

WEEKLY NEWS

<https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk>

Friday March 28th 2025

Our Nurture, Inspire and Challenge characters.



School Motto:

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



YF5

Nursery Pear Class- George R, for settling into pear class brilliantly!

Apple- Sonny P, for excellent number work.

Cherry- Molly H, for fantastic problem solving to make a kite.

Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Paara A, for always listening to ideas to make her work even better.

Beech- Alexander G, for always engaging in lessons and for improved handwriting.

Y2

Hornbeam- Jaxson H, for amazing expanded noun phrase use in writing.

Willow- Goldie S, for always being helpful to everyone.

Pine- Lily-Rose S, for showing kindness to others.

Y3

Alder- Poppy P, for helping others and joining in with our play.

Lime- Ezra H, for such a hard working learning attitude.

Elm- Ethan S, for having a great attitude to learning.

Y4

Cedar- Cassius W, for great humour and confidence in our play!

Birch- Max W, for wonderful acting talents in our play!

Sycamore- Max T, for excellent effort in our school play.

Y5

Magnolia- Sophia D-H, for showing brilliant reasoning and problem solving skills in maths.

Oak- Gracie S, for showing great resilience and always trying her best, despite an injury.

Holly- James H, for working hard and being a critical thinker during maths lessons.

Y6

Hazel- Harry P, for writing a great Evacuee letter.

Juniper- Rhys M, for fantastic effort in History lessons.

Star certificates and stickers will be given out next week in our NIC Star Assembly.



Dear parents and carers,



Please park further away from the school gates and walk some of the way to school.

We have had concerns raised from residents this week about parents and carers, bringing children to our school, who are parking without consideration for those who live near the school or for the safety of pedestrians.

Thank you for your support with safe and considerate parking of your cars.

Mrs. Crutchfield



TOTAL: £310.50



KS2 Most Correct Answers

Oscar R

Grace P

Louiza P

LKS2 Most Improved

Scarlett J

Connor R

Ivy C

UKS2 Most Improved

Noah F

Gracie S

Leo F

UKS2 Most Correct Answers

Isobel D

Gabriella P

Willow M

Whole School Effort

Oscar R

Grace P

Louiza P



Please find below link to take parents to the new Health and Wellbeing Page on the Glebe website.

<https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/health-and-wellbeing>

Thank you to Mrs. Tarrant for creating this for families.



Glebe Book Shop - Wednesday 2nd April from 2:45 - 3:15 in the spare room opposite the shelter.

Come along to browse our fantastic range of discounted books either before pick up or with your child after school. We have everything from picture books through to challenging reads for those at the end of their primary school journey. This is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on a book or two whilst supporting the school with our fundraising - see you there!

Mrs. Peace, English Leader & Deputy Head

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,
Last Friday we had a great Rock Steady concert. Thanks to all the parents and carers who could come along.

We are very grateful to Y4 this week and the Y4 staff team for their wonderful performances. Well done everyone! Thank you to 2Pine and 5 Oak for class assemblies this week also. Y2 also enjoyed a great drama workshop with Rainbow theatre on Thursday. We do love a show at Glebe!

On Monday next week we have a Topic Share opportunity after school, when parents and carers are invited to come in to class to share their child's great school work with them. This finishes at 4.30pm.

Next Friday (4th) children can wear non-uniform for a donation toward our Pond appeal. Please pay online rather than sending in cash for this contribution. We are a cash free school now.

Friday 4th is also the day when Nursery, YR, Y1 and Y2 aged children can bring a decorated Easter hat/bonnet to school (parade 8.40am). In Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children are asked to hard boil an egg, decorate it and bring it to class (safely!) for a display. Teachers have PTA prizes for both hats/bonnets and decorated eggs! The more creative the better.

I have been in conversation with local schools recently about the **Smartphone-Free Childhood** movement, which is popular in the Shoreham area. I have written some

information below for you about that, which has been shared across local primary schools. We welcome feedback on that topic. Please email the office with any thoughts.

I hope the children enjoy lots of Easter fun in the last week of this term!

Best wishes
Mrs. Crutchfield
Headteacher



World Book Day Winners

Best Book Cover Designs

Harlo - 1MP
Nellie - 3A
Yasmin - 3E
Harrison - 4S
Nazli - 4C
Lia - 5M
Livvie - 5O

Each child selected a brand new book as their prize! Well done to everyone who took part.
Mr. Miller, Reading Champion

Isabella in Y4 – Dance Champion!



