Newsletter 2.2
13 November 2026

Northleaze C of E Primary School

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



Headteacher Message:

This week, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance. Through a special collective worship and a one-minute silence on Wednesday, the children had an opportunity to pause, reflect and remember all those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. It was a particularly meaningful occasion for our Northleaze community, which includes a number of service families.

We were especially proud of the children from our children who represented Northleaze at the memorial at the top of Theynes Croft, joining members of our local community in a special act of remembrance. It was lovely to see them taking an active part in this important occasion and representing our school with such respect. We are grateful to all those who serve, past and present, and to the families who make their own sacrifices in supporting them. Remembrance provides an important opportunity for us to recognise their service, courage and commitment.

Key Dates

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

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

School Photos
18/11/26

Guinea Pig Form
20/11/26

INSET Day
20/11/26

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

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







Sirius (2) Class beautiful poppy water colour paintings.





Vega (4) Class stunning poppy wreath.

Children in Need & World Kindness Day – Friday 13th November

Today, we have been celebrating both Children in Need and World Kindness Day, with a focus on something very important: making a positive difference to others through simple acts of kindness.

This year, rather than simply marking the occasion with dressing up or non-uniform, we wanted the children to think about how they could show kindness, generosity and appreciation through meaningful actions. This links beautifully with our vision, *Let Your Light Shine*, and our school values. Each year group has been busy carrying out a special activity designed to bring a little kindness, encouragement or happiness to someone else:

Year 1 created cheerful greeting cards for residents at Lampton House Care Home.
Year 2 designed bookmarks featuring words of hope and prayers to share with residents at All Saints Church.
Year 3 wrote letters of appreciation to our kitchen team and lunch supervisors, thanking them for all they do.
Year 4 created uplifting artwork for display at Long Ashton Surgery.
Year 5 wrote letters of appreciation to members of our wider school community, including our office team, caretaker, NAP Club staff and governors.
Year 6 created messages of hope and encouragement for children receiving care at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.

It has been lovely to see the children thinking about others and recognising the many people who make a difference in our lives and community.

Children in Need Donations



We would also like to thank everyone who has supported Children in Need through a donation. If you haven't yet had the opportunity and would like to contribute, donations are still very welcome via [Donate to BBC Children in Need Every contribution, however small, helps support children and families who need it.

We hope today's activities have helped our children recognise that kindness is not just something we talk about – it is something we do. Through their creativity, thoughtfulness and generosity, they have shown how even small actions can make a real difference. A lovely example of our children truly letting their light shine!

Values Review Update

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to share their views on our school values. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, there is still time to share your thoughts. 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. Thank you for supporting this important piece of work and helping to shape the future direction of our school. Northleaze CofE Primary School - Values Survey – Fill in form

Guinea Pig – Permission Form



Preparations are almost complete, and we are getting very excited about welcoming our newest members to the Northleaze family – our school guinea pigs! Before they arrive, we are asking all parents and carers to complete a short **Guinea Pig Parental Consent Form –**

Northleaze School Guinea Pigs – Parental Consent – Fill in form

This will help us identify any allergies, medical considerations or other information we need to be aware of when children are spending time with the guinea pigs. The form also includes an opportunity to express an interest in potentially looking after them at home for a weekend or during school holidays. Please could all families complete the form by **Friday 20th November,** so that we can make sure everything is in place for their arrival. We can't wait to introduce them to the children

Northleaze Holiday Club



We are currently exploring the possibility of offering a Holiday Club at Northleaze. We know that access to quality holiday childcare is important for many families, and we are keen to understand whether there is sufficient interest within our school community.

A separate letter will be sent out shortly with further information. Please note that the club will only be able to go ahead if there is enough demand to make it financially viable.

When you receive the letter, please take a moment to complete the accompanying Microsoft Form, even if you are only considering using the club. Having an accurate picture of potential demand will help us make an informed decision about whether we can proceed. Thank you for your support, and please keep an eye out for further information in the coming days.

Aladdin Comes to Northleaze



A reminder that the children will be enjoying a special performance of *Aladdin* in school this December! All children from Nursery to Year 6 will have the opportunity to experience the excitement of a traditional pantomime, bringing a little extra magic to our festive celebrations. If you haven't already done so, please make a voluntary contribution of **£5 per child via ParentPay** to help cover the cost of the performance. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us provide these special experiences for our children.

School Photos

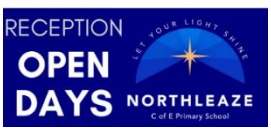
A reminder that Tempest Photography will be visiting school on **Wednesday 18th November** to take the children's individual photographs, following the postponement of the original photo day. Please ensure children come to school in their usual school uniform (even if it's normally a PE day), looking smart and ready for their photographs!

Parents Evenings - Reminder

A reminder that our Parents' Evening appointments are taking place next week. Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and talk about next steps in learning. Appointments are **10 minutes long**, so please do arrive promptly and knock on the classroom door at your allocated time to help us keep to schedule. If there is anything specific you would like to discuss, a brief email to the class teacher in advance would be very helpful. Should it become clear that more time is needed, we will be happy to arrange a follow-up meeting. Thank you for your continued support. We value the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

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 our imaginations and the talents we share. Help us to be curious, try new ideas and have the confidence to be creative. Inspire us to use our gifts to help others and make a positive difference.

Amen.

Headteacher's Awards



KS1: Arianna (Yr2)

KS2: Harrison (Yr6)



Stars Awarded to:

Year 1: Rafferty

Year 2: Rosie

Year 3: Freddie

Year 4: Mostyn

Year 5: Toby

Year 6: Bonnie



Class Certificates Awarded to:

Year 1: Emma & Eliza

Year 2: Laurie, Daisy & Nico

Year 3: Taliah & Logan

Year 4: Theo & Jacob

Year 5: Aoife & Olivia

Year 6: Elsie & Theo

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