

Headteacher Message:



We hope you all had a lovely May half term and were able to make the most of the glorious sunshine – it certainly felt like summer had arrived early!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week, even if the weather has had other ideas. After such a hot and sunny break, the return to much wetter conditions has certainly been a surprise! It's been a good reminder of how quickly things can change – and how much there is to notice in the world around us, whatever the weather.

Despite the rain, there has still been lots of excitement outdoors, with children enjoying the chance to spot changes in our grounds, listen to the rainfall and make the most of time outside in a different way. The school has been full of energy and smiles as we begin the final half term of the year.

Term 6 is always a busy and special time, with lots of opportunities for learning, trips, events and celebrations. We are very much looking forward to everything the rest of the term will bring and to finishing the year strongly together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—we're excited for a fantastic summer term ahead.

Christian Value of the Term: **Friendship**



Throughout the year, we have explored our Christian values together (responsibility, creativity, respect, compassion, resilience, and friendship), helping children to reflect on how these shape our lives and relationships within our school community. As we move into Term 6, our final Christian Value of the year is Friendship.

Children will be encouraged to think deeply about what friendship means to them and what makes a good friend. Through discussions and reflection, children will have opportunities to consider how to build and maintain positive relationships, not only in school but also in their wider lives and within the community.

Further information about friendship, along with our other Christian values and ideas for how families can support this work at home, can be found on the values page on our [school website](#). We are very grateful for the way parents and carers work alongside us to reinforce these shared values beyond the school day.

Year 6 Residential

We hope our Year 6 children have had a fantastic time away at their Deanfield residential in the Forest of Dean and have enjoyed all the activities and experiences on offer. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Key Dates

Running Club – Friday
Lunchtimes (12:20)

Sports Day (9:15am)
19/06/26

Cyber Security Parent
Workshop
22nd June
(3:30 – 4:30)

Summer BBQ
03/07/26

Parents invited into
class after school to
share children's
books
3:30pm
17/07/26



Picture News

This week, we have used a special *Picture News* resource to help children think about how to stay safe around water, following the recent tragic incidents highlighted in the news. Pupils have explored the question, 'How can we enjoy water safely?' and discussed the importance of understanding potential risks, even in places that may appear calm and safe.

Through these thoughtful conversations, children have learned about simple but vital safety steps, as well as the importance of making sensible choices and looking out for one another. It has provided a valuable opportunity to build awareness, promote responsibility and reinforce how we can all enjoy water safely and confidently.

Keeping Safe in the Car Park

We kindly ask parents and carers to keep a close eye on their children in the car park before and after school. It's always lovely to see children enjoying time together; however, when there are lots of children moving around, it can become difficult to ensure a safe and smooth handover to parents and carers. Children can easily become separated, and we also ask that they refrain from playing around and behind parked cars. To help keep everyone safe, please also remind children to walk their bikes and scooters while in the car park. We really appreciate your support in helping us look after everyone in our school community.

Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to all of the children in Year 4 who have been completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this week. They have approached it with great focus and determination, and we are very proud of their efforts. Knowing their times tables is such an important foundation for maths, helping to build children's confidence, enjoyment and success as they move through the curriculum. These key skills support so many areas of learning, and it has been wonderful to see the children demonstrating their growing fluency and resilience.

Assessment Week

Over the coming week, children will be completing some end-of-year assessments in reading and maths. These are a normal part of school life and simply help teachers to understand how children are getting on and to plan next steps in their learning. We keep this process low-key and supportive, so there is no need for children to feel worried — we are proud of the progress they make every day.

Papaya E-Safety Workshops

Earlier this week, our KS2 pupils took part in engaging e-safety workshops led by Papaya, focusing on "Me and My Screen: How to get a healthy balance with technology." The sessions provided children with the opportunity to reflect on their use of devices and consider how to develop positive, balanced habits. Through interactive discussions, pupils explored ways to manage screen time, understand the impact of technology on their wellbeing, and make safe, sensible choices online. The workshops also reinforced the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.

Here are few of the thoughts shared by a few of Year 3 children...

Marcie - "Probably going on my iPad for a shorter amount of time."

Ezra - "Don't spend too much time on your phone or iPad, only a little bit of time"

Finley - "Try and have only 2 hours a day of screen time as an adult"

Indie - "I am going to set a timer and have a set limit of screen time".

Sam - "When I am older, I am going to give my phone to someone else, instead of keeping it. I will give it to a sensible adult so I only have it for a little bit of time".

Parent Cyber Security Workshops

A reminder that we will be welcoming parents into school on Monday 22nd June for a Cyber Security Workshop delivered by the Avon and Somerset Cyber Team. The session, 'Keeping Your Child Safe Online', will share current

online risks and offer practical guidance to help parents support their children, including tips on privacy settings and parental controls. The workshop will run from 3:30–4:30pm, and a supervised classroom will be available for children during this time if needed.

Sports Day – Friday 19th June

We are looking forward to our upcoming Sports Day and hope you are too. A separate letter with full details has been sent earlier today; however, we would like to highlight one additional point—Aspens will be offering sandwiches only for this day, so please take this into account when making lunch arrangements for your child. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an enjoyable day for all.



Attendance Matters – Term 6

As we move into Term 6, we would like to remind all families of the importance of strong attendance right through to the end of the academic year. Every day in school matters; our curriculum is carefully planned so that learning builds step by step, and time away can mean children miss key teaching and experiences that are difficult to replicate. Classes will continue learning right up to the very last day of term, completing important pieces of

work and celebrating all they have achieved this year before a well-earned summer break. We ask for your support in avoiding term-time absence wherever possible so that every child can fully access the curriculum, maintain strong routines, and finish the year with confidence and pride in their learning. Thank you for your continued support in prioritising attendance.

A message from the PSA

Over the next week, raffle tickets for the PSA Summer Fair will be sent home with your children. If you would like to purchase tickets, please return the stub with your contact details and the money to the box in reception. If you do not intend to purchase tickets, please return the envelope to the box in reception so that the tickets can be sold on the day of the Fair. There are some amazing prizes to be won!

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



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A Prayer for Resilience

Dear God,
When the path feels uncertain and the days feel long,
help us to take one step forward, even when it is hard.

Remind us that challenges help us to grow,
and that each small effort matters.
Give us brave hearts to try again,
steady minds when things feel overwhelming,
and calmness to pause and breathe.

Help us to be kind to ourselves and to others,
to lift each other up when things go wrong,
and to trust that brighter moments will come.

May we keep going, keep learning,
and keep shining our light,
whatever each day may bring.

Amen.



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