

Headteacher Message:

We hope that our children enjoy the upcoming three-day weekend, with Friday set aside for a LSP INSET day. This INSET will be a fantastic opportunity for schools across the Lighthouse Schools Partnership to come together, share expertise, and moderate writing judgements. These collaborative sessions are invaluable in ensuring that our internal judgements are accurate and consistent, giving every child the best chance to succeed. A special thank you to Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Simmons, who will be leading moderation within their respective year groups clusters. Their knowledge and experience will be instrumental in supporting colleagues and strengthening our shared understanding of high-quality writing.



Internal assessments

Over the past few days, children from year 2 upwards have been completing some internal tests. Although these are kept very 'low key' and the atmosphere is calm and positive for the children, the tests remain an important tool for teachers. They help us understand how well pupils have remembered previous learning and give us valuable insight into their progress. This information is essential for planning the next steps in teaching and learning for the coming terms.

Most of the time, teachers check how children are getting on during lessons through a range of strategies such as discussions, questioning, and looking at work in books. These ongoing checks happen every day and are the main way we monitor progress, while the more formal assessments simply give us an extra layer of information to ensure every child gets the right support and challenge.

SEND Funding Changes

North Somerset Council is introducing a new SEND funding model to help schools support children with special educational needs and /or disabilities (SEND) earlier and more flexibly. To help explain this in more detail, please see the attached documents, which accompany this newsletter:

- North Somerset Council Briefing document: SEND Funding Changes: What Parents Need to Know
- LSP Letter to parents re: distribution of funding
- LSP Frequently asked questions

Trust Term Dates

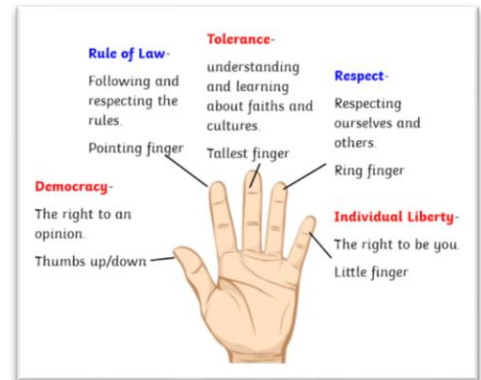
During January, LSP consult with schools across the Trust about the INSET days for the academic year 2026-2027. As soon as these have been finalised, we will share them with you. In the meantime, the trust term dates are shown below:

- **Term 1** – 3 September 2026 – 23 October 2026
- **Term 2** – 2 November 2026 – 18 December 2026
- **Term 3** – 4 January 2027 – 12 February 2027
- **Term 4** – 22 February 2027 – 25 March 2027
- **Term 5** – 12 April 2027 – 28 May 2027
- **Term 6** – 7 June 2027 – 23 July 2027

British Value of the Term

This term, we have introduced the British Value of 'Tolerance of different cultures and beliefs' in our collective worship and daily reflection times.

We have been thinking about how, even when people have different ideas or beliefs, we can still show kindness and respect. The children have reflected on the question: "How can I show kindness and respect to someone who thinks or believes differently from me?" Their thoughtful responses have included listening carefully to others, asking questions with curiosity rather than judgment, and treating everyone with kindness. We are proud of the way our pupils are learning to value differences and show respect in their words and actions.



SMSA Vacancy

We are looking for a caring, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our team as a Lunchtime Supervisor on a Friday. 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

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

Loving God,
Help us to see the value in every person we meet.
Teach us to listen with kindness, speak with honesty,
and act with fairness.
May we treat others as we would want to be treated,
honouring the dignity You have given each of us.
Guide our hearts to build peace and understanding,
so that respect may grow in our homes, schools, and communities.
Amen.



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 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

PSA date reminders:

- 30th January - Cake sale
- 6th February – The Big School Quiz Night
(Tickets can be purchased here:
<https://pta.events/Northleaze/Quiz2026>)
- 12th February – Break the Rules Day!
- 27th February - Cake Sale
- 19th March - School Disco
- 20th March to 3rd April - Easter Trail

A vibrant, chalkboard-style poster for 'The Big School Quiz Night'. The title is written in large, bold, yellow and red letters. Below the title, it says 'Friday 6 February'. The poster includes details: 'Bar opens: 7.15pm', 'Quiz starts: 7.45pm', 'Max team size: 6 People', and 'Tickets: £5'. It also advertises 'Cheese board & Wine Packages Available!' with a note '(Only until Tues 3 Feb)'. The bottom of the poster features a QR code and the text 'Grab your friends for a night of trivia and fun!'. The background is decorated with stars, question marks, a lightbulb, a pencil, a brain, a stack of books, and a glass of wine.