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

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

October 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.

Good Morning

What an amazing first half term we have had! We have been so proud of the children's learning and watching their lights shine, be that during lessons or on trips and visits that have taken place.

As we look towards the second half of the Autumn term, not only is there lots of learning to look forward to but lots of trips and visits. Please see Class Dojo for updates and information – we endeavour to get information to you as far in advance as we can.

As we are heading into the winter months, the weather is changing. We want the children to be able to utilise our fantastic outside space and play equipment as much as possible, so we are asking that all the children (if possible and as often as possible) bring in named wellies and waterproofs. These can be left in school and will mean that we can get the children outside in all weathers and temperatures. We would also suggest that they bring a spare pair of socks with them every day so that if they get wet feet, they can change into something warm and dry.

After half term, we are going to be trialling a reading reward system to encourage our children to be reading to and with an adult as much as possible (both at school and at home.) For every 10 reads with an adult, recorded by the adult in their reading records, the children are going to be getting reading stickers and 5 Dojo points.

The importance and impact of reading with an adult and sharing 'book talk' on children's learning and conversational skills is invaluable and feeds into supporting all areas of their development. We understand that life is busy, but we are encouraging the children to be reading for at least 10 minutes, twice a week with an adult as a minimum to support their reading development.

For this year's Northlew Carnival we are going to be entering the group competition as a school. To link to our learning, we are going to be dressing up as Prehistoric Britons (cave people.) The children will need to wear dark trousers and t-shirts and, as last year, we will be making parts of their costumes at school. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of our staff team and please do feel free to enter the children in any of the other categorise they want to in support of the carnival.

LEARNING UPDATE: What a busy October we have had here in Acorn Class, the children have truly let their light shine! Our history unit this half term has been 'Local History' and as part of our learning we have been fortunate enough to go on 2 trips. Our first, was a guided tour around our picturesque village with local resident, Mags Jarvis, who shared with us lots of historical information. Thank you Mags for sharing your knowledge with us! Then our second trip was with fellow Moorland Hub schools to Okehampton where we were able to visit the train stations, ride on a train, visit the museum and explore the castle grounds, comparing old and new features and artefacts and past and present customs. Thank you to Mrs Baker from Bridestowe School for organising the trip, we thoroughly enjoyed it!







We have enjoyed October as a 'Harvest' month; pumpkin soup making with EYFS and Angela's visit involving all the children in seed planting for the 'Food for Thought' programme.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Phonics 'Drop-in' session this week. It was lovely to see you all and be able to show you how your children are taught to read and write in school and how you can best support them with these new skills at home; a real example of how we help to 'Nurture Ambition in Partnership' here at Northlew & Ashbury School.



We are looking forward to November.....including a Diwali celebration in school and a Remembrance visit to the Memorial at the Church. Also, a 'Stay and Play' session - all parents, carers and children in the community are welcome to join Acorn Class for the morning for fun learning activities and snack time. Please see details in the diary dates.

STAR LEARNERS

***Oswald** for excellent learning behaviours.*

***Jasmine** for growing independence and confidence in all her learning.*

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone

Thank you to you all for donating on non-uniform day we have bought some items and the Carnival Committee are also donating to the bonfire hamper. Tickets are £1 each, so if you would like any, please see Jo. The money raised from the hamper raffle will be split between the PTFA and the Carnival Committee to help keep the carnival going for the future.

Friday 6th November is Bonfire and Carnival. The school is involved in the fancy dress as a group, so hopefully we will see lots of you there! There's no limit to the number of classes the children can enter, please see the poster for the categories. This year we will start the fancy dress with the children's groups. So adults, to give the children a chance to change, we need some adult groups!! Parents, get your fancy dress costumes out and it's free to enter! After the fancy dress we have our BBQ so if anyone would like to help, please let us know.

Thursday 26th November is the Pub Quiz in the Green Dragon, please see poster for more details.

