



## Headteacher Message:

What a joy it has been to finally see some sunshine this week! The brighter weather has lifted everyone's spirits, and it has been absolutely lovely watching the children make the most of the field again — running, playing, exploring, and enjoying the space together. There's something special about the buzz of activity outdoors when the sun comes out, and it's been a real highlight of our school days recently. Let's hope this run of sunshine continues a little longer!

## Walking to School – A Gentle Reminder

We are really pleased to see so many children walking to school each morning — it's a healthy, social and environmentally friendly way to start the day. However, it has been brought to my attention that some children have been stopping at the park on their way in. Please could parents and carers be mindful of this and check in with your child about their morning routine, so you know their journey is in line with your expectations and they are arriving at school promptly and safely. Thank you for your support in helping all our pupils get to school ready for the day ahead.

## Well-being through art

This term, we are delighted to have been able to offer special wellbeing-focused art sessions led by Mrs Mascord. These sessions are designed to support children's emotional wellbeing by giving them space to express their ideas, build confidence through artistic exploration, and experience a real sense of achievement. During the first session last week, it was wonderful to see the children fully engage with the creative process and produce such colourful, vibrant pieces of artwork. We feel very fortunate to have secured a grant to make these sessions possible.



## Comic Relief at Northleaze



We marked **Comic Relief** in school today with plenty of laughter and a focus on kindness. Classes joined in with this year's theme, *"Take Yourself Funny for Money,"* by sharing their favourite jokes! Here are a few of our favourites...

Teachers also spent time helping children learn about the important work Comic Relief supports, exploring how the charity helps people and communities in the UK and around the world. Donation link: [Comic Relief](#)

## Go MAD (Go Make a Difference) School Charity - Non-Uniform Day

On the last day of term (Thursday 2nd April), we are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes. In return, we are asking for a small contribution to support our school charity as part of our *Go MAD – Go Make a Difference* initiative, raising funds for the school bus charity. Children are welcome to bring in **£1** on the day or families can make a **voluntary donation via ParentPay** if they prefer. Thank you for helping us continue to make a difference together.

## School Disco

A heartfelt *thank you* to our wonderful PSA for organising such a fantastic school disco. The children had an amazing time — from the music and dancing to the fun atmosphere you created. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without your hard work, creativity and dedication.

Thank you for bringing our school community together and giving the children a memorable treat!



## Could You Help Us Build an EYFS Investigation Station? 🛠️ 🌿

We're looking to create a hands-on Investigation Station for our Early Years children—an inviting space where curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving can flourish. Think wood, tools, loose parts, and lots of opportunities for exploring how things work! The photo below shows the kind of sturdy, child-friendly workbench we have in mind: a simple wooden station with shelves, space for tools, and room for little hands to tinker, build, and discover.

We know we have some wonderfully skilled parents, grandparents, and carers in our community—and we'd love to ask:

Would anyone be interested in helping us build something like this? Whether you're a keen DIYer, a retired craftsperson, or just enjoy a weekend project, your support could make a real difference. You could help by:

- Designing and building the station
- Donating materials (wood, fixings, tools)
- Offering time, skills, or advice

This would be a fantastic addition to our EYFS provision, giving children a safe and inspiring place to explore real tools, develop fine motor skills, and build confidence through hands-on learning. If you'd like to get involved, please speak to a member of staff or contact us via the school office. 🌿



## Parent Governors

*Northleaze is currently recruiting parent governors to our governing body. I've been a parent governor for over a year and have really enjoyed supporting the school's strategic direction and vision, working with its dedicated staff team, and helping to shape decisions that improve education for everyone.*

*Being a governor is also a great way to develop new skills, gain insight into how a school operates, and give something back to our children and the wider school community.*




*I would encourage anyone who is passionate about education and wants to have a positive impact to consider becoming a school governor—it's a meaningful and worthwhile experience. Please do reach out if you would like to hear more about the role and if it could work for you!*

**Mrs Claire Pringle**



## 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><b>Corinne Clarke</b> Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	 <p><b>Julia Simmons</b> Year 5 Teacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	 <p><b>Rowena Davin</b> 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 open our hearts to others each day.  
Teach us to notice when someone needs kindness,  
to listen with patience,  
and to act with courage and care.

May our words bring comfort,  
our actions bring hope,  
and our choices make our school a place  
where everyone feels valued and loved.

Guide us to *Let our Light Shine*  
through compassion, understanding, and generosity.  
Amen.

## Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Florence

KS2: Theo



## Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Laurie

Year 2: Molly

Year 3: Josh

Year 4: Stanley

Year 5: Tabitha



## Class Certificates

### Awarded to:

Year 1: Finlay & Nico

Year 2: Joshua & Bertie L

Year 3: Mostyn

Year 4: Juliette & Zara

Year 5: Lyra & Margot

## Recent Birthdays:

Aoife (Y4)

Nico (Y1)

Elsie (Y5)



### Key Dates

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

**24/03/26 and 26/03/26** – Parents Evening (Reception to Year 6)

**30/03/26** – Parents Evening - Nursery

**30/03/26** – Easter Service

**02/03/26** – Non school uniform day

### 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