



Headteacher Message:

As ever, it has been a busy and positive week at Northleaze, with lots of purposeful learning taking place across the school. It's been particularly lovely to see children engaging so thoughtfully with outdoor learning and developing their understanding of the wider world, reflecting our shared values and care for one another. Thank you for the continued support you show our staff, our pupils and the wider life of the school. Working together makes such a difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children.

Staff Update

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Bertenshaw, who will be leaving Northleaze after many years of dedicated service to the school. Mrs Bertenshaw has been a highly valued and experienced member of our teaching team and has made a significant contribution to school life during her time with us. While she will be taking some time away from teaching, we are pleased that she hopes to remain connected with Northleaze and may return to support the school through supply cover in the future. We thank her for all she has given to our community and wish her every happiness for the next chapter.

Year 6 SATs

Next week (Monday to Thursday), our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs. They have been preparing incredibly hard, and we are very proud of the focus, resilience and determination they have shown. We wish them all the very best of luck. While SATs are one way of showing what children know, they are only one measure of success and do not capture the many other qualities we value so highly at Northleaze – such as creativity, kindness, teamwork and compassion. To help the week run as smoothly as possible, please support your child by ensuring they have a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and arrive punctually at school each day, to avoid any unnecessary worry. Thank you for your continued support.

Cake Sale – Last Day of Term

On the final Friday of term, we will be holding a cake sale after school to raise money for our school's Go MAD charity, which is supporting a bus project in the Dominican Republic. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, which can be brought into school on the morning of **Friday 22nd May**. All money raised will go directly to the charity. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Author Visit – Friday 22nd May

We're delighted to let you know that children's author B. Ware will be visiting us on Friday 22nd May. She will be sharing her latest book, *WARNING: Grandma's Gone Bonkers* – her third children's story, suitable for all ages.

If they wish, families can purchase copies of *WARNING: Grandma's Gone Bonkers*, *WARNING: May Contain Dragons* and/or *WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!* in advance via linktr.ee/bwareauthor, and children are welcome to

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

Tempest
Photographers
Whole Class Photos
Year 6 Leavers Photos
19/05/26

Donations of cake for
cake sale and author
visit 22/05/26

INSET Day Term 6
01/06/26

Sports Day
19/06/26

Summer Fair
3/7/26



bring these into school on the day to have them signed. (All three titles are also currently on special offer on Amazon.)

B. Ware will also be selling **signed copies (£8.99 per book)** at the end of the school day, with **cash or card payments accepted**. If your child would like to buy a book during the day, please send cash in an envelope (change will be available). Parents are also very welcome to visit the stall outside the main entrance at home time.



Year 2's Woodland Wednesdays

Year 2 are loving their Woodland Wednesdays. This week, they linked to the science learning about habitats by exploring microhabitats within the woodland and they even created habitats for woodland animals.



Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

This week, we have been proud to mark the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, whose work has inspired generations to wonder about, respect and care for the natural world. The children took part in a special Key Stage worship, learning about Sir David's life, his passion for nature and his powerful message about looking after our planet. They reflected on how each of us can play our part in caring for the world around us, linking closely with our school values and our collective responsibility to let our light shine through our actions.

Classes also joined a national live event celebrating Sir David's birthday, alongside thousands of schools across the country. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to feel part of something bigger, celebrating a figure who has helped us see the beauty and importance of the world we share.

Reminder: EPIC Picnic – Friday 5th June.

On the afternoon of Friday 5th June, children in Years 3–5 will be visiting EPIC in Long Ashton. They will leave school by coach at **11:30am** and return by the end of the school day. A separate letter has been sent to parents of children in Years 3–5, which includes a Microsoft Form link to select food choices – please do make sure this has been completed. We would also be very grateful to hear from any parents who may be able to help on the trip. Places on the coach are limited, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are available. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day – Friday 19th June

We are delighted to let you know that our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 19th June. This is always a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their skills, enjoy teamwork, and have lots of fun in a supportive and encouraging environment. We warmly invite parents and carers to come along, cheer on the children, and share in this special day. Further details regarding timings and arrangements will be shared closer to the date.

Parent Survey – Final Day today

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 Friday 8th May. Please click this link to complete the survey:



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



Transition to Secondary School

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP
Supporting your child's move to secondary school



The transition workshop will share the latest thoughts, feelings and experiences of children currently in Year 7 across North Somerset, helping parents and carers understand what the move to secondary school is really like.

- Stay informed**
Hear up-to-date insights from current Year 7 students
- Feel confident**
Get practical advice and reassurance for the transition
- Ask questions**
Share thoughts and concerns with local professionals

Transition to Secondary School Workshop for Parents and Carers

North Somerset are running a Transition to Secondary School workshop for parents and carers, and have added an additional evening session due to high demand.

[Transition to Secondary school workshop for Parents and Carers](#)

20th May 6 – 7:70pm, Network Learning Pathways – Wick St Lawrence

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**.

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.

Our School Safeguarding Team



Mrs Clarke
Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Simmons
Year 5 Teacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Pringle
Parent
Safeguarding
Governor



**Christian Value of the Term:
Resilience**

A Prayer for Resilience

Loving God,
Thank you for being with us in joyful moments and in 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.

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Rosie (Y1)

KS2: Zara (Y4)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Indi & George

Year 3: Josh & Lucas

Year 4: Mohamed

Year 5: Margot

Year 6: Darcey



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Tommy U & Maya H

Year 2: Logan & Livia

Year 3: Arun & Robyn

Year 4: Sophie

Year 5: Asa & Winston

Year 6: Harry, Charlotte & Felicity

Recent Birthdays:

Marcie (Y3)

Freddie (Y2)



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