

Friday January 10th 2025

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!



EYFS

Nursery Pear Class- Gwen C, for great effort with scissor skills.

Apple-Louie M, for fantastic reading effort.

Cherry- Jackson B, for fantastic maths learning.

Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Olivia B, for showing growing independence and a 'can do' attitude.

Beech- Freddie N, for working hard on handwriting and phonics.

Y2

Hornbeam- Freddie R, for excellent Geography knowledge.

Willow- Marnie A, for a great attitude towards her learning.

Pine- Luca P, for fantastic reading effort.

Y3

Alder- Joseph K, for being independent in his learning.

Lime- Adnam R, for super maths work and quick recall.

Elm- Lily R, for always having a positive approach to learning.

Y4

Cedar- Freya A, for great resilience in maths with multiplication.

Birch- Kiki D, for challenging herself in her learning and for being a great role-model.

Sycamore- Joshua J, for great times-tables knowledge.

Y5

Magnolia- Dominic T, for showing fantastic independent learning in maths.

Oak- Clark B, for an amazing start to the term with 100% effort.

Holly-Phoebe B, for excellent focus during morning tasks.

Y6

Hazel-Caoimhe S-H, for a great attitude to her learning.

Juniper- Jayden M, for his fantastic effort and growth mindset in maths.

Star certificates and stickers will be given out in next week's Star assembly.

Glebe's Instagram page is live!

You can find us at @GlebePrimarySchool.

https://www.instagram.com/glebeprimaryschool?igsh=MXUzO_HM0eWlxNXNuMw%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Please also see our PTA Instagram page:

www.instagram.com/glebeprimarypta



TT Rock Stars

LKS2 Most Correct Answers

Cemre Y

Farhan O

Kya V

LKS2 Most Improved

Hayden M

Kya V

Yasmin M

UKS2 Most Improved

Amelia G

Grace C

Joseph A

UKS2 Most Correct Answers

Grace C

Phoebe B

Amelia G

Whole School Effort

Cemre Y

Farhan O

Kya V

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Spring Term and Happy New Year! All the children have come back ready to learn and happy to see their friends again.

Some date changes in the Events Calendar coming up:

World Book Day has moved to Friday 7th March.

Parent Meeting Week now week of 3rd March.

The staff team and I wanted to say a very big thankyou to all our families for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts that we all received. That was very kind, thankyou, and much appreciated by us all.

Applying for school places for September 2025 for YR closes on 15th Jan. Please see the link below. We have had a lovely stay and play session for September YR children and their parents this week. Please contact the office if you would like to book a tour or would like to join the next stay and play session.

Best wishes

Mrs. Crutchfield

Reception (YR) Places for September 2025

For parents and carers with children starting school in Sept 2025.

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 close 15 January 2025

School Offer day is 16 April 2025

EXCITING PICTURE BOOK NEWS!



Glebe are pleased to be taking part in the West Sussex Libraries' Picture Book Awards 2025. Four books have been shortlisted - every class will read each one and vote on their favourite. The book receiving the most nominations will get Glebe's vote for the award.

Look out for the following picture books in your local library or in the shops!

The Boy, The Troll and the Chalk by Anne Booth and David Litchfield
Heavy Metal Badger by Duncan Beedie
Who Ate Steve? by Susannah Lloyd and Kate Hindley
A Wild Walk to School by Rebecca Cobb
Best wishes
Mr. Miller, Glebe's Reading Champion.

A RUDOLPH ADVENTURE!

Our School Council drawing competition is still open! Some children have raised that they would still like to take part. Please send in a 'Rudolph Adventure' picture on A4 paper with your child's name and class on the back. This is open to all ages Nursery to Y6. A donation for our Shelterbox charity is requested for those taking part please. Pictures and donations to the office.
Closing date Tuesday 14th Jan.



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 the Church Lane office entrance.



Pear Tree Nursery tours



Our Nursery is growing and proving popular. Feedback from parents is very positive. 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 and vouchers are accepted. **Please book a tour and apply for places via the office team**



Wishing you all a Happy New Year from the Haven team (formerly Thrive)



The Haven Team:
Mrs. Casey Groves
Mrs. Kim Ford



What do we offer?

Hello everyone,
We are the Glebe pastoral support team, and are known as 'The Haven Team'. We both have many years' of experience and we keep up to date with our training. Children are referred to us by class teachers with a variety of different needs, once class intervention has been tried. If there is a sustained or sudden serious concern e.g. emotional, social or for bereavement support then we step in sooner to offer assistance and advice. Children are also able to contact us through the worry boxes placed around the school (grey locked letter boxes in the corridors).

We support teachers and TA's with strategies and ideas to help children all the time so in a way the whole team are part of the Haven gang! Teachers are asked to utilise ideas in class first before referring e.g. use of very short focused sensory breaks, calm corner, breathing exercises, check-ins from school staff at playtime, creating a circle of friends etc.

