

Headteacher Message:

Even with the steady rain this week, the energy in school has been wonderfully positive. The children have thrown themselves into a variety of activities—from creative projects to mindful moments and adventures outdoors—and it's been a joy to see their enthusiasm shining through.

There is lots to celebrate in this newsletter, including exciting leadership opportunities, inspiring arts work, and the many ways our pupils are supporting one another across the school. I hope you enjoy catching up on all that's been happening, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

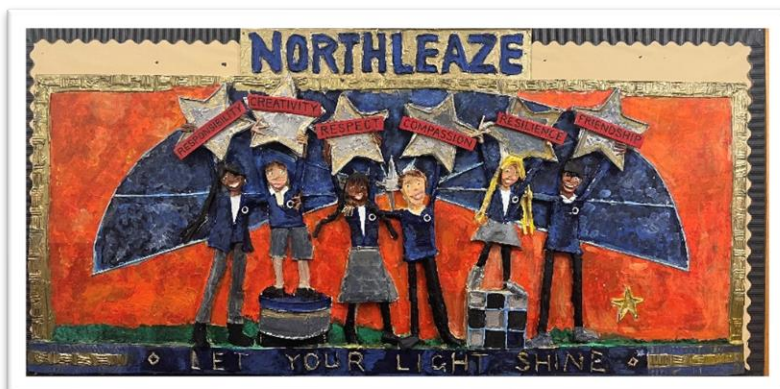


Exciting Staffing News!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Treherne, our EYFS Lead for Nursery and Reception, is expecting a baby in May. We know you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her and her partner all the very best. To ensure continuity for all children, we will soon begin recruiting maternity cover and are already working together to plan a smooth handover. We will update you once an appointment is made.

Paper Artist

We were delighted to welcome paper artist [Darrell Wakelam](#) into school this week to work with the children on a stunning new display for our welcome area, inspired by our school values. Darrell led creative workshops across the school, sharing his incredible paper-craft techniques (do take a look at his website for inspiration – *click on his name above*). He was full of praise for the children, commenting on their excellent listening, creativity and teamwork—I felt very proud of them all. A huge thank-you to our PSA, whose support and the funds raised from the Christmas crafts helped make this wonderful artistic opportunity possible.



Reading Champions

Our Northleaze Reading Champions will be spearheading some exciting plans for the National Year of Reading. They will also be helping Mrs Simmons with streamlining our class libraries, looking for new and exciting books and reading with younger children. We look forward to their passion for reading rubbing off on everyone else!



Opal Play

As part of our commitment to improving play at Northleaze, we would appreciate more donations to our mud kitchen area. If you have any surplus pots, pans, bowls or utensils at home, please can you bring these into the office. We would also like some more medium sizes vehicles to add to the truck toys we already have, as well as any old trikes (in good condition) that you are wishing to rehome. Many thanks

Mindfulness Club

Our lunchtime Mindfulness Club offers children a calm, nurturing space to pause, breathe, and reset in the middle of a busy school day. Pupils enjoy simple mindful activities that help them build focus, confidence, and a sense of wellbeing.



Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 have been loving their time at Forest School, spending time outdoors, working together, and growing in confidence as they explore the natural environment. It's been wonderful to see how much they enjoy learning and discovering beyond the classroom.



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.

 <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>
<p>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.</p>		



**Christian Value of the Term:
Respect**

A Prayer for Respect

Dear God,
 Thank you for our school community and for all the people who help us to learn and grow.
 Help us to show respect in all we do—by listening carefully, speaking kindly, and valuing one another’s thoughts and feelings.
 Teach us to appreciate our differences, to treat others as we would like to be treated, and to care for the world you have given us.
 May our words and actions reflect your love, and may respect shine through in our classrooms, our playground, and our hearts each day.
 Amen.



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Laurie & Charlie

Year 2: Noah & Sophie

Year 3: Hattie & Indie

Year 4: Wren

Year 5: Molly

Year 6: Darcey & Millie

Stars Awarded to:



Year 1: Tommy

Year 2: Joshua

Year 3: Freya

Year 5: Jago

Year 6: Alice

Recent Birthdays:

Arun (Y3)

Harry (Y6)

Scarlett (Y4)

Zara (Y5)

Ivy (Y5)

Hugo (Y6)

Senara (Y6)

Ezra (Y3)

Daisy (Y6)

Mohamed (Y4)

Josh (Y3)

Finlay (Y1)



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

Term Dates 2026-2027

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

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

Axis
Trampoline and
Gymnastics Club

Half Term Holiday Club

ALL DAY
**MULTI ACTIVITY
& MULTI ACTIVITY+ SESSIONS**

HAVE FUN bouncing on our trampolines, trying out gymnastics, double mini trampoline (DMT), air track, fast track, freestyle gymnastics (Free G), and fun in our foam pit

Includes wrap-around care from 9.30am-3.15pm
For EXTENDED wrap-around care from 8.30am-6pm, book our MULTI ACTIVITY+!

Tuesday 17th Feb Early Bird's £7
Under 2's free!

CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

★ Where the children become the stars ★

Long Ashton

Show times: 11am, 1pm & 3pm
Long Ashton Community Centre

Doors open 30 minutes before
with a free circus workshop to
get warmed up!

Featuring Lucas Jet
& Tony Juggler plus
special guests

TICKETS circusextravaganza.co.uk
or text 07891374983

The Big SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6 February

Bar opens: 7.15pm Quiz starts: 7.45pm

Max team size: 6 People Tickets: £5

Cheese board & Wine
Packages Available!
(Only until Tues 3 Feb)

Grab your friends for a night of trivia and fun!