Heads up for November! We will be asking people if they could kindly donate something for our Christmas hamper! We will have a list of items and all you have to do is choose one to buy for the hamper. We will send home some hamper tickets for everyone to sell as well. The hamper will be drawn on 18th December.

I know it feels like we are always asking, we do try and keep things to a minimum especially during this time of year but here is what we have paid for since September:

Year 1 and 2 history trip to Okehampton £14.62

Class 1 Panto trip donation in December £110.00

Class 2 Panto trip donation in December £90.00

KS2 trip to Lyme Regis donation in November £137.00

Total £351.62!

Thank you to everyone for the continuing support. Have a great half term break 😊

Jo, Rosie, Becky, Karla, Mel, Amanda, Clare, Becky and Jade.

SAFEGUARDING: As you are aware, we regularly teach children about how to stay safe online. Throughout the year, we focus on different aspects of online safety to help children develop the knowledge and skills they need to use technology safely and responsibly. This time, our focus is on online gaming. Below is a useful resource for parents and carers, which provides practical advice on how to help children stay safe while gaming online. We hope you find this information helpful in supporting your child to enjoy online gaming safely and responsibly.
Parents Power Up! How you can help your child stay safe while gaming online

Safeguarding Spotlight: Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility between families and schools. Parents can help by regularly talking to their child about their online activities, ensuring they only access age-appropriate games, apps and websites, and using parental controls where available. Children should be reminded never to share personal information, photos or their location online, as this can increase the risk of unwanted contact and misuse of information. It is also important to be aware of the risks associated with online gaming, including chatting with strangers, inappropriate language, scams and pressure to make purchases.

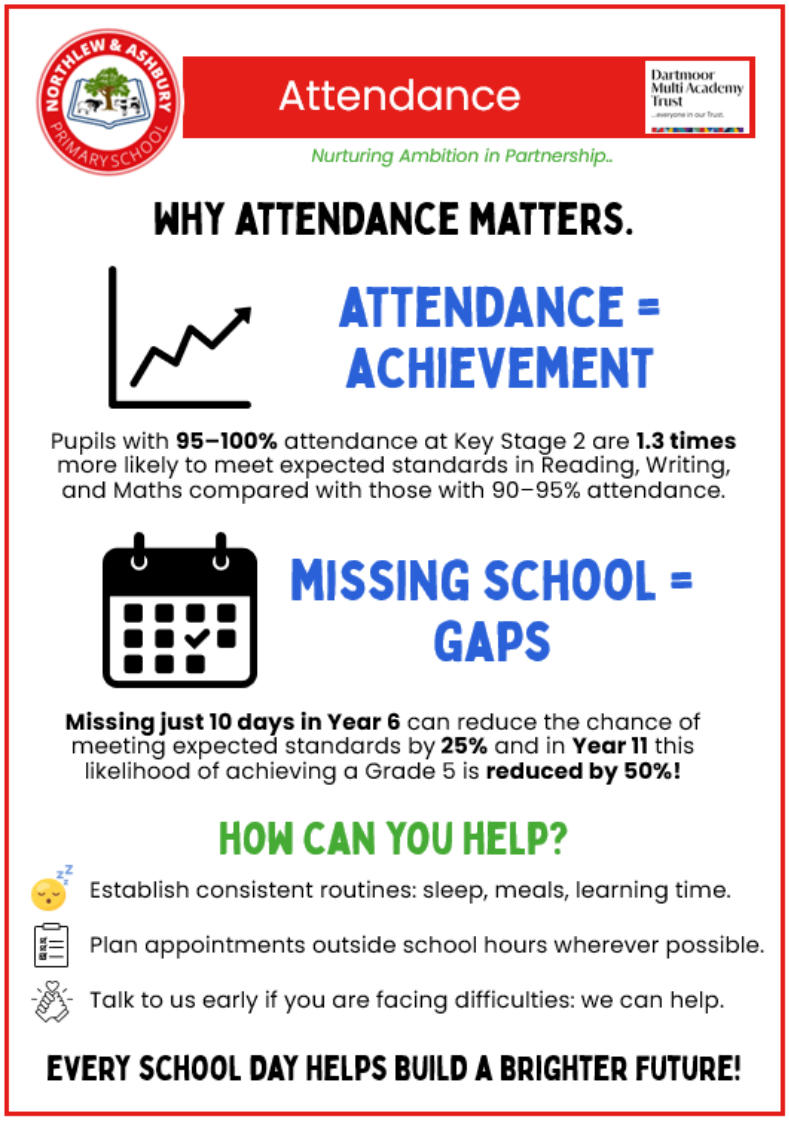
We ask parents to encourage children to report anything online that makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable, including cyberbullying, unkind behaviour or contact from people they do not know. Setting sensible limits on screen time and promoting a healthy balance between online and offline activities can really help support children's wellbeing, sleep and emotional health.