The Haven is a very calm environment for us to support the children and decide the appropriate provision going forward. We also support families when they need us.

With the support of the Thought-Full service we aim to run further parent/carer workshops this term. If you have any topics around your child's emotional wellbeing you would like us to cover - please let us know via the office.

We gave 20 hampers at Christmas and they were very much appreciated. The PTA also help us with our mini food bank and they help us to keep our pre-loved uniform and spare clothes for children in good order. Thankyou PTA!

You may see us on the gate and you are welcome to come and say hello.

Casey and Kim



School Improvement Summary for parents and carers

Summary of School Improvement Priorities for 2024/25 Top 5:

To continue to advance the opportunities, progress and learning confidence of all disadvantaged pupils in phonics, spelling and Writing.

We are always working on supporting the progress of all children and particularly disadvantaged groups. We have made good progress since the pandemic but still have work to do for some children to help them reach their full potential. We are particularly trying to close the gap in Writing outcomes. Maths and Reading are showing more progress. United Learning have provided some excellent staff training this term for us in areas like the importance of building strong vocabulary to assist with reading and writing development. Teachers and senior leaders monitor closely the provision and progress of all children and we regularly share ideas to support next steps in learning together. We have received praise from advisors in the last six months for our excellent inclusive approach for children with special needs, which has sustained since our successful Ofsted in 2023. All the staff share responsibility and have training in meeting children's additional learning needs. This is a strength at Glebe. Miss. Jackson is our Inclusion leader, if you have any questions, and we have our Pupil Premium Fund rationale on the website.

Refreshing our English teaching approach with the desired outcome that Writing outcomes will rise for all ability groups. Mrs. Peace has created an exciting and engaging revised English curriculum for our whole school with the support of our skilled teaching team. Children have been engaged with some lovely writing projects. Our monitoring has shown good levels of engagement in Writing across the school, improved use of grammar and we are very hopeful of positive progress for all.

Ensure our phonics teaching approach is systematic and successful

Children are all making very good progress across the Lower School in phonics. Miss. Williams leads on phonics provision and regularly assesses children with her team. We teach phonics in small groups and the approach is very focused and fun for the children. Our talented staff team includes teaching assistants and teachers. We have had external additional training and monitoring from the Read, Write, Inc company, whose scheme we follow, and this has been worthwhile. This is another cohesive team, all sharing resources and ensuring children get the most from phonics sessions daily.

Continue to embed our new attendance approach.

We have an Attendance team who meet weekly and consider any support we can offer families if attendance is becoming a concern and impacting on learning. We act pro-actively to support families and to improve attendance, as it is so important. Our attendance was at 92.7% in 2023 and we are currently sustaining 95.7%, which is a great improvement post pandemic. A whole school community effort, thankyou!

Continue to develop Nursery provision.

Our Nursery provision is thriving. Our monitoring has shown great learning progress for children and excellent independence and confidence growing daily. The provision is multi-sensory and planned well across the early learning seven areas of the curriculum. The indoor and outdoor areas are stimulating and well planned to offer children the chance to develop skills to support their development fully. Having a skilled and qualified staff team means that social skills and speaking and listening can be developed and supported in readiness for school. We also have the opportunity to get to know families and to address any special educational needs early on. Miss Ioakeim is such an enthusiastic and joyful teacher and Mrs. Hooley and the EYFS team all contribute to making our nursery a wonderful place for children. We are very pleased we opened a teacher led nursery!

We hope that was a useful summary for all parent of our main priorities this year. The Governing Body and United Learning analyse school progress regularly and in detail, offer challenge and support us all to ensure the school continues to thrive. If you wish to find out more then please ask any questions via email to the office team. They will direct questions to the right person. You may also find the information available on the website helpful.

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EVENTS:

Tuesday 21st January Young Voices event at the O2.

28/1 Panto from M&M Productions for all the children.

Thursday 13th February PTA Disco event

Half term Friday 14th February

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Back to school Monday 24th February

Week of 3rd March Parent Meeting Week:

3/3 Monday Nursery/ YR/KS1 – Old Hall

4/3 Tuesday KS2- Old Hall

6/3 Thursday All ages – Both halls

Friday 7th March World Book Day (dress up day for all)

Friday 14th March Red Nose Day (wear something red with uniform).

Monday 31st March Topic Share after school- come and share children's books and learning in class. Finishes 4.30pm.

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

Easter holidays Friday 4th April

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Back to school Tuesday 22nd April

May 12th to 15th Y6 SAT's week.

W/O 19/5 National Walk to School Week

Half term Friday 23rd May

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Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

11th to 13th June Y6 Residential Trip to Kent

14/6 PTA Summer Fair (date TBC)

Monday 7th July Topic Share after school Finishes 4.30pm.

Summer holidays Friday 18th July.