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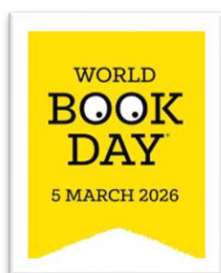
Headteacher Message:

I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing half term break. As we return to school, it's lovely to notice the first signs of spring beginning to brighten our days — a welcome bit of hope and colour after such an astonishingly wet winter!



This term, our Christian value is *Compassion*. At Northleaze, we teach children that compassion means noticing when others are in need and choosing to act with kindness, empathy and understanding. Through worship, stories and everyday interactions, pupils learn that compassion isn't just a feeling — it's something we demonstrate through our words and actions. We encourage children to think about how they can show compassion both in school and at home, whether by offering help, listening carefully to others, or showing patience in tricky moments.

You can find more information about all of our school values, how these are woven into daily school life, and ways you can support them at home on the [School Values](#) page of our website.



World Book Day

A reminder that we'll be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, with this year's theme: "Read Your Way." Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or, for a comfy twist, in their pyjamas. Throughout the day, classes will enjoy a range of fun, book-related activities designed to spark imagination and celebrate a love of reading across the school.

Amazon WishLists

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your incredible generosity in supporting the PSA Amazon Wishlists. The teachers have been absolutely delighted to receive the thoughtful items chosen for their classrooms — each parcel has brought genuine joy!



We are also hugely grateful to the PSA for setting up and coordinating the wishlists. In a time when school funding is tighter than ever, these contributions make a real difference to the resources we can offer the children. Your kindness is felt widely across the school, and we are so appreciative of the community spirit it represents. Thank you for helping to make our classrooms even more inspiring and well-resourced places to learn.



Children's Mental Health Week

Before half term, the children took part in a range of activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week. They spent time thinking about feelings, understanding the importance of mental health, and exploring simple strategies to support their wellbeing both in and out of school. Please visit our website [Mental Health and Wellbeing page](#) for more information for parents about wellbeing support available for children and young people.

Parents Evening

This is a gentle reminder to book your appointment for our upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March (Reception to Year 6) and on Monday 30th March (Nursery). If you haven't yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible so we can ensure you secure a time that works for you. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and talk about next steps for the summer term. If you need any help with the booking system or have any questions, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to assist.

Celebration Worship – New Time Reminder

Further to the parent email sent out last week, a reminder that Celebration Worship has now moved to the end of the day on Fridays, running from 2:40pm to 3:10pm. We have made this change to protect valuable morning learning time, when children are at their freshest and most ready to learn. Holding Celebration Worship at the end of the week also feels like a natural and positive way to come together and reflect on the children's achievements before heading into the weekend.

Year 5 Pottery

This week, Year 5 began their fantastic pottery workshops linked to their Benin Kingdom history topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed shaping their clay pieces and starting the glazing process, and they have shown great focus and imagination throughout. Their artworks are not yet finished, but they are already looking wonderful, and the children are excited to complete them soon.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Cooper for generously giving her time and expertise. Her support has made these sessions truly memorable, and the children are really proud of the pieces they are creating.



Scooter and Bike Safety

A huge thank you to all our families who continue to remind children to hop off their scooters and bikes as soon as they enter the school car park. Your support helps us keep this busy area calm and safe for everyone.

We have, however, had reported *near misses* recently involving children coming down the hill towards school at speed. In those instances, children have had to swerve suddenly to avoid pedestrians, cars, or other pupils, which understandably raises concerns about everyone's safety. Please could all parents and carers take a moment to remind children about the importance of travelling down the road slowly and with care. Being aware of others, keeping speed under control, and showing consideration helps ensure that everyone arrives at school safely. Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Friday Running Club – 12:20pm

As we move into spring and the weather starts to brighten up, it's the perfect time to dust off your trainers and join our Friday Running Club! 🌱☀️ We've noticed numbers dipping a little recently, so this is a gentle nudge to remind everyone just how wonderful it is to get outside, enjoy some fresh air, and boost your energy for the afternoon. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just fancy a gentle jog, everyone is welcome. **Meet at 12:20pm every Friday in the nurture den – come along and let your light shine**

Attendance

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting good attendance, we continually monitor pupils' attendance in line with Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) policy, which asks schools to review attendance in ten-week cycles. If your child's attendance in the ten-week period year up until the end of Term 3 fell below 95%, you will receive an information letter explaining this. Please be reassured that this letter is simply part of our standard procedures and is intended to keep you informed. Our aim is always to work together positively with families, offering support wherever it may be needed, so that every child can make the most of their time in school.



School Disco




Tickets are now on sale for our School Disco on **Thursday 19th March**.

- **EYFS & KS1:** 5:30–6:30pm
- **KS2:** 6:45–7:45pm

All children attending Northleaze are welcome, preschool children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. If you'd like to join in the dancing and volunteer to help on the night, please reach out to your year group PSA rep. We look forward to a fun evening of music and dancing! Please see the flyer for full details.

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.

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|  <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> |
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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:
Compassion**

A Prayer for Compassion

Dear God,
Help us to show compassion in all we do.
Open our eyes to those who need kindness,
give us gentle words and caring hearts,
and guide us to shine your love in our school and community.
Amen.

Headteacher's Awards

Freddie (Y2)

Sid (Y6)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Thomas B

Year 2: Jaxon

Year 3: Charis

Year 4: Phoebe

Year 5: Thomas

Year 6: Charlie



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Beck & Mya T

Year 2: Indi & Jack

Year 3: Archie & Theo

Year 4: Ada & Aoife

Year 5: Heston & Johnny

Year 6: Wendy & Millie



Recent Birthdays:

Flo (Y1)

Mostyn (Y3)

Elis (Y2)

Henry (Y4)

Elodie (Rec)

Sam (Y3)



Key Dates

05/02/26 - World Book Day

04/03/26 – Year 5/6 Gymnastics

Festival

19/03/25 – PSA School Disco

24/03/26 and 26/03/26 – Parents

Evening (Reception to Year 6)

30/03/26 – Parents Evening -

Nursery

INSET Days 2025-2026

Monday 1 June

INSET Days 2026-2027

Thursday 3 September 2026

Friday 4 September 2026

Friday 20 November 2026

Friday 15 January 2027

Monday 22 February 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

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

Term Dates 2025-2026

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