Newsletter 2.1
6 November 2026

Northleaze C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5:16)





Headteacher Message:

If you have been into school this week, you may have noticed that our main corridor has enjoyed a much-needed refresh. The newly painted space feels noticeably lighter, brighter and more welcoming, and is just one part of our ongoing work to ensure that Northleaze is an environment where children can flourish and take pride in their surroundings.

This term, our focus value is ***Creativity***. We often think of creativity in terms of art, music or drama, but it is equally about curiosity, imagination, problem-solving and having the confidence to think differently. We want our children to be creative learners who ask questions, explore new ideas and use their gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world. That spirit can be seen throughout this newsletter, from our Remembrance activities and Children in Need projects to the exciting opportunity for children to enjoy a live performance of *Aladdin* later this term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school for Parents' Evening and other events over the coming weeks. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Key Dates

Remembrance Day
(Wear brownie/cub uniform)
11/11/26

Children in Need
(Wear spots)
13/11/26

Odd Socks Day
(*Wear odd socks)*
16/11/26

Parents' Evening
17/11/26
19/11/26

School Photos
18/11/26

INSET Day
20/11/26

Sirius (2) Trip
Bristol Zoo Project
23/11/26

Vega (4) Trip
Wessex Water
26/11/26

Review of Our School Values

At Northleaze, our vision is to help every child flourish and *let their light shine*. As part of our ongoing school development, we are reviewing our school values to ensure they continue to reflect our vision, Christian ethos and the needs of our community today.

We would be grateful if parents could take a few minutes to complete our short survey and share their views. Your feedback will help us consider whether our current values remain the right fit for Northleaze and identify the qualities that matter most to our school community. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to contribute.

Northleaze CofE Primary School - Values Survey – Fill in form



Remembrance at Northleaze

During November, children across the school will be marking Remembrance through a range of age-appropriate activities linked to the theme "Remembering, Reflecting and Hoping." Children are warmly invited to wear the uniform of any Scout, Guide, Cadet or other youth organisation they belong to on Remembrance Day as we recognise the values of service, commitment and community.

Our aim is to help children understand that is an opportunity to remember those who have served and sacrificed, reflect on the impact of conflict and consider how we can all contribute to a more peaceful world. Across the school, pupils will explore these themes through art, poetry, history and writing. From poppy artwork and poems for peace to letters for the Royal British Legion, children will be encouraged to reflect on the past while considering their hopes for the future.

As part of our Remembrance activities, Year 6 pupils will be helping to run this year's **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** in school. Poppies, wristbands, reflectors, zip pulls and other remembrance items will be available

throughout the week. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send them to school with some spare change. Linked to our Christian vision, **"Let Your Light Shine"**, these activities will help children develop respect, gratitude and empathy while remembering the sacrifices of the past and considering the responsibility we all share in building a better future

Children in Need - World Kindness Day – Friday 13th November 2026



This year, Children in Need **and** World Kindness Day both fall on Friday 13 November**,** and we have decided to combine them into a special day with a shared focus on kindness, compassion and making a difference.

Children are invited to come to school wearing **something spotty** and, if families wish, make a voluntary donation to Children in Need. Alongside this, every class will take part in a meaningful project designed to help others in our school and wider community.

While fundraising remains an important part of Children in Need, we want our children to understand that changing the world is about more than raising money or dressing up for the day. At Northleaze, we want to develop children as courageous advocates**:** young people who notice the needs of others, care about those around them and take action to make a positive difference.

Throughout the day, children will be creating cards, letters, artwork and messages of encouragement for people both within and beyond our school community. These activities will help them see that even simple acts of kindness can have a powerful impact on someone's day and remind them that they have the ability to be a force for good.

We hope the day will leave children with an important message: kindness is not just something we talk about; it is something we do. By using their words, talents and actions to support others, every child can make a genuine difference and help their light shine brightly in the world.

Aladdin Comes to Northleaze



We are delighted that the children will be enjoying a performance of **Aladdin** in school this December. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience live theatre together and promises to be a memorable part of the festive season. The performance has been arranged for all children from Nursery to Year 6, bringing the excitement of a traditional pantomime directly to Northleaze.

To help cover the cost of the performance, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5 per child**, payable via **ParentPay**. Thank you for your support in helping us provide special experiences such as this for our children.

School Photos

Unfortunately, **Tempest Photography** were unable to come into school this week to take the children's photographs as planned. We would like to apologise for this inconvenience and appreciate that many families will have taken extra care with hairstyles and uniform in preparation for photo day. The photographs have now been **rescheduled for Tuesday 18th November**. This date will still allow plenty of time for photographs to be ordered and delivered in time for any Christmas gifts. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has booked an appointment for parents evening. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss their child's progress, celebrate successes and talk about next steps in learning. They are an important part of the partnership between home and school, helping us work together to ensure every child is supported to achieve their best.

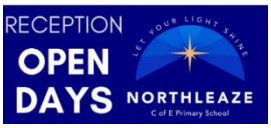
Appointments are only 10 minutes long, so we encourage everyone to make the most of the time available. If there is anything in particular you would like to discuss, a brief heads-up via the parental email account would be greatly appreciated and will help teachers prepare. If, after the meeting, it is clear that more time is needed, we will be

happy to arrange a follow-up appointment. To help us stay on schedule and ensure every family receives their full appointment, please do knock on the classroom door at your allotted time.

We value these opportunities to meet with families and look forward to seeing you. To help us keep to time for everyone, please do make your way to your appointment promptly and kindly knock when your allocated slot begins. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Tours

Our school tours have been going really well, and it has been a real pleasure to welcome prospective families and show them what makes Northleaze such a special place to learn and grow. We have a couple of scheduled tour dates still to come, but we are also very happy to arrange additional visits where needed. Please do spread the word to any friends, family or neighbours looking for a Reception place for September 2027.



Upcoming Tour Dates:

- Wednesday 25 November - 9:15am – 10:15am

Prayer for Creativity

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of imagination and creativity. Help us to think deeply, wonder curiously and express ourselves with confidence. Inspire us to use our talents in ways that bring joy, solve problems and make the world a better place. When things are difficult, help us to persevere, try new ideas and learn from our mistakes. May we use our creativity to serve others and let our light shine brightly.

Amen.

Headteacher's Awards



KS1: Holly (Yr1)

KS2: Matilda (Yr5)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Lark

Year 3: Bertie

Year 4: Hattie

Year 5: Sophie

Year 6: Anya



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Annabel & Skye

Year 2: Bodhi

Year 3: Jaxon, George & Sara

Year 4: Finley & Leo

Year 5: Dylan & Isla

Year 6: Olivia & Henry

House Cup awarded to...

Yanley



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