

Headteacher Message:



This morning we were delighted to welcome our Reception and Nursery children (Polaris Class) and their families to All Saints Church for their Welcome Service. Led by Rev Jo, the children enjoyed taking part in a retelling of Noah's Ark and shared songs linked to our school vision, "Let Your Light Shine." A special moment during the service was the blessing of the children's candle bookmarks, reminding us that each child has a

unique light to shine within our school community and beyond. Thank you to Rev Jo, our Polaris class staff team, and all the families who joined us for this poignant celebration as we formally welcomed our youngest children to the Northleaze family.



Key Dates

Phonics info session
12&15/10/26

Parent Forum
19/10/26

Harvest Service at All Saints
20/10/26

Steam Museum Y6 Trip
22/10/26

Last day of Term 1
23/10/26

Harvest Festival Celebration – Tuesday 20 October

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 20 October**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us, with the service beginning at approximately **9.45am**. We would be very grateful for any parents who are able to **help walk with us to and from the church**. If you are available to support, please let the school office know, so that we have an idea of numbers. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for **Nailsea Foodbank**. Please bring donations to school and leave them in the **collection point in the entrance foyer**. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping local families within our community. Suggested items include:

- Tinned soup, vegetables, fruit or meat
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Breakfast cereals
- Tea, coffee and long-life milk
- Biscuits and snacks
- Tinned custard or rice pudding
- Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste





Hello Yellow Day – Friday 9 October

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our **Hello Yellow Day** today. It has been wonderful to see so many children adding a splash of yellow to their uniform and helping to raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health. If you have not yet had chance to donate, contributions can still be made via the Young Minds fundraising page:

[Make a donation](#). Thank you for helping us support this important cause. ❤️

Cygnus Class (5) enjoyed a lovely guided meditation called *The Gratitude Tree*. 🌳 This gave us the chance to slow down, take some deep breaths and reflect on all the things we are grateful for, helping us to feel calm, peaceful and positive.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to take a few precious minutes out of our busy school day to pause, reflect and focus on our well-being.



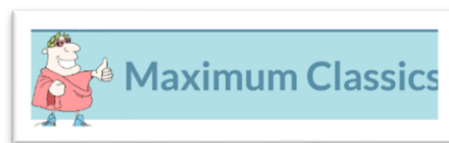
Printmaking in Sirius (2) Class

Year 2 have been busy creating their own printing stamps inspired by the work of **William Morris**. They showed great creativity and care as they designed and made their stamps, and are looking forward to using them in next week's printing lesson. We can't wait to see the finished prints and the wonderful patterns they create!



Maximum Classics

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Maximum Classics parent information session yesterday. We hope it gave you a greater understanding of the programme and why we believe it will be such a valuable addition to the curriculum at Northleaze. We have attached the slides which were shared at the parent information meeting to this newsletter.



Coughs, Colds and School Attendance

As we move into the colder months, coughs, colds and sniffles become much more common. NHS guidance is clear that children with a **minor cough, cold, runny nose or sore throat can usually continue to attend school** if they are otherwise well enough to take part in their normal activities. However, children should be kept at home if they have:

- A **high temperature (fever)** and should return once the fever has gone.
- Symptoms that mean they are too unwell to participate in the school day, such as significant lethargy, discomfort or difficulty managing their usual routines.
- Vomiting or diarrhoea (children should stay off school until 48 hours after the last episode).

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning and wellbeing, so we would encourage families to send children into school whenever they are well enough to attend, even if they have a lingering cough or runny nose. If you are unsure whether your child should attend, please contact the school office for advice. For further advice, please see the NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Thank you for your support in helping us balance good attendance with the health and wellbeing of our school community. ☀

PE Kit

Please look out for the letter from Mr Morgan about PE Kit expectations. Thankyou

School Tours

There are still places available on our upcoming school tours for families interested in joining Northleaze in September 2027. 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 will be choosing a primary school for next year, we would be very grateful if you could help spread the word and encourage them to book a visit via our website. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.

Upcoming Tour Dates:

- Saturday 10 October - 10:00am – 11:00am
- Wednesday 4 November - 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Wednesday 25 November - 9:15am – 10:15am



Prayer for Responsibility

Dear God,

Thank you for the gifts, talents and opportunities you have given each of us. Help us to be responsible in all that we do. Teach us to make wise choices, to look after our belongings and our environment, and to be dependable members of our school community.

When a task is difficult, give us perseverance to keep trying. When we make mistakes, help us to learn from them and make things right. Remind us that our actions affect others and that we all have a part to play in helping our school be a happy, safe and welcoming place.

May we use our gifts to serve others and let our light shine through our words and actions each day. Amen

Headteacher's Awards



KS1: Bodhi (Yr2)

KS2: Ellie (Yr6)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Annabel

Year 2: Daisy

Year 3: Elis

Year 4: Fergus

Year 5: Phoebe



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Thomas, Willow & Frances

Year 2: Dougie & Rosie

Year 3: India

Year 4: Robyn & Charis

Year 5: Stanley & Sara

Year 6: Molly & Winston



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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