



Headteacher Message:

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of another busy and successful term – the weeks seem to be flying by! As we head into the final weeks of the school year, there is still so much to look forward to, including transition activities, celebrations of learning and opportunities to reflect on all that our children have achieved. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership; it is greatly appreciated by everyone at Northleaze.

English Hub – Showcase School

We are delighted to share with parents the exciting news that Northleaze has been selected as an **Early Years Showcase School** for the English Hub (funded by the DfE) – a prestigious recognition of the high-quality provision and excellent practice within our Early Years setting. As part of this exciting project, we will be hosting a series of Showcase Events, welcoming teachers and leaders from other schools to see our practice in action and learn alongside us. We are thrilled to be working with Mrs Kelly Nash from the English Hub, who will be based at Northleaze on Mondays to lead and support this work. At Northleaze, we are always outward-looking and committed to serving others, and we are proud to be able to share our expertise with colleagues across the region, helping to improve outcomes for children beyond our own school community.



New Reception and Nursery children

It has been a real joy to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children into school for two of their three Stay and Play sessions. The children have settled really well, enjoying time in their new learning environment, exploring resources and beginning to make friendships. These sessions are an important part of helping children feel happy and secure as they prepare for September, and we are grateful to parents and carers for working in partnership with us during this exciting transition. We look forward to our final Stay and Play session next Wednesday and to continuing to build strong home-school relationships as we welcome our newest families into the Northleaze community.

Armed Forces Collective Worship



We were proud to mark Armed Forces Day with a special collective worship led by Mrs Lambert. The worship gave us an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces and the importance of courage, commitment and community. We were also delighted to hear contributions from members of our Little Troopers Club, who shared their experiences and helped us to recognise the unique challenges and strengths of military families. Thank you to Mrs Lambert and our Little Troopers for leading such a thoughtful worship.

Summer Concert at All Saints Church

Our Summer Concert at All Saints' Church was a wonderful celebration of music and talent. The children performed beautifully, singing with enthusiasm and confidence, and I have heard so many positive comments about how much everyone enjoyed the evening. A huge thank you to Miss Reynolds and Beth their hard work in organising such a joyful event and for supporting the children so brilliantly in their preparations. I was personally very sorry to be unable to attend this year's concert, but I was delighted to hear just how well it went and how proudly our children represented the school.

Key Dates

EYFS/KS1 Summer
Sing performance
15/07/26 at 9:15am

Meet the Teacher
parents' information
session
15 & 16/07/26

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

Term 6 Parent Forum
20/07/26 2:45pm

Year 6 Leavers
Service at All Saints
22/07/26

Final Day of term
22/07/2026

Happy Holidays!

Picture News:

This week in Picture News, children explored the climate pattern El Niño and considered how weather can affect communities around the world. They reflected on the question, *"How much should the weather influence our decisions?"* and discussed how scientists help people prepare for extreme weather events. Linked to our Christian value of **Friendship**, pupils thought about how we can care for one another and make thoughtful choices when circumstances are uncertain.

Move up Morning

On Thursday 9th July, children across the school will take part in our annual Move-Up Morning, spending time with their new teacher and classmates ahead of September. This is always an exciting part of the transition process, helping children to become familiar with their new classroom, meet new friends and begin building positive relationships with the adults who will be supporting them next year. We hope the morning will help everyone feel confident and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in the new academic year.



Class Names

As part of our ongoing work to strengthen our sense of belonging and to ensure that our Christian vision, **"Let your Light Shine,"** is woven throughout school life, we are delighted to introduce new class names for September. Following consultation with staff, each class will be named after a **star or constellation**, reflecting our vision and reminding every child that they are valued and have their own unique light to shine within our school community. This exciting change will help to create a shared identity across the school while celebrating the individuality of every child. Please see the separate letter for further information about the new class names and the thinking behind them.



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| • Reception and Nursery – Polaris | <i>(The North Star – guiding the way)</i> |
| • Year 1 – Lyra | <i>(The harp – music, praise and thanksgiving)</i> |
| • Year 2 – Sirius | <i>(The brightest star – shining our light in the service of others)</i> |
| • Year 3 – Orion | <i>(Celebrating the awe and wonder of creation)</i> |
| • Year 4 – Vega | <i>(Celebrating our unique gifts and talents)</i> |
| • Year 5 – Cygnus | <i>(Peace, grace and gentleness – kindness towards others)</i> |
| • Year 6 – Phoenix | <i>(Hope, courage and new beginnings)</i> |

Meet the Teacher Information Session - Reminder

Year group in September 2026:

Year 1:	Wednesday 15 th July 4:00pm
Year 6:	Wednesday 15 th July 5:30pm
Year 2:	Thursday 16 th July 4:30pm
Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday 16 th July 5:00pm
Year 5	Thursday 16 th July 5:30pm



PSA Summer BBQ Tonight!

