



Headteacher Message:

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the fantastic way they approached SATs this week. They have conducted themselves with calm, determination and maturity, and have truly embodied our school values. This term's value of *resilience* has felt particularly apt, and Year 6 have shown it in abundance – persevering, supporting one another and giving their very best.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and would like to thank the whole Year 6 cohort for being so fantastic throughout the week. A sincere thank you to the many members of staff and our wider school community who gave their time to support the children – from early starts to calm encouragement throughout the day. It has been a real team effort and a wonderful example of what makes Northleaze such a strong and caring community.

Finally, thank you to our Year 6 parents for the chocolate doughnuts delivered on Thursday – what a thoughtful and much-appreciated treat for the children at the end of the week!



Staffing Updates

Saying Thankyou and Goodbye to Mrs Ahier. This term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ahier, who is leaving Northleaze after an incredible 19 years of service. Over nearly two decades, Mrs Ahier has played a central role in supporting children's learning and wellbeing across the school. Her dedication, quiet commitment and genuine care for every child she has worked with have made a lasting impression on generations of pupils. Mrs Ahier has been a familiar and reassuring presence within our classrooms and around the school, and her experience and support have been hugely valued by colleagues over the years. She has given so much to the life of Northleaze and has helped shape the positive, nurturing environment we are so proud of. As she moves on, we extend our sincere thanks for her long-standing contribution and all that she has given to our school community. We wish her every happiness for the future. Mrs Ahier will be greatly missed.



We would also like to share the news that **Miss Withinshaw**, who has been on maternity leave this year, has let us know that she will not be returning to Northleaze in September. Miss Withinshaw has been a valued and much-loved member of the Northleaze team since 2017, and her contribution to school life over many years has been significant. She has worked with great care, commitment and passion, and has supported so many children and families during her time with us. Mrs Withinshaw will be greatly missed by staff and families alike.

Miss Withinshaw was keen to share the following message with our school community:

"It is with great sadness that I have decided to bring my time at Northleaze to a close in order to start a new chapter with my daughter closer to family in Cheshire. Since 2017, I have been welcomed, valued and supported by everyone in the Northleaze family and I'm so grateful for my time in the school. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside the most amazing staff team and families for so long. I have learnt so much from everyone and will take away



Key Dates

Forest School
Year 1 - Tuesdays
Year 2 – Wednesdays

Term 5 Parent Forum
18/05/26

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

Non-school uniform
day and author visit
22/05/26

INSET Day Term 6
01/06/26

Sports Day
19/06/26

Cyber Security Parent
Workshop
(3:30 – 4:30)

Summer Fair
03/07/26

some treasured memories. Thank you to every family who has shared their love and commitment for their children with me and I wish you all many happy times in the years to come at the school."

Miss Treherne begins her maternity leave from Monday, and we were delighted to give her a very special send-off on Thursday this week. She was presented with cards and gifts, and enjoyed a whole-school rendition of "*Spring Chicken!*", which was a lovely shared moment for everyone. We send Miss Treherne our very best wishes as she

begins this exciting new chapter and look forward to welcoming her back in the future.



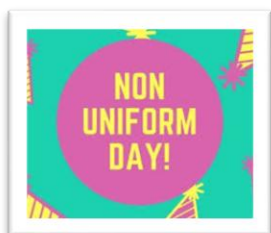
We are also pleased to welcome **Mrs Straughton** to Northleaze, who will be teaching in Reception/EYFS until the end of the academic year. We know she will be a great support to the children during this time.

Parent Forum

Reminder: This term's Parent Forum will take place on Monday 18th May at 2:45pm. The Parent Forum is a friendly, informal opportunity for parent representatives and school leaders to meet, share feedback, and discuss ideas or themes that have arisen. We'll come together for relaxed discussion as we continue to work in partnership to support all children and families at Northleaze.



Go Mad Charity Cake Sale – postponed



Non-school Uniform Day – Friday 22nd May

Following our recent newsletter, we wanted to let you know about a small change to our end-of-term fundraising plans. As the PSA are holding a cake sale after school on Friday 22nd May, we will now postpone our Go MAD Charity cake sale to another date. Instead, we would like to invite children to come into school on the last day of term in non-uniform, in exchange for a donation to our Go MAD charity (suggested donation of £1) – *collection to be made on the day*. Funds raised will continue to support the bus project in the Dominican Republic.

Reminder: Author Visit – Friday 22nd May

Children's author B. Ware will be visiting school on Friday 22nd May to share her book *WARNING: Grandma's Gone Bonkers*. Families can order books in advance via <https://linktr.ee/bwareauthor>, and children are welcome to bring copies in to be signed. Signed books (£8.99) will also be available to buy, with cash or card accepted. Parents are welcome to visit the stall at home time.

Parent Cyber Security Workshop

A little advance notice that on Monday 22nd June we will be welcoming parents into school for a Cyber Security Workshop, delivered by the Avon and Somerset Cyber Team, following sessions that children will take part in earlier in the day. The parent workshop, titled "*Keeping Your Child Safe Online*", will explore the current issues and concerns children are facing online, including emerging trends, and will offer practical advice for parents and carers, such as reviewing privacy settings and using parental controls. The session is designed to help build confidence in keeping children safe in the digital world. It will run from 3:30–4:30pm. We will also provide a supervised classroom space for children during this time, should parents wish to attend the session without them.

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.



**Christian Value of the Term:
Resilience**

A Prayer for Resilience

Loving God,
Thank you for being with us in both the easy moments and the challenging ones.

When things feel hard, help us to keep going.
Give us courage when we feel unsure,
patience when things take time,
and strength when we feel tired or worried.

Help us to learn from our mistakes,
to support one another,
and to remember that we are never alone.

May we let our light shine,
even on difficult days,
showing resilience, kindness and hope in all that we do.

Amen.

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Lucia

KS2: Ellie W



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Nico

Year 2: Leon

Year 3: Toby

Year 4: Lewis

Year 5: Jack

Year 6: Whole Class

Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Finlay & Arianna

Year 2: William & Otis

Year 3: Jack & Charis

Year 4: Matilda & Phoebe

Year 5: Olivia C & Ivy

Year 6: Jocelyn & Finnegan



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