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

GOgovernors: We are still looking to recruit more Governors so please let us know if you would like to support the children and have a say in their education.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: It has now been decided to run a new club for the 2nd half of the Autumn term: Christmas Craft Club on Tuesday with Mrs Ogborne. Please ensure that permission is given via school Gateway as we cannot include children in clubs without parental consent and do speak to your child/ren about what the club is. It is important that they understand they will be expected to join in the delivered activities and behave as is expected during the rest of the school day. We are happy for children to try clubs out first and if they decided that they no longer want to attend, they do not have to.



Attendance this month: 98.37%

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.

DIARY DATES

Monday 26th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	All children return Year 5 & 6 Holocaust Visitor trip Bridestowe Primary
Friday 6th November	Diwali celebration in school Northlew Carnival 6pm
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance visit Church Memorial 11am all welcome
Thursday 12th November	Children in Need – details to follow
Friday 13th November	KS2 trip Lyme Regis – details to follow
Monday 16th November	Tempest Individual Photos pm
Wednesday 18th November	'Stay & Play' 10-12pm
Thursday 26th November	Festive Quiz Green Dragon
Tuesday 1st December	'Book Look 8.45am
Thursday 10th December	KS2 Panto trip Northcott Theatre Exeter – details to follow
Friday 11th December	Whole School Christmas Performance Northlew Victory Hall 2.30pm & 5.45pm
Tuesday 15th December	YR/KS1 Panto trip Barnfield Theatre Exeter – details to follow
Friday 18th December	Christmas Nativity & Carol Service Church 2pm – all welcome! Last day of term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM

