenty of fresh air and exercise. We are excited to introduce three new lunchtime clubs (12:30 – 1:00), starting next week.



- ✓ On Mondays, Mr Parmenter will be running a Construction Club in Year 1. This will be a chance for children to build, design, and create using construction materials—a great way to develop problem-solving skills and imagination.
- ✓ On Tuesdays, Mrs Bertenshaw will lead a Times Tables Rock Stars Club in the ICT suite. This club will help children boost their times tables knowledge in a fun and interactive way, using games and challenges to make learning exciting.
- ✓ On Fridays, Mrs Maxwell will offer a Colouring Club in Year 4. This will be a calm and creative space for children to relax and enjoy colouring activities together.

We are very grateful to Mr Parmenter, Mrs Bertenshaw and Mrs Maxwell for generously offering their time to run these clubs. These opportunities are a lovely way for children to learn and play indoors while still enjoying outdoor time before or after lunch. If your child would like to join, they can sign up at school.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is one of the most important events in the school calendar, organised by our fantastic PSA. It's not just about festive fun – it plays a vital role in raising funds to support our children and school projects. This event is also a wonderful way to celebrate the community spirit that makes our school so special. There will be stalls, games, treats, and plenty of Christmas cheer! Please come along and bring family and friends – your support makes a real difference!



Christmas Tree Decorations

It's not too late to add some festive cheer! If children have any Christmas decorations they'd like to contribute to our school tree, please bring them in. Thank you for helping us make our tree sparkle!

Aspens Christmas Lunch Day – Thursday 11th December

If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please ensure you book in advance via the Aspens website.



Attendance Matters

We know how much children thrive when they are in school every day, and we really appreciate your support in making attendance a priority. Please remember that, under national guidelines, schools must issue a **Penalty Notice** if a child has **10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period**. Continued absence can lead to further steps, including legal action, so it's really important to keep us informed and work with us if you're facing challenges. We're here to help—please reach out if you need support.



Penalty Notice Details:

- **First offence:** £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days; £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second offence (within 3 years):** £160 per parent, per child (no reduction).
- **Further offences:** No Penalty Notice will be issued; the case will go straight to Magistrates' Court.

As we move through this term, we're working hard to **keep learning on track and deliver the full curriculum**, while also making time for some festive activities later on. It's all about striking the right balance—children will enjoy seasonal fun, but lessons and progress remain our priority right up to the last day of term. Every day counts, so thank you for supporting us in making this term both productive and joyful!

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

Northleaze CofE Primary School - 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.

 <p>Corinne Clarke Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	 <p>Julia Simmons Year 5 Teacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	 <p>Rowena Davin Safeguarding Governor</p>
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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.



**Christian Value of the Term:
Creativity**



A Prayer for Creativity and Civic Responsibility

Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of imagination and the ability to create. Help us to use our creativity to make the world a better place—to solve problems, share ideas, and bring hope to others.

As we learn about Parliament and how decisions are made, guide us to understand the importance of every voice. Teach us to listen, to speak with kindness, and to work together for fairness and justice in our communities.

May our creative thoughts inspire positive change, and may we always seek wisdom in shaping the future.
Amen.



Headteacher's Awards

EYFS/KS1: Benji

KS2: Charlotte



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Florence & Nico

Year 2: Jaxon & Ameyia

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: Lewis & Elina

Year 6: Olive & Darcey

Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Maya H

Year 2: Hugo

Year 3: Robyn

Year 4: Isla L

Year 6: Wendy

Recent Birthdays:

Benji



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

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 6:30pm – 7:30pm

16/12/25 – KS1 Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) - 9:30am

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 5th December, Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 8th January

THE GREAT X-MAS MARKET



OUR POPULAR CHRISTMAS MARKET IS COMING BACK

Got Goodies to Donate This Holiday Season?
DONATE, SHOP, and SUPPORT Axis!

Please bring any items before 1st Dec

Accepting New or Gently-Used Toys, Books, Games, Electronics, Household Items, Knick-Knacks & Crafts

Axis Trampoline and Gymnastics Club
Unit 14 Liberty Industrial Park, South Liberty Lane,
Bristol, BS3 2SU

♥ All Donations Help Support Your Local Gym and Gymnasts ♥

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

30th November

Meet at Village Hall
car park at 5.15pm

Christmas Performance
by Beats Dance
in the Village Hall



★ Carols ★ Mince pies ★
★ Hot chocolate ★ Mulled wine ★
Provided by LA Chicken Share



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



PSA update: A huge thank you to all parents for your amazing support in the run-up to Christmas!

We're delighted to share that the auction raised almost £3,000, and last night's wreath-making workshop was a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PSA over the last few weeks — your generosity makes such a difference.



We're looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the fair!

