

## Headteacher Message:

What a difference the brighter, spring-like weather has made this week — and with no rain for once! It has been lovely to start the mornings in such pleasant conditions, and it's certainly made being on the gate even more enjoyable. I really value the opportunity to see families at the start and end of the day, and it's always lovely when parents share their children's accomplishments or little successes — however small. I can then follow this up in school with a simple 'well done' or a Headteacher's sticker or pencil!

I believe strongly in the importance of partnership between home and school. When we work together and communicate openly, we create the very best conditions for children to thrive. Please always feel free to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns you would like to raise.

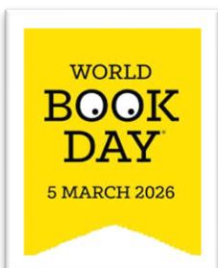


## Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

We marked St David's Day in school this week with a special Collective Worship exploring Welsh heritage and traditions. The children enjoyed learning about the significance of the leek and the daffodil as national symbols and were fascinated to see pictures of traditional Welsh national dress. We also talked about how St David is remembered for his message to "do the little things," encouraging everyone to think about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. It was a lovely way for the school to recognise this important cultural celebration.

## World Book Day

Everyone looked absolutely fantastic today, fully embracing the 2026 World Book Day theme of 'Going all in!' We had gangster grannies, Matildas, crayons and even an Elmer! We enjoyed a costume parade with the whole school and shared a story together. Don't forget your child's digital book token which was sent out last week.



*The classes have been mixing up to do some shared reading and it was lovely to see the older and younger children sharing that love of books together. Our Reading Champions celebrated some of our best dressed, set out a Book Trail around the school grounds and devised book quizzes. They have been excellent ambassadors and showcased our collective love of reading that is such a powerful part of being at Northleaze.*

**Mrs Simmons**





### Gymnastics Festival

A group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic afternoon at the “Give it a Try” Rise Gymnastics Festival held at Gemini Gymnastics on Wednesday. The event brought together children from a number of local schools and gave our pupils the chance to explore new skills in a supportive, non-competitive environment. They enjoyed working with qualified Gemini coaches, trying a range of activities, and gaining confidence as they moved around the specialist equipment. We were incredibly proud of the children’s enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the festival. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to challenge themselves and have fun while representing Northleaze. Thank you to Miss Reynolds, Mrs Slee and Miss Tucker for their time and effort for this trip.



*Throughout the session, the children showed great enthusiasm and were keen to try new challenges. They listened carefully to the instructors and supported one another as they developed their confidence and coordination. Our children represented the school brilliantly. Their behaviour was exemplary and they showed respect for the staff, the equipment and each other throughout the visit.*

Miss Reynolds





**Big Walk and Wheel 2026** runs from Monday 16 March to Friday 27 March, and we're excited to take part in this nationwide challenge encouraging pupils to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school. Families can help by supporting children to make an active journey each day—or by parking a little further away and walking the final stretch. Every active trip helps us log our progress, earn virtual badges and contribute to cleaner air and safer streets around school. Thank you for helping our pupils arrive energised, ready to learn, and making every journey count!

### Celebration Worship

It was lovely to see more parents able to join us for Celebration Worship last Friday after the move to the new afternoon slot. The children really enjoyed sharing their achievements with you. A reminder that Celebration Worship now takes place on Fridays from **2:40pm to 3:10pm**. Thank you for your support with this change.

### Attendance

Thank you to those of you who have shared feedback following the recent attendance letters. I want to reassure parents that these letters are sent for information in line with LSP policy. These letters are intended to keep families informed and to open conversations early if any support is needed. I also want to emphasise that, overall, attendance at Northleaze remains strong, and we are grateful for the commitment our families show in getting children to school on time each day. Your support makes a real difference, and we value the open conversations we have with you about your children's needs. If you ever have questions about attendance or would like to talk things through, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always here to help.

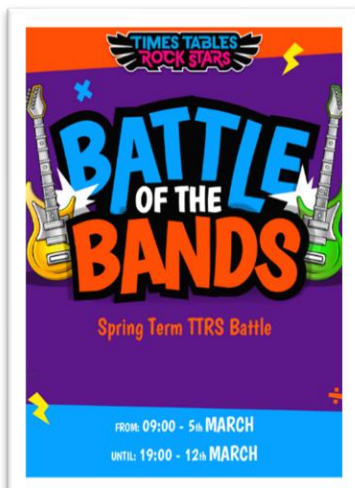


### School Disco

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.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

There's a new TTRS Battle between class groups. Join in and support your class to be the best in the school at practising their timetables!

This battle is for Year 1 and above.

## **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:  
Compassion**

### **A Prayer for Compassion**

Dear God,  
Thank you for all the people around us who show kindness every day.  
As we think about St David's Day, help us remember his message to  
**"be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things."**

Teach us to notice when others need a gentle word,  
a helping hand, or a friendly smile.  
Give us hearts that listen, patience to understand,  
and the courage to show compassion even when it feels difficult.

May our small acts of kindness shine brightly,  
just as St David encouraged,  
and may our words and actions bring your light  
into our school and our community.

Amen.



## Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Freddie R-P (Y1)

KS2: Toby R-P (Y2)



## Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Rosie

Year 2: Logan

Year 3: Maddie

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Asa

Year 6: Daisy



## Class Certificates

### Awarded to:

Year 1: Dougie & Jude

Year 2: Hugo & Elis

Year 3: Fergus & Laura

Year 4: Olivia & Isla L

Year 5: Jack

Year 6: Whole Class Certificate



## Recent Birthdays:

Max (Y4)

Phoebe (Y4)

Archie (Y3)

Lucy (Y3)



### Key Dates

16/03/26 – 27/03/26 – Walk to School Week(s)

19/03/26 – 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