



Headteacher Message:

What a wonderful start to December it has been! From the sparkle and community spirit of our Christmas Fair to the excitement of our whole-school trip to the panto, the festive season is well and truly underway. And there's still so much more to look forward to – our EYFS and KS1 nativities, the Year 5 Christmas concert, and the beautiful candlelight Carol Service at All Saints. It's a joy to see the school filled with music, laughter, and togetherness at this special time of year. Thank you to everyone who helps make these events possible.



Christmas Fair

Last Saturday afternoon, our school was transformed into a festive wonderland for the annual Christmas Fair. It was my first one as headteacher, and I can honestly say it was something truly special!



The atmosphere was warm and joyful throughout. Families and friends enjoyed browsing the wonderful stalls, trying their luck with the raffle, and joining in the fun with the games. Our pupil and staff choir added a magical touch with their seasonal songs, and the fabulous Santa's Grotto was a real highlight – full of sparkle and excitement for the children. A huge shout-out to our amazing Year 6 elves, who worked tirelessly to help Santa and spread festive cheer around the hall!

The fair was wonderfully organised by our fantastic PSA, and we owe them a huge thank you for all their hard work and creativity. Events like this remind us what a strong and supportive community we have here at Northleaze. Thank you to everyone who came along, helped out, donated prizes, or simply joined in the fun. It was an afternoon full of laughter, festive spirit, and togetherness – the perfect start to the Christmas season!



Whole school trip to the panto

On Tuesday, the entire school enjoyed a fantastic trip to see *Enchanted* at the SGS Drama School. Travelling together on three coaches added to the excitement, and it was wonderful to have the whole school sharing this experience. There was plenty of audience participation, including a lively whole-school "Time Warp" dance and children singing along to the hit *Pink Pony Club*! It was a morning full of energy and fun.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work in making sure everything was well organised and ran smoothly. If you haven't yet paid for the trip, there is still time to do so via ParentPay. We rely on full payment to ensure we can continue to offer opportunities like this in the future, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Picture News Worship

This week's picture news topic question was, *'How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?'* This links to the story in the news about the Princess of Wales hosting her annual carol service to celebrate kindness, connection and community.



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.

A Huge Thank You!

The Long Ashton branch of the Royal British Legion would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to our school community for raising **£125** for this year's Poppy Appeal. Your generosity helps support veterans and their families, and we are proud to contribute to such an important cause.



Revised Behaviour and Relationships Policy

We have recently reviewed and updated our Behaviour and Relationships Policy, which is now available to view on the school website. In our parent behaviour survey last term, we learned that some families were not fully aware of the school's approach to behaviour. To address this and to share the key aspects of the policy, we would like to invite you to a **Parent Forum on Tuesday 16th December at 2:45pm in the school hall**. This will be an opportunity to talk through the policy and discuss how we can work together to support positive behaviour and relationships. Your partnership is invaluable, and we warmly welcome you to join us for this discussion.

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.



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 imaginations You have given us.

Help us to use our ideas to make the world brighter and kinder.

Guide our hands to create, our minds to explore, and our hearts to share.

May our creativity bring joy to others and show Your light in all we do.

Amen.



Headteacher's Awards

EYFS/KS1: Indi (Y2)

KS2: Molly (Y5)

Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Beck & Thomas B

Year 2: Toby & Freddie

Year 3: Finley & Freya

Year 4: Nina & Sara

**Year 5: Winston, Theo, Monty &
Tabitha**

Year 6: Daisy & Heidi



Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Bohdi

Year 2: George

Year 3: Lucas

Year 4: Tom

Year 5: Laila & Savana

Year 6: Elodie

Recent Birthdays:

Millie (Y6)

Laurie (Y3)

Tom (Y4)



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

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

16/12/25 – Behaviour and Relationships parent forum

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:

Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 8th January



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



Christmas in Long Ashton

Family-friendly Christmas Services - Everyone Welcome!
Come Along and Celebrate the Season

Sunday 7th December
6.00pm
Community Carol Service
Join Hebron at the **Community Centre**
Favourite carols with unexpected stories

Sunday 14th December
10.30am
Christingle Service
at All Saints Church
With oranges, sweets and candles

Thursday 18th December
6.15pm
Carols around the Crib
at Keedwell Church
An outdoor sing-a-long with hot punch

Sunday 21st December
10.30am
All Age Nativity Service
at Hebron Church
Dress up (optional) and join in!

Sunday 21st December
6.00pm
Carols by Candlelight
at All Saints Church
Traditional, with carols and readings

Christmas Eve, 24th December
3.00pm
Crib Service
at All Saints Church
Dress up if you like

Christmas Day, 25th December
10.30am
Christmas Day Service
at All Saints Church
'Come and join the Celebration'

Christmas Day, 25th December
10.30am
Christmas Day Service
at Hebron Church
A short service for everyone

Hebron Church



Join our
Christmas
Services

Discover unexpected stories
behind each Christmas Carol

HEBRONCHURCH

Sunday 30th November
10.30am
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sunday 7th December
6.00pm
COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE
at the Community Centre
Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing
Bring family, friends and neighbours
Stay for mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 14th December
10.30am
While Shepherds Watched



HEBRONCHURCH
www.hebron-church.co.uk
info@hebron-church.co.uk
8 Providence Lane, Long Ashton
BS41 9QG

Sunday 21st December
10.30am
ALL AGE NATIVITY SERVICE
Away in A Manger
Dress up and join in.
No previous experience required!

Thursday 25th December
10.30am
CHRISTMAS DAY!
Joy to the World!
Keep the Christ in Christmas - come to
church! A short service for everyone

Sunday 28th December
10.30am
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sunday 4th January
10.30am
We Three Kings of Orient Are