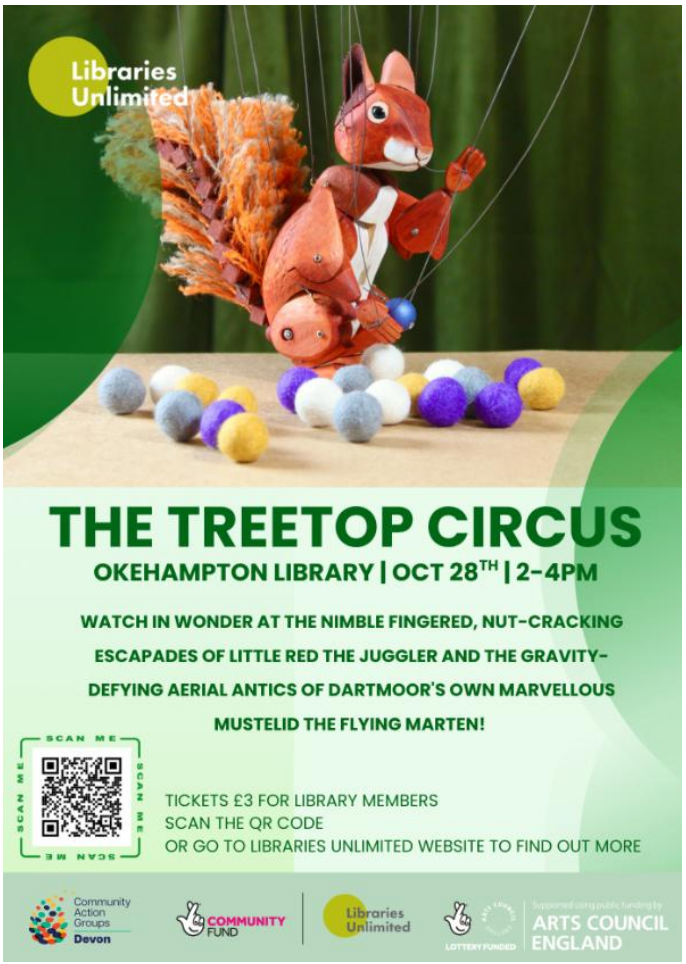
MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MRS JOHNSTONE'S OUTDOOR CLUB	MRS OGBORNE'S CONSTRUCTION CLUB (6 sessions) & CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB (6 sessions)	OCRA MARTIAL ARTS CLUB	LJD COACHING SPORTS CLUB
14th September	15th September	17th September	11th September
21st September	22nd September	24th September	18th September
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	3rd November	19th November	6th November
9th November	10th November	26th November	13th November
16th November	17th November	3rd December	20th November
23rd November	24th November		27th November
30th November	1st December		4th December
7th December	8th December		11th December


NORTHLEW CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026
HOSTED BY NORTHLEW SILVER BAND IN ASSOCIATION WITH NORTHLEW PTFA
FANCY DRESS IN THE HALL
DOORS OPEN FROM 6PM, FANCY DRESS STARTS AT 6.30PM
CATEGORIES:
CHILDREN UNDER 4YRS
CHILDREN 5-8YRS
CHILDREN 9-12YRS
CHILDRENS PAIRS
ADULTS
CHILDRENS GROUPS
ADULTS GROUPS
WHEELED
DOOR ENTRY £1.00 CHILDREN UNDER 11 FREE
ALL FANCY DRESS ENTRANTS FREE
RAFFLE
SILVER BAND PARADE FROM OUTSIDE YELLANDS AFTER THE FANCY DRESS AROUND 8.00PM WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE BONFIRE IN THE SQUARE
FOOD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS


Northlew & Ashbury Primary School
PTFA
Festive QUIZ
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2026 7:30 PM
THE GREEN DRAGON NORTHLEW
TEAMS OF 2–6 (OR JOIN A TEAM)
Price per Team (TBC)
Festive Platter on each table and a glass of Mulled Wine / Mulled Cider for each player
Contact Rosie for further information
07970 602454
Registered Charity No. 1208780


MAMMOTH SPARKLERS
Mini Marshmallows
YORKSHIRE TEA
Sticky TOFFEE BREW
NEW! RECIPE
DELICIOUS CRUNCHY CORN
Munchies
Galaxy
Maynards JellyBabies


NORTHLEW
HALLOWEEN
TRACTOR RUN
LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO GO!
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
LEAVING THE SQUARE AT 5PM
ROUTE TO INCLUDE:
PATCHACOTT, HALWILL JUNCTION, CHILLA, BLACK TORRINGTON, SHEEPWASH, HIGHAMPTON RETURNING TO NORTHLEW
BEST DECORATED TRACTOR PRIZE
RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS BEFORE THE RUN
IN AID OF
NORTHLEW BELL FUND


Libraries Unlimited
THE TREETOP CIRCUS
OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY | OCT 28TH | 2-4PM
WATCH IN WONDER AT THE NIMBLE FINGERED, NUT-CRACKING ESCAPADES OF LITTLE RED THE JUGGLER AND THE GRAVITY-DEFYING AERIAL ANTICS OF DARTMOOR'S OWN MARVELLOUS MUSTELID THE FLYING MARTEN!
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9.45am-3pm
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