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Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Nurturing Ambition in Partnership:

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

September 2026

Here at Northlew and Ashbury Primary School, we are proud to reflect on our shared vision of 'Nurturing Ambition in Partnership'. Together with our families and wider community, we continue to inspire every child to aim high, believe in themselves and embrace new opportunities with confidence. Rooted in our school value to 'Let your Light Shine', we celebrate each pupil's unique talents, encouraging them to grow academically, socially and spiritually. Thank you for being such an important part of our vibrant and supportive school community.

Dear Families

A Fantastic Start to the New Academic Year!

As we move further into the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for helping us make such a positive start to the academic year at Northlew and Ashbury Primary School.

The school is buzzing with energy, enthusiasm and a real sense of purpose. Pupils have returned ready to learn and it has been wonderful to see classrooms full of children engaging in exciting learning opportunities and embracing the new challenges of a new year.

We are particularly excited about the term ahead as we continue our journey to raising expectations for every pupil. This year, we are placing a strong focus o ensuring the highest standards of behaviour around the school, helping all children to demonstrate ambition, respect and responsibility at all times. Alongside this, we are also making handwriting and presentation a key priority, encouraging pupils to take pride in their work and develop habits that will support them throughout their education.

Thank you again for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child at our school has the opportunity to flourish, achieve their potential and enjoy a successful year ahead.

Mrs Counter

Dear Families

What an amazing start to the new school year – we have had lots of 'Shining Light' moments throughout the school, and we are incredibly proud of how the children have returned (or started) to school and their positive attitude to their learning.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming lots of new faces: Ivy, Austin, George, Sophia, Arthur, and Tabitha, and all of their families- they have settled in beautifully and are fully emersed into school life.

The Year 6 children had a lovely morning this week, attending the Junior Life Skills event, where they had the opportunity to take part in various activities linked to lots of key life skills (cyber security code breaking was a firm favourite!) They represented our school and wider community brilliantly and they should feel incredibly proud.

On Wednesday 7th October we have Mr Stuart Gale, who is a School Development Advisor, visiting our school. He will be looking at learning, talking to pupils and staff and will be on the gate first thing in the morning – please do say hello and welcome him to our wonderful school.

Friday 9th October is 'YoungMinds Hello Yellow' – a day to raise awareness for children and young people's mental wellbeing. We are going to be decorating yellow snap bands to represent us, please can the children please bring in a voluntary donation to go towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Tucker-Grant

CLASS NEWS: Now that Class Dojo is up and running, class news will be shared on Dojo. If you are unable to access this platform, please speak to class teachers.

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone

Just a few dates for you to save, with more information to follow:

- *Friday 6th November – Northlew Bonfire Night & Fancy Dress*
- *Thursday 26th November – Festive Quiz in the Green Dragon*

We will also be doing our Christmas Hamper Raffle again, so we will circulate a list in November asking for donations please.

Also again this year, we will be supporting Northlew Carnival Committee with the Fancy Dress in the hall before the lighting of the bonfire. We will also have a hamper raffle then.

Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and emails for more information.

Thank you.

PTFA

STAR LEARNERS

Bodhi for rising to the challenge of Year 6 and all that it entails and for having a positive attitude to his learning.

Ivy for a fantastic, confident start to her Northlew journey, and for settling beautifully well,

Pupil Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please notify us before the start of the school day.

You can report an absence in the following ways…

Email
admin@northlewprimary.org.uk

Phone
School Office: 01409 221420

Always include your child's name, school and specific reason for absence.

Attendance this month: 98.38%

Medical appointments

When advising school of any dental, GP or hospital appointments, please could you include a letter, appointment card or screenshot of the appointment so that this can be recorded correctly on your child's absence records. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding Spotlight: Supporting Children to Use AI Safely

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly common part of everyday life, with tools such as chatbots, content generators and AI-powered search summaries appearing across many websites and apps that children use. While AI can be a useful tool for learning, creativity and finding information, it is important that children understand how to use it safely and responsibly. As parents and carers, you can support this by having regular conversations about where AI is being used online, reminding children that not everything they see on the internet is real, and encouraging them to check information using trusted sources. It is also important to discuss the potential misuse of AI, including the creation of harmful or misleading content, and to reinforce that children should always speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about anything they encounter online. Websites such as Childline provide safe, reliable advice and support for young people, and we encourage families to continue promoting open conversations about online safety at home.

For more support and help visit the 'Safeguarding for Parents' page on the school website.

The school website link to the 'Safeguarding Support for Parents' page, including how to support your child to use AI safely, is: Northlew and Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary School - Safeguarding Support for Parents

DIARY DATES	
Monday 5th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6
Friday 9th October	YoungMinds Hello Yellow day
Wednesday 14th October	Year 1&2 History trip Okehampton
Monday 26th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	All children return
Friday 6th November	Northlew Bonfire Night & Fancy Dress
Thursday 26th November	Festive Quiz in the Green Dragon
Thursday 10th December	KS2 Panto trip – details to follow
Tuesday 15th December	YR/KS1 Panto trip – details to follow
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MRS JOHNSTONE'S OUTDOOR CLUB - HALF TERM	MRS OGBORNE'S CONSTRUCTION CLUB - HALF TERM	OCRA MARTIAL ARTS CLUB - WHOLE TERM	LJD COACHING SPORTS CLUB - WHOLE TERM
14th September	15th September	17th September	11th September
21st September	22nd September	24th September	18th September
28th September	29th September	1st October	25th September
5th October	6th October	8th October	2nd October
12th October	13th October	15th October	9th October
19th October	20th October	12th November	16th October
2nd November		19th November	6th November
9th November		26th November	13th November
16th November		3rd December	20th November
23rd November			27th November
30th November			4th December
7th December			11th December



