

Friday October 11th 2024

WEEKLY NEWS

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Our Nurture, Inspire and Challenge characters.



School Motto:

We nurture and inspire others and challenge ourselves. Be brave, be kind and seize the day!



Week 5 Stars:

Nursery Pear Class- Connie G, for being such a great role model in class.

YR

Apple – Simon F, for kind words with friends.

Cherry- Willow B, for showing great kindness to others.

Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Victor C, for always showing respect and including everyone.

Beech- Edie A, for very good focus in phonics sessions

Y2

Hornbeam- Leon S, for fantastic effort in maths lessons.

Willow- Melody C, for improved independence with all her learning.

Pine- Charlie D, for always showing kindness to others.

Y3

Alder – Joshua W, for always showing respect and including others.

Lime- Ezra H, for superb effort in P.E.

Elm – Hayden M, for improved presentation in her work.

Y4

Cedar- Oliver W, for great writing resilience all week.

Birch- Peyton N, for excellent swimming progress and being a great role-model.

Sycamore- Luca S, for excellent Tudor knowledge for our topic.

Y5

Magnolia- Lia B, for showing fantastic effort in her writing.

Oak- Toby C, for excellent improvement and focus with writing.

Holly- Grace C, for exceptional writing and a great learning attitude.

Y6

Hazel- Millie F, for having such a positive attitude to learning.

Juniper- Holly M-B, for fantastic effort in all her learning.

Any certificates or medals gained out of school please bring to the office to be shared in assembly (please label clearly). Tuesday KS2 and Thursday KS1/YR.



Sharing Good News

We very much appreciate hearing about children's achievements out of school. Please send any award or special event pictures to the office with a brief description, child's name and class. We'll include you in the weekly news!



TT Rock Stars

LKS2 Most Correct Answers

Benjamin W

Paige C

Joshua J

LKS2 Most Improved

Hendon S-M

Connor R

Henry M

UKS2 Most Improved

Olivia C

Leo G

Joshua M

UKS2 Most Correct Answers

Robyn W

Lacey C

Edward P

Whole School Effort

Paige C

Lacey C

Neve M



Best Class Attendance Award



Week 5

EYFS/KS1: Y1 Monkey Puzzle 98.6%

KS2: 3 Lime 98%

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

We've had another great week here at Glebe. Last Wednesday we welcomed some colleagues from United Learning central office on their 'Away Day', when they experience the day in the life of a school. Our visitors really enjoyed their day with us. They all usually work in finance and they said it was brilliant to see the children engaged with their learning. They all said our school is calm, friendly and purposeful.

We've welcomed many local families on our September 2025 Reception class tours in recent weeks. Feedback has been highly positive. Please encourage anyone you know locally with children nearly of school age to come and meet us and see our school for themselves.

Our new baby and toddler group is developing well as more parents and carers hear about it. Please come along if you have a baby or a toddler. Miss. Ioakeim, our nursery teacher, puts on some nice activities and parents and carers come and sit with their children and chat together: Wednesdays 10am.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to be a PTA class rep. This is much appreciated and teachers will be in touch to start planning events and ideas together for fundraising.

Our next big event is Geography Week, which is a themed learning week across the whole school. We also have parent and teacher meetings coming up and the office have prepared online bookings for appointments. Please call the office if you have any online booking obstacles.

This week I would like to spotlight the excellent support given to children who have additional learning needs at our school. Please see our summary report below. I am so grateful to Miss. Jackson, our hard working and dedicated Inclusion leader but also to the whole team. Last term our special needs provision was highly praised by the United Learning Special Needs Advisor and she particularly praised the care and understanding that Miss. Jackson gives to children and to families. We all think she is amazing here at Glebe as well.

I wanted to also praise Mr. Williams, our fast thinking and kind Premises Manager, this week. On Monday on the way to work in Southwick he stopped when he saw a traffic accident ahead and he went to assist a person who was injured in the road. He helped with first aid and made sure the area was safe, as well as working with paramedics over the phone until they arrived with an ambulance. What a star!

We are receiving some feedback about the recent school photographs. Please let us know if you had an issue with the ordering or quality.

We received a really nice thankyou card regarding Harvest donations: *"Thank you Glebe so much for your kind food donation. It will help many people who are struggling to manage, best wishes Fishersgate Food Bank team "*.

We are sadly saying farewell to wonderful Mrs. Dunford at the end of this half term. 'Miss D', as we all fondly know her, is one of our Teaching Assistants who works in the pastoral team. She has worked at Glebe for the last four years in various roles and we are really grateful to her for her contribution to the school and for the extra care she has provided to many children. We are collecting for a gift and contributions are welcome via the office.

Best wishes
Mrs. Crutchfield

EVENTS:

Weds 16th Oct Y1 walk to Southwick Square
Weds 16th Oct Y6 NHS Height and Weight Measurements
W/O 21st October Geography & Eco Week
W/O 21st October Parent-teacher meetings this week- please book online.

Thurs 24th October Y1 to Y6 PTA Disco night:
3.00pm to 4.00pm Y1/2 (wear party clothes to school)
4.15-5.15pm Y3/4

5.30 - 6.30pm Y5/6

Please enter and leave via Church lane. We will dismiss children from the classrooms nearest to the hall on the field side Y3/4.

