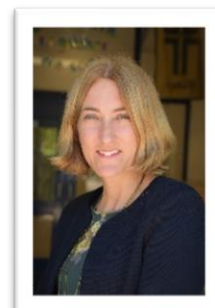




Headteacher Message:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and joyful Christmas break. It has been wonderful to see the children return this week full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead. This term promises to be an exciting one, with plenty of opportunities for learning and growth. We are looking forward to continuing to build on the successes of last term and working together to ensure every child shines in their own unique way. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.



Please keep an eye on the newsletter for key dates and updates, and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. Here's to a fantastic start to 2026!

Our Christian Value for This Term: Respect

This term, we are focusing on the value of **Respect**—for ourselves, for others, and for the world around us. Respect is at the heart of building positive relationships and creating a caring school community where everyone feels valued. We will be exploring what respect looks like in our words and actions through collective worship, class discussions, and everyday interactions. You can find more about how we live out this value, along with ideas for supporting it at home, on our Christian Values Information Sheet available on our website ([click here](#))



Exploring Spirituality and Flourishing

This week, classes have been thinking deeply about what *spirituality* means and how it helps us to *flourish* in our lives. We've talked about the ways we can grow—through kindness, reflection, creativity, and connection with others—and how these things help us to live life in all its fullness.

To capture these ideas, each class has worked together to create their own '**Spiritual-Trees**', filled with thoughts, prayers, and reflections about flourishing. These beautiful trees will soon be on display around the school, so do take a moment to look at them when you visit—they are a wonderful expression of our school vision, *Let Your Light Shine*.



Reception 2026 Applications – Deadline Approaching

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a school place for **Reception 2026** is **Wednesday 15th January**. If you know anyone who is still considering their options, please encourage them to come and have a look around—we are very happy to arrange any last-minute tours. It's a great opportunity to see our wonderful school in action and find out more about what makes our community special.

Reverend Jo's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Jo back into school this week. She helped us introduce our new Christian value for the term, **Respect**, during our Wednesday Key Stage worship. We really value our close partnership with All Saints Church and the opportunities it brings for our children to grow in faith and understanding.

Reverend Jo also led a lunchtime **Bible Club**, sharing the story of *David and Goliath* in an engaging way, accompanied by a fun paper craft activity that the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was a wonderful way to bring this inspiring story to life



Census day – Thursday 15th January

All children, including Nursery and KS2, can order a free lunch next Thursday, 15th January. This is happening in all Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust schools on Census day. All bookings for this day **MUST** be made in the normal way via Aspens Select but there will be no charge to your accounts. The theme of the day is Street Food. A menu is attached for your information. As you already know, KS1 meals are free every day, however children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ordering a lunch on 15 January 2026 have a real positive impact, on the funding we receive from the Government, next year.

Parent Volunteers – We'd Love Your Help!

We are always delighted to welcome parents/grandparents into school as volunteers (subject to DBS checks). Whether you can offer support with reading, help in class, or join us for a one-off session or on a regular basis, your involvement makes a real difference.

Furthermore, If you have an interesting job, talent, or hobby that you would be happy to share with the children, please let us know! It's always wonderful to provide pupils with exciting opportunities to learn about new things and be inspired by the skills and experiences within our community.



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:
Respect**



A Prayer for Respect

Dear God,
Thank You for the people around us—our families, friends, and everyone in our community.
Help us to show respect in all that we do: in our words, in our actions, and in the way we treat others.
Teach us to listen carefully, speak kindly, and value each person as special and loved by You.
Amen.



Class Certificates Awarded to:

- Year 1: Rosie & Arianna**
- Year 2: Betie L & Layla**
- Year 3: Sam & Jacob**
- Year 4: Henry & Sophie**
- Year 5: Olivia C & Laila**
- Year 6: Rosie & Senara**

Stars Awarded to:



- Year 1: Freddie RP**
- Year 2: Leon**
- Year 3: Josh**
- Year 4: Isla S**
- Year 5: Ellie**
- Year 6: Danny**

Recent Birthdays:

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| Fergus (Y3) | Jack (Y3) |
| William (Y4) | Juliette (Y4) |
| Margot (Y5) | Olivia C (Y5) |
| Charlie (Y1) | Livia (Y2) |
| Anya (Y5) | Joshua (Y2) |



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.

INSET Days 2025-2026

Friday 16 January
Friday 13 February
Monday 1 June

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

Welcome back to school from the PSA, we're looking forward to a great term!
Here are some dates for the calendar:

- 30th January - Cake sale
- 6th February – The Big School Quiz Night
(Tickets can be purchased here: <https://pta.events/Northleaze/Quiz2026>)
- 27th February - Cake Sale
- 19th March - School Disco
- 20th March to 3rd April - Easter Trail

