



Headteacher Message:

With the warmer, sunnier weather, it has been a real joy to see the children so happily playing on the field and making the most of our beautiful grounds. It is always a pleasure to show parents and visitors around the school, and I feel genuinely proud of how welcoming, polite and friendly the children are. Their warmth and positive attitudes are often remarked upon and are a real reflection of the caring community we have here at Northleaze

Reception and Nursery Staffing Update

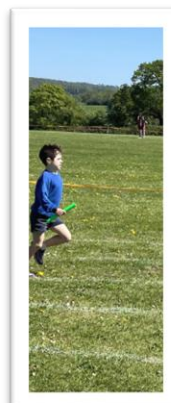
Mrs Treherne's final day with us will be Friday 18th May, as she begins her maternity leave. She has been working incredibly hard to ensure a smooth and thoughtful handover to Mrs Wendy Straughton, who will be teaching the Reception and Nursery class for the remainder of the summer term.

Mrs Straughton is an experienced Reception teacher, currently teaching in Yatton (which is also a LSP Trust school), and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise with her. She spent time in class with the children today and will be back again on Wednesday 13th May and Friday 15th May to continue getting to know the children and to establish warm, positive relationships. We would also like to warmly invite parents into school on **Wednesday 13th May** (straight after school) for an informal *'Meet the Teacher'* session.

Importantly, the rest of the Reception team, including our familiar LSAs, will continue to provide consistency, care and routine for the children. We are delighted that Mrs Straughton is joining us for the remainder of the summer term and are confident that, together, the team will ensure a happy, settled and positive experience for all our children.

Year 3/4 'Run for Fun'

Year 3/4 had a fantastic morning at the *Run for Fun* running festival at St Katherine's School. With glorious sunshine and a brilliant atmosphere, the children showed super determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the event – all with lots of smiles along the way! We were incredibly proud of the way they encouraged one another and gave everything a go. Thankyou to Mrs Maxwell for taking them! We're hoping this has inspired even more of our children to join (or continue with!) our lunchtime running club on a Friday!



Key Dates

Forest School
Year 1 - Tuesdays
Year 2 – Wednesdays

Survey Deadline
08/05/26

Year 6 SATs Week
11-14/05/26

EYSF – Meet the
Teacher
13/05/26

Term 5 Parent Forum
18/05/26

Last day of term
22/05/26

Lunchtime Clubs Reminder

Construction –
Monday

Mindfulness -
Tuesday

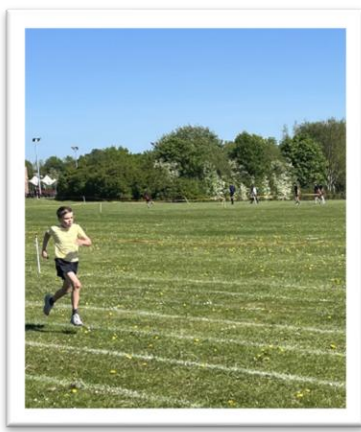
Times table Rock
Stars – Tuesday

Choir – Wednesday

Colouring - Friday

Running Club – Friday

Bristol Sport Leaders
- Friday



Picture news

This week in Picture News, the children discussed how technology can be used to help people who need extra support. We explored a news story about new AI-supported glasses designed to help people with dementia or memory difficulties by recognising objects and giving spoken prompts. Pupils talked thoughtfully about compassion, inclusion and how technology can help people live more independently. They also reflected on how we can notice when others need extra care and the different ways we can show kindness and support in our everyday lives.



Epic Picnic – Friday 5th June

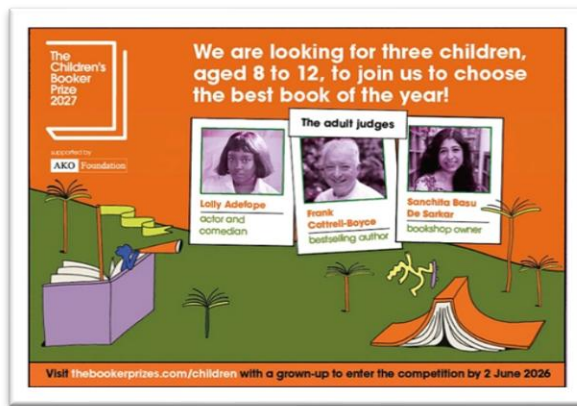
On the afternoon of Friday 5th June, Children in Years 3–5 will be visiting EPIC in Long Ashton, leaving school at 11:30am by coach and returning by the end of the day. During the visit, pupils will take part in a rotation of activities, including creative work, construction, sustainability learning and a site tour. Lunch bags will be provided (with a choice of ham or cheese), although children may bring a packed lunch if they prefer. In order for this visit to go ahead safely, we really do need parent helpers on the day, and we would be extremely grateful if you are able to come along and support us. Please do let us know if you are able to help, as places on the coach are limited. **A separate letter will be sent to parents of children in years 3-5 (which includes a Microsoft Link to select food choices).**

School Uniform

This is a gentle note to say that we have noticed a number of children wearing trainers on days when it is not a PE day. In line with our school uniform policy, we would like to remind parents that children should wear their school shoes on non-PE days. Our full uniform policy can be found on the [school website](#). If you have any worries or concerns, or if there are specific circumstances, we should be aware of, please do get in touch with us. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain our school standards.

Parent Governors

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor following a recent resignation. As a parent or carer, you are warmly invited to consider standing for election or nominating another parent. Governors play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, and no special qualifications are needed—just an interest in the school and a willingness to contribute. Please see the separate letter sent with this newsletter for full details about the role, the nomination process and key dates, including the closing date of **midday on Friday 22nd May 2026**.



Parent Survey

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, giving us really valuable information about your views and helps drive school improvement and allows our schools to further support pupils in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Monday 8th May

Please click this link to complete the survey:

<https://responses.lpsurveys.org.uk/t/NorthleazeParents/>



Running Club (KS2)

A great photo from Running Club today

Thank you very much to our parent helpers each week!

If your child would like to take part in Running Club on a Friday lunchtime, please speak to the School Office.

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.



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.



A Prayer for Resilience

Loving God,
Thank you for being with us in both joyful moments and challenging times.
Help us to grow in resilience — to keep going when things feel difficult,
to be patient with ourselves and with one another,
and to trust that we can learn and grow through every experience.
Give us courage when we feel unsure, strength when we feel tired,
and kindness to support those around us.
Amen.

**Christian Value of the Term:
Resilience**

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Layla (Y2)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Jude

Year 3: Arun

Year 4: Scarlett

Year 5: Anya



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Freddie R-P & Dougie

Year 2: Toby & Molly

Year 3: Lucy & Endelyn

Year 4: William & Imogen

Year 5: Laila

Year 6: Sid & Oliver



Recent Birthdays:

Elisa (R)

Heston (Y5)

Isla (Y6)

Max (R)

Eliza (R)

Ada (Y4)



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

INSET Days 2025-2026

Monday 1 June

Term Dates 2025-2026

Term 5: Mon 20 Apr - Fri 22 May 26
Term 6: Mon 1 Jun - Wed 22 Jul 26

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