Half term Thursday 24th October

Back to school Monday 4th November

4th November United Learning Parent Survey opens.

7/11 Y3 Swimming begins

Week of 11/11 Kindness Week

11/11 Remembrance assemblies (Poppies will be on sale before this)

15/11 Children In Need Day

W/O 9th Dec EYFS and KS1 Christmas shows

6th December United Learning Parent Survey closes.

10/12 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

W/O 16/12 Christmas Activity Week

Christmas holidays Thursday 19th Dec

Back to school Tues 7th January 2025

28/1 PTA Panto from M&M Productions

13/2 PTA Disco event

Half term Friday 14th February

Back to school Monday 24th February

6th March World Book Day

14th March Red Nose Day

4/4 PTA events: KS2 Egg decorating competition & EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet competition.

Easter holidays Friday 4th April

Back to school Tuesday 22nd April

W/O 19/5 national Walk to School Week

Half term Friday 23rd May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

11th to 13th June Y6 Residential Trip to Kent

14/6 PTA Summer Fair (date TBC)

Summer holidays Friday 18th July.

Reception (YR) Places for September 2025

Parents and carers with children starting school in September 2025 may like to join a tour:

Thursday 17th October 9am

Thursday 24th October 1pm

Further tours can be arranged.

Please book a tour via the office team.

Apply for places on the WSCC website.

YR Application Information:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

School applications open on 1 September 2024

Close 15 January 2025

School Offer day is 16 April 2025

Nursery tours

If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child then please contact the office who can arrange tours for you and stay and play visits with the class teacher. Our Nursery is open for children to join after their 3rd birthday. We open for school hours. Vouchers accepted.

Please book a tour and apply for places via the office team.

Glebe Parent/Carer, Baby & Toddler Group

Please join us in the Sports Hall Wednesdays 10am to 11am for our weekly Parent/Carer, Baby & Toddler Group run by our school nursery teacher Miss. Ioakeim and volunteers. Please enter and leave via Church Lane.

Support at Glebe for children with additional needs

We have a highly skilled team here at Glebe, ably led by our Assistant Head Miss. Jackson. She is our Inclusion Leader (INCO). Meeting the needs of children with additional needs is a shared responsibility in schools and all teachers have training in different approaches to enable them to set learning at the right level in the classroom. We also provide training for teachers in how to meet children's social, emotional, behavioural and mental health need.

We have very favourable feedback from experts who have visited our school about the high quality of special needs inclusion we offer at Glebe, including from the local authority, United Learning and Ofsted. Our teachers are highly skilled at being able to meet children's learning needs in their classrooms. The ultimate aim for children with additional needs is that they can develop independence and join in fully, with skilled adaptations. Teachers refer to Miss. Jackson if they need further support or if they are concerned about a child.

In partnership with our teaching team we have a brilliant support staff team. Each of our Teaching Assistants is skilled in many different areas of learning and they specialise in meeting different learning needs. We are lucky to have colleagues skilled in many areas which support specific need:

- Physical development needs
- Early years
- Speech and language development
- Social, emotional and behavioural development
- Mental health and well-being support
- Medical needs
- Specific special needs e.g. Dyslexia, ADHD and Autism.

We also have access to support and referral to external providers e.g. Behaviour Support, CAMHS and the School Nurse service.

We are very proud of all that we achieve in ensuring children's additional needs are met and parents can be assured that we are offering an excellent service.

The system for supporting children with complex additional needs is about ensuring they have the support needed at the right time. Even our children with very high need are able to manage in class independently for some aspects of learning and this is celebrated and positive. The focus of high quality special needs provision is all about adapting learning, providing resource and giving the right support at the right time e.g. daily speech therapy at a set time, daily sensory breaks or whatever is on the plan. Adult support is allocated on a timetabled basis and often also happens in small groups or 1:1 for specific skills development. It is rare for children in any school to have a dedicated Teaching Assistant in 2024 as this is not seen from research as best practice or helpful in supporting children to become independent long term.

Glebe is an inclusive school and this means that we include every child and nurture and support everyone to thrive. There have always been restraints from government funding but here at Glebe, in partnership with parents and carers, we do all we can.

If parents and carers have any concerns about their child's development or learning needs then please speak to their child's class teacher in the first instance. Teachers will listen to your concerns and share their observations from a class teacher perspective. They will then decide if a period of monitoring and class based intervention is needed or if they need to refer to Miss. Jackson.

Thankyou
The Inclusion Team



St. Michael's & All Angels Church (next door) upcoming festive events for families:

- Advent Fayre is on Saturday 30th of November 10.30am-2.00pm,
- Carol Service is at 6pm on the 22nd of December.
- Christmas Eve crib service is at 4pm on 24th.

Wrap Around Care at Glebe: Breakfast Club from 7.30am, After School Club to 6.00pm (with evening meal) and Holiday time childcare.

For more information please contact the PLAY team and George Hance, the manager:

www.plaype.co.uk/glebe Or email glebe@plaype.co.uk