



Headteacher Message:

What a wonderfully festive time it is at Northleaze! Our nursery and Reception children delighted us with their very special nativity performance, spreading joy and reminding us of the true magic of Christmas. Thursday was a day full of celebration with both Christmas Jumper Day and our traditional Christmas lunch – a fantastic way to bring the whole school together in festive spirit! And let's not forget the incredible Year 5 singing concert at Weston Winter Gardens, showcasing their hard work and talent. It's a week full of sparkle, music, and fun!



Follow the Star – EYFS Nativity

Our Nursery and Reception children truly shone in their beautiful Nativity performance, *Follow the Star*. From the wonderful costumes to the joyful dances and confident delivery of words, every moment was filled with magic. It was a special occasion that captured the spirit of Christmas and showcased the children's growing confidence and joy. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this such a memorable event.



Key Stage 2 Carol Service at All Saints

Our Key Stage 2 Carol Service at All Saints was a truly special occasion, offering a moment of pause and reflection in the midst of the festive season. The children led us beautifully through readings, prayers, poetry, and song, sharing the Christmas story in creative and meaningful ways. From traditional carols to original pieces, and even a rendition of *Silent Night* in German, the service was filled with joy and reverence. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a memorable celebration of Christmas.

Online Collective Worship with Bishop Michael Beasley

On Tuesday, our pupils joined schools across the diocese for an online collective worship led by Bishop Michael Beasley and the diocesan team. It was a fantastic opportunity to share in inclusive and uplifting worship, feel part of the wider Church of England school family.



Christmas Jumper Day & Festive Lunch Celebration

What a joyful day we had celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. The school was a sea of bright colours and festive cheer as children arrived in their favourite Christmas jumpers and headpieces! Many pupils also created their own Christmas hats, adding even more sparkle and creativity to the occasion. Our Christmas lunch was a real highlight – a delicious festive feast. To make the experience even more magical, Year 6 serenaded us with Christmas songs while we tucked into our meals. Their singing and dancing really made us all smile! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special – from the kitchen team for the wonderful food to the children for their enthusiasm and festive flair.



Year 5 Singing Festival at Weston Winter Gardens

Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to join other local schools for a festive Singing Festival at the Weston Winter Gardens. It was a joyful occasion filled with music and celebration, and we are so proud of how our Northleaze pupils represented the school. Their behaviour, enthusiasm, and readiness were outstanding, earning compliments from both event organisers and other teachers. What a wonderful group of children, truly demonstrating our school values in action!

Christmas Craft Exhibition

This Friday, the last day of term, we'd love you to come back into school at the end of the day to see our **Christmas Craft Exhibition**. It's a wonderful opportunity to admire the festive creations the children have made and take their crafts home to enjoy over the holidays.

We are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £5** to help cover the cost of our craft-making morning and to support the purchase of art supplies for the school. (Please see the ParentMail letter sent earlier this week for details.)



Thank you for your support – we can't wait to share the children's amazing work with you!

Year 6 Christmas Foam Printing



Year 4 Art Work (displayed at All Saints Church and Keedwell Church)





North Somerset Athletics Success

On Saturday, four children represented North Somerset Athletics Club in the Gwent League. Anya and Alex Heaps impressed in their first major event, earning valuable team points. Finnegan placed 12th out of over 100 runners in tough conditions, while Charlotte continued her winning streak with another victory. Despite wet and windy weather, all showed resilience and great team spirit in this challenging event.



Incredible Effort from the Inker Family

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news: Beck, Ayda and Darcey Inker raised over £500 this weekend by taking part in *Santa on the Run* for the Children's Hospice. We are so proud of their effort and generosity—what a wonderful achievement!

End-of-Term Worship: Celebrating Achievements Beyond School

We are excited to trial a new tradition! On the last Friday of each term – starting next Friday (19th December), children are invited to bring in a trophy, medal, or certificate they have earned outside of school. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the amazing activities and achievements that children take part in – a chance to truly *let their light shine!* Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, class, and a brief description of the event (if it's not obvious). Awards should relate to this term (e.g. November/December), rather than historic achievements. Please hand in any awards into the school office to put into the celebration worship box, ready for Friday's worship.



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 and again at 6pm 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 – Especially This Time of Year

We know it's that time of year when coughs and colds are everywhere. It can be hard to decide whether your child is well enough for school. However, every day in school really does make a difference to their learning, friendships, and confidence.



Children who attend regularly are more likely to:

- **Keep up with their learning** and avoid gaps.
- **Enjoy social time** with friends.
- **Build good habits** for the future.

Not Sure if They Should Stay Home?

If you're unsure, please check the official NHS guidance before deciding. It gives clear advice on common illnesses and when children should stay at home.

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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

New online CBT service for local children and young people

The local NHS has launched a new online CBT service, SilverCloud, which offers support for children and young people experiencing low mood and anxiety. Children aged 12-plus can self-refer to the service at feelingmixedup.uk and support is also available for parents of children aged five-plus (see posters at the end of the newsletter). The service is a part of a range of local wellbeing support for children and young people that also includes Kooth and Off The Record.

You can find out more about these services in the *Directory of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People* for your area, available on the local NHS website at:

<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing/>

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.



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

Loving God,

In this joyful season, we thank You for the gift of creativity that fills our homes, schools, and hearts. You made a world full of colour, music, and wonder—help us to share that beauty with others.

Bless our hands as they craft, our voices as they sing, and our imaginations as they bring joy. May our creativity reflect Your light and love, bringing hope and peace to all around us.

Guide us to use our talents to celebrate the true meaning of this season.
Amen.



Headteacher's Awards

EYFS/KS1: Dougie (Y1)
KS2: William (Y4)



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Finlay & Jude
Year 2: Lucia & Elis
Year 4: Imogen & Zara
Year 5: Elsie & Harrison
Year 6: Hugo & Elsie

Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Mya T
Year 2: Noah
Year 4: Aoife
Year 5: Johnny
Year 6: Neve

Recent Birthdays:

Stanley (Y4)
Asa (Y5)



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

16/12/25 – KS1 Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) - 9:30am
16/12/25 – Behaviour and Relationships parent forum
19/12/25 – Christmas craft exhibition (after school)
19/12/25 – End of Term 2

Term Dates 2025-2026

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

INSET Days 2025-2026

Friday 16 January
Friday 13 February
Monday 1 June

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

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



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