



## Headteacher Message:

As we reach the end of another busy week, I continue to be impressed by the calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school. The children have settled brilliantly into their routines and are working hard in their classrooms. This week, our Year 5 pupils have been away on their residential camp, enjoying new experiences, developing their teamwork skills and creating special memories. By the time they return, I suspect there will be some very tired children... and perhaps a few tired staff members too! We wish them a restful weekend and look forward to hearing all about their adventures next week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping the term get off to such a positive start.

## Star of the Day



This year, we have introduced our **Star of the Day** certificates. At the end of each day, every class teacher selects a child who has stood out through their effort, determination, kindness, positive attitude or commitment to learning. The aim is to celebrate the many ways children shine and to recognise the small moments that make a big difference to our school.

We know how much children value being recognised by their teacher, and it has been wonderful to see the pride on their faces as they receive their certificates. We hope that families enjoy sharing in these special moments and celebrating their child's achievements at home too. ★

## Snappy Starts to the Day

Our *Snappy Starts* continue to be a really important part of the school day. From 8:40am, teachers plan purposeful activities designed to help children practise key skills, revisit previous learning and address any gaps in understanding. These sessions provide valuable learning opportunities while also ensuring that every day begins in a calm, purposeful and predictable way for our children. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for supporting this by ensuring children arrive on time each morning. Your efforts help children make the most of this important learning time and start the day ready to learn.

## Reception Welcome Service – Friday 9th October

We are looking forward to 'officially' welcoming our youngest children into the Northleaze family at our Reception Welcome Service on Friday 9th October. Children from Nursery and Reception will walk to All Saints Church for a special service led by Reverend Jo, where we will celebrate the start of their journey with us and officially welcome them into our school community. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at the church or help accompany the children on the walk. We will leave school shortly after registration, at approximately 9.15am. We hope many families will be able to join us for this special occasion.

## Hello Yellow Day – Friday 9 October

We are delighted to be supporting [YoungMinds](#) by taking part in **#HelloYellow Day** on Friday 9 October. By filling our school with cheerful shades of yellow, we will be sending a powerful message to our children: *you matter, and you are never alone with your mental health*. The day is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing and to show our support for young people across the country. If children do not have a yellow of clothing, please can they wear normal school uniform. Thankyou.



## Key Dates

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

**EYFS Welcome Service at All Saints**  
09/10/26

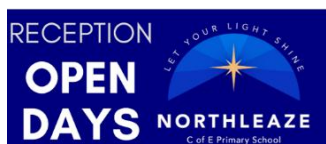
**Wear Yellow for Young Minds**  
09/10/26

**Parent Forum**  
19/10/26

### **Parking and Road Safety**

We would like to remind all families to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have recently received concerns from local residents about vehicles parking across driveways and close to junctions, particularly in Copford Lane and around the Brook Close junction. To help reduce congestion and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, families are encouraged to use the public car park at the top of Theynes Croft, which is only a short walk from school. Please also take extra care around roads and pavements at these busy times, ensuring children stay close to accompanying adults. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe and showing consideration to those who live near the school.

### **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, instead of our usual Picture News session, pupils joined more than 7,000 children and staff from schools across the Diocese of Bath and Wells for an online Collective Worship led by Bishop

Michael, Bishop Fiona and the Diocese Education Team. The worship provided an opportunity for us to come together with other church schools, reflect on important themes and strengthen our sense of belonging to the wider diocesan community. We look forward to taking part in the remaining worships throughout the year.



### **Allergy Policy**

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership has recently published its updated Allergy Policy, which applies to all schools across the Trust and outlines how allergy risks will be managed and reduced. Parents and carers can view the policy via the LSP website. As part of this work, all school staff are completing mandatory allergy awareness training, and we will continue to review our procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, particularly those with severe allergies. We would also like to remind families to be mindful of allergies when providing snacks, packed lunches, birthday treats and items for fundraising activities.

### **Jewellery**

A gentle reminder that jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets and rings, should not be worn to school. While these items can be special to children, they can easily become lost or damaged and may present a safety risk during playtimes, PE lessons and other physical activities. The only jewellery permitted in school is a single pair of small stud earrings. Where earrings are worn, children should be able to remove them independently for PE or, preferably, leave them at home on PE days. Thank you for your support.

### ***Prayer for Responsibility***

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the gifts and opportunities you give us each day. Help us to be responsible in our learning, our friendships, and the choices we make.*

*Give us wisdom to do what is right, honesty when we make mistakes, and courage to put things right. Help us to be kind, dependable, and thoughtful, always showing your love through our actions.*

*May we use our gifts to serve others and let our light shine brightly this week.*

*Amen.*

## Headteacher's Awards



**KS1: Nico (Yr1)**

**KS2: Arun (Yr4)**



## Awarded to:

**Year 1: Charlie & Maddie**

**Year 2: Daisy, Mya & Maya**

**Year 3: William & Taliah**

**Year 4: Sam & Maddie**

**Year 6: Laila & Jack**

## Stars Awarded to:

**Year 1: Holly**

**Year 2: Thomas**

**Year 3: Hugo**

**Year 4: Lucas**

**Year 6: Tabitha**



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027