Isabella with her trophies from competing in the Romney 2025 Freestyle Dance championships recently. *Well Done Isabella!*

Michael in Nursery Pear Class- Irish Dancing Star!



Michael had another Irish Dancing competition last weekend up in Chelmsford. He had a very early start with Mum and Dad, as his category started at 8am! He did amazingly well, achieving one 1st and two 2nds in his dances, competing against children an academic year above him! Well done Michael!

EVENTS:

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:

Easter Egg prizes from the PTA!



KS2 Egg decorating competition: Hard boil an egg at home, decorate it and carefully bring to class in an egg box or similar. Eggs will be on display in classrooms.



EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet competition: Make a fancy hat at home. Bonnet/ hat parade 8.40am for Nursery to Y2 for parents/carers.

Wednesday 2nd April Book Shop 2.45-3.15pm- spare classroom facing the field/ opposite shelter/ under Horse Chestnut tree!

Friday 4th April Non-Uniform for a donation to the PTA.

Easter holidays Friday 4th April

Back to school Tuesday 22nd April (Mon 21st Bank Holiday)

Thursday 24th April Y5 Swimming begins

Mon 28th April Y3 and Y4 Wacky Races event.

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

Friday 16th May School Council Sponsored Walk Event raising money for a new pond and wildlife area. Everyone to wear PE kit to school today. Sponsor forms to go out in May.

Friday 23rd May Non –Uniform for choc and bottle tombola donations (for Summer Fair).

Half term Friday 23rd May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

11th to 13th June Y6 Residential Trip to Kent

SPORTS DAYS AT GLEBE:

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 9AM Y5/Y6

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 1.10PM Y1/Y2

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 9AM Y3/4

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 1.45PM NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASSES.

PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME- PLEASE BRING A BLANKET OR PORTABLE CHAIR.

Friday 27th June Class photos and leaver's photos.

Saturday 28th June PTA Summer Fair! 11am to 3pm.

Monday 14th July Topic Share after school Finishes 4.30pm.

Summer holidays Friday 18th July.

PTA Quiz Night

Winning table prizes: £100 to the Y2 department and £100 to the Y6 department to support trips, resources and events.

Village 2 (Y3/4) have raised **£ (still counting!)** from their Quiz Night event to support trips, events and resources. Well done everyone and thankyou to the PTA and thankyou to parents and carers who attended for your generosity.

SMART PHONES DEBATE

Dear parents and carers

Like many people in the country, you may have been watching the Netflix 'Adolescence' drama. The drama, if you haven't seen it, shines a light into the digital worlds that children access. There is a growing movement amongst some parents to support a campaign called "Smartphone-Free Childhood". You can find out more by clicking these links:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>

The use of smart devices, which includes smartphones and smartwatches, is now a feature of daily life for most adults, and over the last few years the age at which children are given their first smartphone is much younger than in the past.

Whilst smartphones can be a very helpful piece of technology for adults, they can equally expose children to a number of negative risks. There is some evidence to suggest that smartphones may:

- be highly addictive, with the lasting effects on young and developing brains being similar to that of gambling,
- have been linked to poor mental health, depression and low self-esteem,
- expose children to harmful content,
- reduce attention spans and children's ability to concentrate,
- reduce time spent playing, interacting and developing vital social skills.

Schools have a role to play in educating children about online safety. Part of our Computing and PHSE curriculum is devoted to teaching children about online safety and we will continue to make this a top priority.

For now, our position on mobile phones is that children in Years 5 and 6 are able to bring a phone with them to school, as we understand this can be a valuable tool to contact a child who is walking to and from school on their own. This phone is collected by teachers and kept away until the end of the day. Mobile phones should be switched off as children enter the gates and then only switched back on again as children leave the site. If children are seen with their phones in school grounds, we ask for them, store safely and return at the end of the day. Children should not be wearing smartwatches also please.

We urge you to keep checking the parental control levels of phones and monitor what children access. If you are unsure how to do this, please click the following link for further information -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Should you wish to know more, please look up the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement.

Best wishes

Mrs. Crutchfield