A reminder that the **PSA Summer BBQ** is taking place **today, Friday 3rd July, from 5.00pm – 9.00pm**, with the **raffle drawn at 8.30pm**. Tickets are **£10 for adults** and **£5 for children**. We hope as many families as possible will come along for what promises to be a wonderful evening of food, fun and community spirit.



We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge **thank you** to our incredible **PSA**. Throughout the year, our PSA volunteers give countless hours of their time and energy to organise events, raise funds and create memorable experiences for our children and families. Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment make a real difference to life at Northleaze, helping to provide opportunities and resources that enrich our children's school experience. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive team of parents and carers behind us, and we hope you will join us in showing them some appreciation by supporting tonight's event. Thank you, PSA – we couldn't do it without you!

What's your favourite animal? - 100th Village Flower Show - Saturday 5th September

What animal can you make out of produce - a whale, an owl, a butterfly (they were entries last year)? How about a hedgehog, or a dog, or even an elephant? You can make any animal using just fruit and vegetables and some cocktail sticks to hold it all together.

Why not give it a go and enter your creation in the Long Ashton 100th Village Show on Saturday 5 September at the Community Centre. Download a Schedule and entry form from the website www.lahortsoc.co.uk or scan the QR Code below and enter the Show. Entry is only 30p per entry and you could win a prize or even a trophy!

Come along and visit the Show from 2.30pm on Show Day and see what everyone has entered - and whether you have won a prize!

Open to everyone to enter. There are loads of other classes for children and adults to enter, so take a look at the Schedule and get planning your creations. Schedules and entry forms also available from The Post Office, Little Tipple, Community Centre and School Reception.

School Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent non-school uniform day in aid of our school charity, Go MAD Dominican Republic. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised **£94.73** for our School Bus in Action Project, helping to support children and families in the Dominican Republic.

We are incredibly proud of how our school community continues to live out our vision of '*Let your Light Shine*' through acts of kindness and generosity. Thank you to all the children, parents and carers who took part and donated. Together, we are making a positive difference beyond our own community



Parent Forum

Our final **Parent Forum** of the academic year will take place on the **last Monday of term - 20th July**, from **2.45pm–3.15pm**. Our Parent Forum is an important opportunity for us to hear the views of our parents and continue working together in partnership. If there are any questions, ideas, suggestions or feedback that you would like to share, please pass these on to your **class representative** before the meeting so they can bring them forward for discussion. Thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout the year. We greatly value the contribution that parents and carers make to our school community.



Free School Meals – Changes for September 2026 – Reminder

We have recently been made aware of changes to Free School Meals (FSM) and want to ensure all parents and carers can access the information and support available. Please review the guidance and links below, which explain the changes and outline how to apply if you may be eligible. Applications can be made online via your local authority or by completing a paper form available from the school office. If you think your child may qualify, we strongly encourage you to apply, as this not only supports your family but also provides additional funding to help the school support pupils.

- [Lighthouse Schools Partnership - Changes to Free School Meals - September 2026](#)
- [Changes to Free School Meals Poster](#)
- [How to Apply for Free School Meals Poster](#)
- [North Somerset Application for Free School Meals](#)

Parent Information Session (North Somerset)

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together are offering a free online training session for parent carers of neurodivergent children and young people who identify as LGBTQ+.

Allyship for Your Neurodivergent, LGBTQ+ Child

 **Wednesday 8th July**

 **10.00am – 12.00pm**

The session, delivered by experienced trainer **Catrina Lowri from Neuroteachers**, aims to help parent carers gain a better understanding of the experiences of neurodivergent LGBTQ+ children and young people, and how best to support them. To find out more and book a place, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

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:
Friendship**

A Prayer for Friendship

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of friendship and for the people who share our days.

Help us to be kind, welcoming and caring, to include others, listen well and forgive when mistakes are made.

May our words bring encouragement, our actions show compassion, and our friendships help everyone to feel valued, safe and loved.

Amen.



**Class Certificates
Awarded to:**



Year 1: Arianna
Year 2: Elis & Bluebell
Year 3: Leo & Josh
Year 4: Sara & Tom
Year 5: Zara & Elsie
Year 6: Millie & Elsie



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Finlay
Year 3: Endelyn
Year 4: Libby
Year 5: Johnny
Year 6: Sid



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

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Nico (Y1) and Joshua (Y2)