



## Headteacher Message:

We will be saying a very heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Cowell, who will be leaving the school office on Friday 20th March. Her warmth, efficiency, and calm presence have been at the heart of our school for so many years, supporting children, families, and staff with unwavering kindness and care. Mrs Cowell's contribution to our community has been immense. From the countless "behind the scenes" moments that keep the school running smoothly to the many times she has gone above and beyond for others, she has truly been a steady and shining presence in school life. We know many families will share our sadness at seeing her go.

Although we are very sorry to say goodbye, we are also incredibly excited for her as she begins her new ventures. On behalf of the whole school community, we wish her **the very best of luck** and hope she carries forward many happy memories of her time here. Thank you, Mrs Cowell, for everything. You will be greatly missed.

## Northleaze Parent Forum

We are pleased to be establishing the **Northleaze Parent Forum** – a new, friendly and collaborative way for parents and school to work together. Each class will be invited to nominate one parent representative, and we will meet once a term, for tea, cake and a relaxed discussion about any school topics, themes, ideas or questions that have arisen. Meetings will take place on the final Monday of each term at 2:15pm, which allows parents to join before pick-up.

We ask that parents organise among themselves who will be their Class Representative, and then inform the school office by Monday 23rd March. Our first Parent Forum meeting will be held on Monday 31st March. Our aim is to strengthen partnership, celebrate what is going well, and work together to continue improving the experience for all children and families at Northleaze.



## New School Charity Launch: Go MAD UK – Go Make A Difference

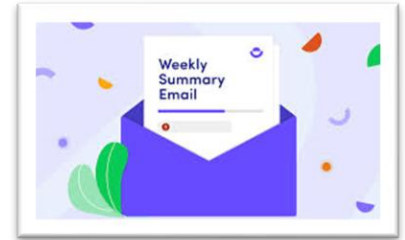


This week in Collective Worship, we introduced our new school charity for the year: **Go MAD UK**, which supports young people in remote communities in the Dominican Republic to access education. This launch links directly to our Christian value of the term, **Compassion – 'love in action'**.

Claire Hodgeson, the founder of the charity, has created a special video for our school, and children have already begun sharing their own fundraising ideas. We look forward to involving our whole community. A full letter with Claire's story, the video link, and further information can be found in the attached letter.

## Weekly Class Emails to Parents

Following some really thoughtful feedback from families, we are pleased to be re-introducing weekly class emails. These updates were originally paused to support teacher workload and to help us streamline communication, ensuring that messages from school remained clear and consistent. At the same time, we know how important it is for parents to feel connected to school life, and we want to ensure we strike the right balance between these different priorities.



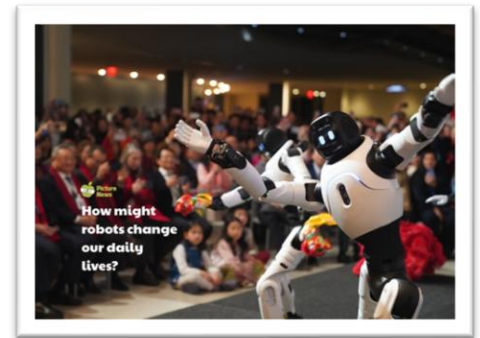
The weekly emails on a Friday will offer a brief but meaningful snapshot of class learning, the lovely activities taking place, and simple ways to support at home if you wish. Our hope is that these updates will help you feel even more in touch with the rich experiences your children enjoy each week. We truly value our partnership with parents, and we are always happy to review and refine our approaches so that our communication continues to be helpful, manageable and reflective of our shared aims for every child

## Picture News

Last week, our Picture News focus explored a fascinating current-affairs story about **humanoid robots performing at China's Lunar New Year Gala**, one of the most-watched television events in the world. The children reflected on the big question:

**“How might robots change our daily lives?”**

As always, Picture News prompted thoughtful discussion and encouraged pupils to consider different perspectives, link their ideas to our school values, and reflect on the impact of technology on society. Families can explore the virtual Picture News resources here if they would like to continue the conversation at home: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



We are also looking forward to some of our older pupils in **Years 5 and 6** taking part in a Picture News leadership session soon, helping them to build confidence and develop the skills to lead worship for their peers. We can't wait to see how they shine in this role.



**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!



## 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.



**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: Otis

KS2: Sara



## Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Arianna

Year 2: Layla

Year 3: Hattie

Year 4: Toby

Year 5: Ivy

Year 6: Olive



## Class Certificates

### Awarded to:

Year 1: Charlie & Tommy U

Year 2: Esme & Leon

Year 3: Laurie & Sam

Year 4: Tom & Nina

Year 5: Zara, Anya & Elsie

Year 6: Wendy & Ben



## Recent Birthdays:

Jaxon (Y2)

Maddie (Y3)

Hugo (Y2)

Lyra (Y5)

Charlotte (Y6)



### 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

30/03/26 – Easter Service

### 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