



Headteacher Message:

It has been another busy and exciting week at Northleaze, with children enjoying a wide range of learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. From National Poetry Day and Vega Class's trip to Caerleon to the exciting plans for our new library, there is much to celebrate. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our wonderful school community.
Mrs Clarke

Reception Welcome Service – Friday 9th October

Reception and Nursery Class will be walking to All Saints Church next Friday morning for their Welcome Service. This is a special occasion as we celebrate our youngest children becoming part of the Northleaze family.

We would be delighted if any Reception and Nursery parents are able to join us by walking to the church with the children, staying for the service and helping us walk back to school afterwards. We look forward to sharing this special milestone with you.

Hello Yellow Day – Reminder Friday 9 October



We are delighted to be supporting Young Minds by taking part in **#HelloYellow Day** on Friday 9 October. This special day helps raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health and encourages us all to talk openly about how we are feeling. We would love children to accessorise their school uniform with a splash of yellow. It could be as simple as a yellow hairband or bandana, a sticker, yellow socks or another small yellow accessory. We look forward to seeing the school brightened with a sea of yellow as we come together to support this important cause and show that no young person should feel alone with their mental health. Donations can be made via the following link: <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/4561/9098>

Phonics Information Meetings

We are pleased to invite parents of children Polaris Class (EYFS) and Lyra Class (1) our upcoming phonics information sessions, which will provide an opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught at Northleaze and how you can support your child's reading journey at home. To help as many families as possible attend, the same session will be offered twice - **Monday 12 October at 3:30pm and Wednesday 14 October at 5:15pm.**

We will also be holding a 'Phonics into Spelling' meeting for parents of children in **Sirius Class (Year 2)**. Details of this session will be shared shortly. We hope you can join us and look forward to working in partnership to support your child's reading development.

Key Dates

Parent Zoom

(Maximum Classics)
08/10/26 4:00pm
Details at end of newsletter

EYFS Welcome Service at All Saints
09/10/26

Wear Yellow for Young Minds
09/10/26

Phonics info session
12&15/10/26

Parent Forum
19/10/26

Steam Museum Y6 Trip
22/10/26

Last day of Term 1
23/10/26



Library Development

We are delighted to share that we have successfully secured a generous grant from EPIC to transform our existing ICT suite into **The EPIC Library**; an exciting new library and multifunctional learning space for our children and wider school community. This significant investment will help us create a vibrant, inspiring environment that supports reading, learning and creativity. We are working closely with the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and their Estates Team, who will be supporting the project, and we would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our *wonderful PSA* for their generous contribution towards the development. Reading is already central to life at Northleaze, and we are incredibly excited to create a space that will nurture a lifelong love of reading and provide new opportunities for children to learn, explore and flourish.



National Poetry Day

As part of National Poetry Day, children across the school enjoyed celebrating this year's theme, **"Let Your Words Shine!"** Following a whole-school assembly, each class took part in a range of fun and creative poetry activities that encouraged children to play with language, use their imaginations and express themselves in different ways. From the youngest children exploring words and descriptions to older pupils crafting their own poems, the day was a wonderful reminder that poetry is for everyone. We are looking forward to showcasing some of the children's fantastic work in a whole-school display over the coming weeks.

For national poetry day, Year 6 worked incredibly hard on writing a story in six words. It was a challenge to be so restrictive and the children came up with some lovely ideas which were either humorous, mysterious, descriptive or gripping:

- *Forgot to do my homework...oops.*
- *My mum stole my chocolate cake.*
- *Waves crashing. Sand sizzling. Seagulls Soaring.*
- *Saw a shadow in the woods.*
- *Lightning struck. Fire engulfed the field.*
- *Dark shadows drifted through the woods.*

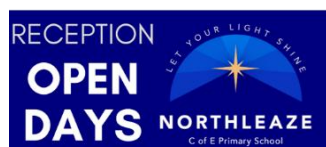
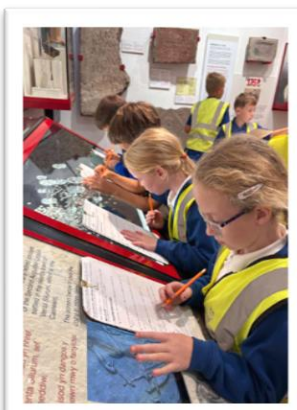
Black History Month

Throughout October, we will be marking **Black History Month** by celebrating the achievements, contributions and influence of inspirational Black individuals from both the past and present. We will begin the month by joining a live Picture News assembly, which will help launch our learning and encourage children to reflect on the importance of Black History Month. Each class will then explore the life and achievements of a significant individual, using their stories as inspiration for a range of creative activities. We look forward to sharing the children's learning and celebrating the rich contributions these individuals have made to our world.



Vega Class Trip to Caerleon

Vega Class (4) had a brilliant day out at Caerleon Roman Fortress in Wales on Thursday. It was a busy day, filled with a variety of activities and workshops to complement their learning about Romans in their History lessons. They examined historical artefacts, had a tour of the Roman baths, and found out what it felt like to be a part of the Roman army! After learning about Roman weapons, and the formations they used, they then practised the formations together as a class. They finished off with a tour of the amphitheatre and learnt all about the lives of gladiators.



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.

Reminder Zoom Meeting – Maximum Classics (parent information session) – Thursday 8th October 4pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84720951296?pwd=b1JJZrO7AamNrLGWEorTPOiykb6QJK6.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2095 1296

Passcode: 021273

Prayer for Responsibility

Dear God,

Thank you for the many opportunities you give us each day to learn, grow and shine. Help us to take responsibility for our words, our actions and our choices.

When things go well, help us to be humble and grateful. When we make mistakes, give us the honesty to admit them and the courage to put things right. Remind us that being responsible means doing our best, looking after one another and caring for the world around us.

May we be people others can trust, using our gifts wisely and showing your love in all that we do.

Amen.

Headteacher's Awards



KS1: Eliza (Yr1)

KS2: Maggie (Yr4)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Maya

Year 3: Sophie

Year 4: Laura

Year 5: Ada

Year 6: Alex



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Robyn

Year 2: Lark, Benji & Tommy

Year 3: Jack & Joshua

Year 4: Endelyn & Freddie

Year 5: Wren & Max

Year 6: Jago & Bonnie



House Cup awarded to Theynes

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