



Headteacher Message:



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, engaging so positively with your children's learning. These conversations make such a difference—they strengthen the partnership between home and school and help us work together to support every child.

A huge thank you also to our fantastic teachers and support staff for the time, care and professionalism they put into preparing for these meetings. Their commitment to knowing each child well and celebrating their progress is something I am incredibly proud of. Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community.

Easter Service – Monday

On **Monday**, the whole school will be walking up to the Church for our Easter Service. Parents are warmly invited to join us for the walk, stay for the service, and accompany us safely back to school afterwards. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with our school community.

Parent Representative Forum

A reminder that our first **Parent Forum** will take place on **Monday at 2:15pm**. If your class hasn't yet chosen a Parent Representative, it would be great if you could agree on someone and let the school office know. Thank you for your support in helping us strengthen communication between home and school.

Year 5's Fabulous Benin Bronzes

I'm sure many of you will have seen Year 5's fabulous *Benin Bronzes* on display as you came in for Parents' Evening. They look truly spectacular! A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper for leading such a rich and creative project—and well done to the children for producing such impressive work. We are incredibly proud of them.

Discovering Darwin in Year 6!

Year 6 have now finished their Science unit covering Evolution and Inheritance, where they have done some excellent learning! Our lessons have covered genetic inheritance, how animals are adapted to their environments, Charles Darwin and natural selection, the information that fossils can tell us, and the different types of evidence for evolution.

Along the way they've imagined going back to the year 1831 to try and identify an as-yet undiscovered dinosaur, exploring the process of discovery and refinement of ideas just like real palaeontologists. They have also imagined themselves as finches blown over to the Galapagos islands, ready to roll the dice of chance - to find out who will survive and who will thrive. We have also explored how different beak shapes are adapted for foraging for different foods, using household foods and a variety of 'beaks' like cocktail sticks and clothes pegs. Year 6 have been engaged and enthusiastic learners - well done!





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

A reminder: 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.

Punctual Start times - Thankyou

Thank you so much for supporting your children to arrive at school on time each day. The gate closes at 8:50am, and it's wonderful that—by this time—the vast majority of our children are already in school safely and fully engaged with their morning work. This purposeful start really sets the tone for a positive and productive day of learning. We truly appreciate your efforts in making this happen. Thank you!



Staffing Update

Mrs Maxwell has been with us on secondment as Assistant Headteacher throughout this academic year and will be returning to Golden Valley Primary School at the end of the summer term. Next week we will be recruiting for her permanent replacement: a new Deputy Headteacher for Northleaze for the beginning of September. Although we still have the whole summer term ahead of us, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs Maxwell for her hard work, commitment, and the positive impact she has had on our school community.

We have also been busy recruiting the maternity-cover teacher for Miss Treherne, and we are delighted to let you know that we have now made an appointment. We are finalising details and planning transition; we will share more details with you as soon as we are able to.

Weekly email updates



We hope you are enjoying the weekly email updates, which are designed to give you a clearer flavour of what's happening in school each week—what the children have been learning, what has felt special, and how you might be able to support at home. As we approach the Easter holidays, teachers will also be offering a few extra ideas that could help reinforce learning over the break. However, we fully recognise that the holidays are an important time for rest, relaxation, and time together as a family, so please keep this in mind and only do what feels right for you.

End of Term

This will be our final newsletter of the term, as we break up for the Easter holiday on **Thursday** next week. As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I want to wish all our children, families and staff a happy, restful and enjoyable break. Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a wonderful place to learn, work and grow—we are truly grateful.

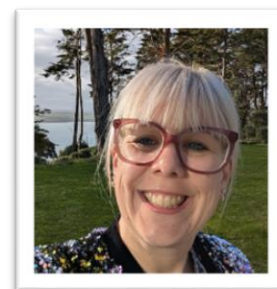
Parent Governors

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.



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

*As we journey towards Easter, may we grow in compassion —
seeing others with kindness, offering patience,
and sharing hope wherever it's needed most.
May the light of Easter guide our hearts and our actions.
Amen.*

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Bluebell

KS2: Rosie



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Freddie B

Year 3: Leo

Year 4: Isla S

Year 5: Henry

Year 6: Izzy



Class Certificates

Awarded to:

Year 1: Bodhi

Year 2: Sara & Lucia

Year 3: Freya & Jacob

Year 4: Libby & Wren

Year 5: Monty & Bonnie

Year 6: Hugo & Ayda



Recent Birthdays:

Lucas (Y3)

Harry (Y4)



Key Dates

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