



Headteacher Message:

It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school, and teachers are really enjoying getting to know the children.

If you were unable to join us today for our informal 'open classroom' session after school, you are of course welcome to make an appointment to pop in another day – we understand that it's important that you're able to 'visualise' where your child is all day; where they sit and what their classroom *feels* like! Just speak to your child's class teacher about arranging another time.

Cygnus class (Year 5) are also looking forward to their residential camp next week. They leave on Wednesday and excitement is definitely building! We wish them a wonderful time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Key Dates

(see additional dates at the bottom of the newsletter)

Open Classrooms after school
(18/09/26)

Year 5 Camp
23/09/26 – 25/09/26

Parent Zoom
(Maximum Classics)
08/10/26 4:00pm

Parent Forum
19/10/26

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EYFS 'Garden' Enhancements

With funding support from the English Hub, linked to our status as the **English Hub's EYFS Showcase School**, we have been able to purchase a range of exciting new resources and equipment for our (EYFS) Polaris Class. These include a music wall, large wooden weighing scales, tree stump numbers, a wooden welly rack, a woodwork station and large backboards... to name just a few.

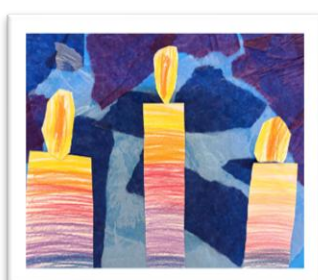
We are absolutely delighted with the enhanced learning environment, which has created a truly inspiring space for our youngest learners. The resources have enriched both our indoor and outdoor provision, providing opportunities for exploration, creativity and discovery. Most importantly, it has been wonderful to see the children collaborating together, fully engaged in their learning and taking such joy in their play. Seeing their curiosity, confidence and enthusiasm flourish in this special space is the greatest reward of all.



Christmas 'Cauliflower Cards'

All the classes at Northleaze have been letting their creative side shine while making designs for Christmas cards. Pupils have enjoyed using a range of artistic techniques, including painting, collage and more, to create fun festive designs. These artistic creations will be going home today and are available to order as Christmas cards.

Pictured are some of the candle-themed designs from Vega Class (4), made with tissue paper collage and coloured pencils. (*Endelyn, Fergus and Sam's cards*)



Summer Improvements

You may have noticed a few improvements to our school site over the summer holidays. Thanks to funding from the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, work was carried out to improve drainage in the car park, refresh the wall alongside the circular steps leading to the lower playground, and install two new air conditioning and heating units in the hall. We are grateful for the Trust's continued investment in our school environment. These improvements help to enhance our facilities and ensure that Northleaze remains a safe, welcoming and comfortable place for children, staff and visitors.

Ofsted Report

A separate letter was sent home earlier this week sharing the report from our Ofsted inspection in July. We are delighted with the outcome and pleased to share the findings with our community. The report will also be available on the Ofsted website shortly.



Parent Forum

Last year we started a Parent Forum, which provides an opportunity for parents to come together over a cup of tea and share questions, ideas and feedback about school life. The forum is an important part of the partnership between home and school. It gives us the chance to listen to parents' views, discuss issues that matter to our community and work together to help Northleaze continue to thrive. Last year, having one parent representative from each year group worked well, ensuring that a range of views and experiences were shared. This does not need to be the same parent at every meeting, and we would be delighted to welcome both returning and new representatives this year. The next parent forum will be on Monday 19th October at 2:45.



Maximum Classics – Parent Information Online Meeting 8/10/26 at 4pm (New Time)

As previously shared, we are looking forward to starting our Maximum Classics programme with the children in term 2. Prior to this, we are offering parents an opportunity to hear more about the programme from director Charlie Andrew. This is an online meeting and we have changed the start time to 4pm, to give parents a chance to get back home after school pick up! Zoom details below:



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84720951296?pwd=b1JZrO7AamNrLGWEorTPOiykb6QJK6.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2095 1296

Passcode: 021273

Open Days - Help Us Spread the Word!

We're delighted to share that our school tour dates for families interested in joining Northleaze in September 2027 are now available on our website. These tours are a wonderful opportunity for prospective parents and carers to visit the school, meet our staff, see our learning environment in action and discover what makes Northleaze such a special place to learn and grow. If you have friends, neighbours or family members who may be considering schools for next year, we would be very grateful if you could help spread the word and encourage them to book a visit. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.



Picture News

This week's Picture News is linked to the news story that Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. The question we have been talking to the children about is: *Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?*

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day! It's been wonderful today to see so many children taking part by wearing their jeans and helping to raise awareness of this important cause. We marked the day with a special key stage assembly, where we learnt more about genetic conditions and the challenges that some children and families face. The assembly encouraged us to think about kindness, understanding and how we can support others who may have different experiences from our own. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support this worthwhile charity.



Smart Watches

A reminder that smart watches should not be worn to school. Whilst they can be enjoyable and useful at home, they can easily become a distraction during the school day due to their lights, sounds, alerts and general "fiddle factor". In addition, devices with cameras can present safeguarding concerns, as they may be capable of taking photographs or recording images within the school environment.



To help children stay focused on their learning and to support our safeguarding procedures, we ask that smart watches are left at home. Simple watches that are used solely for telling the time are, of course, welcome. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm, focused and safe learning environment for all children.

Prayer for Responsibility

Dear God,

Thank you for trusting us with so many gifts, talents, and opportunities. Help us to be responsible in all that we do, taking care of our learning, our friendships, and the world you have created.

Teach us to make wise choices, to keep our promises, and to take ownership of our actions. When we make mistakes, give us the honesty to admit them and the courage to put things right.

Help us to be dependable, respectful, and thoughtful, always considering how our actions affect others. May we use our strengths to serve those around us and shine your light through the way we live each day.

Amen.

Headteacher's Awards

KS1: Florence (Y2)

KS2: Ameyia (Y3)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Skye

Year 2: Freddie R P

Year 3: Leon

Year 4: Josh S

Year 5: Harry

Year 6: Margot R



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Max & Elodie

Year 2: Laurie P & Arianna

Year 3: Freddie S & Molly R

Year 4: Archie & Freya

Year 5: Freddie & Libby

Year 6: Jordan & Savana



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

INSET Days 2026-2027

Friday 20th November 2026
Friday 15th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 7th June 2027