

Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026

## 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- Luna-Rae L, for creating a junk modelling project!

Apple-Posy T, for being a good listener and for helping others.

Cherry- Adele C, for always making good choices and giving 100% learning effort.

#### Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Zach J, for being brave and having a great week.

Beech- Molly H, for giving 100% effort with her writing.

#### Y2

Willow- Harper E, for building interesting sentences with skill.

Pine- Jeremy P, for being a great role-model for Y1.

#### Y3

Alder- Keira A, for growing in confidence and contributing in lessons.

Lime- Tommy W, for challenging himself in all his learning.

Elm- Lennon S, for a fantastic start to the Spring term.

#### Y4

Cedar- Charlie D, for excellent improvement with handwriting.

Sycamore- Teddy L, for determination and courage in swimming lessons.

#### Y5

Magnolia- Max T, for great team work in class.

Oak- Louie M, for his fantastic effort with maths.

Holly- Anushri K, for a fantastic first week at Glebe.

#### Y6

Hazel- Austin B, for always being ready to ask and answer questions.

Juniper- Daphne S, for always showing fantastic team work.

Rowan- Clark B, for taking pride in his achievements.

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

#### New Term! House Points last week

Arundel	Bramber	Lewes	Pevensey
278	289	271	304

### Club Spaces – Spring 1:

Y3/4 Monday Library Club spaces 3.00-3.30pm

Y5/6 Wednesday Library Club spaces 3.00-3.30pm.  
Please book a space via the office team. A great club run by wonderful Mrs. Burt in our school Library and funded by the school.

The Outdoor Project for Y1 to Y6 have places: 3pm to 4pm Fridays. There is a cost for this one as it is a private company. Please book via their website:

[www.theoutdoorproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorproject.co.uk)

Outdoor Project children wear their club clothes and outdoor shoes to school on Fridays.

### Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another great week of learning and progress. One of our Co-Chairs of Governors Mrs. Findlay visited last Friday and commented on the warm welcome from staff and children.

We have M&M Productions here again on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. They perform a Panto tailor-made for children at primary school age with professional actors and a wonderful set and costumes. Children join in, sing along and we always love it! The school can't afford extra opportunities like this and need to ask for your kind contributions please, to be paid online. Payments are now open. We offer different levels of contribution and it all helps a great deal. Thankyou in advance.

Parents have asked if we know the situation regarding mixed age classes and if they will be necessary in September due to the falling birth rate locally.

#### Pupil number information:

-We have some very small classes this year and it has been a financial strain on the school.

-Schools need full classes to be able to sustain themselves.

-Funding is based on pupil numbers for schools. We don't have extra funds to sustain very small classes.

-Local schools are all down on numbers and are facing financial constraint and the mixed age class prospect and some have mixed age classes already.

-We know from NHS birth rate information, from the local authority, that a fall in birth rate is expected to last a few years in Shoreham and Southwick.

We luckily have teachers at Glebe who have taught mixed age classes, including myself. Learning is still highly successful in such schools and they run very smoothly. It is a matter of mapping out learning across objectives, careful lesson planning and teacher expertise. We luckily have very

experienced and skilled teachers here at Glebe. An advantage of a smaller school is that we have lots of space for the children to learn in and can fully utilise our facilities and be creative with spaces to enhance learning.

It is not expected that we will need to mix many year groups next year. A key factor is knowing the September YR numbers and they are released this month to schools.

Jan'26	No of classes	No of children in the year group
Nursery	1	8 (26 capacity)
YR	2	55 (60 capacity)
Y1	2	40 (60 capacity)
Y2	2	47 (60 capacity)
Y3	3	72
Y4	2	63
Y5	3	78
Y6	3	90

Please note: Class sizes in YR, Y1 and Y2 must not exceed 30. There is no upper limit to class size in KS2 (Y3 to Y6). Class organisation for September 2026 is something we are working on currently and I will update parents .


Please see Spring term Topic information for Nursery to Y3 below. Y4, Y5 and Y6 to follow next week.

Best wishes  
Mrs. Crutchfield

### Fresh fruit or veg snacks at Glebe



Children in Nursery, YR, Y1 and Y2 have fresh fruit or veg provided for morning break time (government funded). Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 may bring a piece of fresh fruit or veg only from home for morning break time. This should be kept separate to their lunch box please.

 **Support for Parents and Carers**  
**The Health and Wellbeing Page on the Glebe website.**  
<https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/health-and-wellbeing>  
Useful Tik Tok advice for parents on our school website:  
<https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/e-safety>

### Glebe's Golden Rule number 1

We are doing some extra work in Y4, Y5 and Y6 in class to focus on the school expectation that we do not tolerate name calling at Glebe. Miss. Jackson has created a poster (below) and we ask that parents read out and share this message at home too please. Thank you for your help with this.

## ☀️ SPEAK KINDLY, MAKE OUR SCHOOL SHINE! ☀️

### 💬 Our Words Matter

Unkind words and "roasting" can hurt others. Even if it feels like a joke, it might not feel that way to someone else.

### 🌈 Everyone Belongs

Words about someone's skin colour are never OK. Using "gay" as an insult is not acceptable. Everyone deserves to feel safe and respected.

### 💖 Choose Kindness

Think before you speak: *Will this make someone feel good or bad?*

If you're upset, use calm words or ask an adult for help.

You don't have to join in with unkind behaviour — walking away is strong.

### 🤝 We're a Team

We look after each other.

We speak kindly.

**We help make our school a place where everyone feels welcome.**

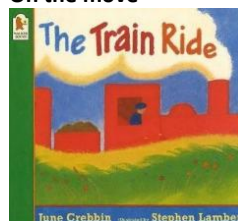
### Pear Tree Nursery tours

Our Nursery is small and wonderful! 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 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, we open for school hours and vouchers are accepted. School uniform is optional. **Please book a tour and apply for places via the office team**

## Topics for the Spring Term 2026 Nursery to Y3

### Nursery Spring 1

#### On the move



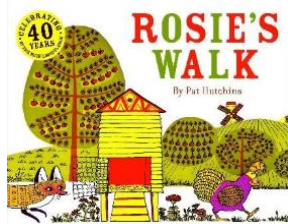
**What we are up to:** During Spring 1, the children will be introduced to the different ways we can travel (land, sea and air), as well as being involved in various learning opportunities to support this topic. Some of these will include counting wheels, leaning about road safety, construction building, as well as sensory play. The children will be participating in singing well known nursery rhymes, as well as listening to our topic books, such as Duck in the Truck, Rattle and Rap and Down by the Station.

**What else are we up to:** We have lots of exciting things planned, such as weekly welly walks, having fun in our forest school area and visits to our school library! All coming soon!

**Please have a look at our learning page to find out more:** <https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/glebe-nursery>

## Nursery Spring2

### On the farm



**What we are up to:** During Spring 2, the children will be learning about how things work on a farm, what animals live there, as well as what jobs there are to do. In addition, we will be learning about the different types of farms around the world and the reason why their produce is so important in our everyday lives. Some of our stories we will be sharing during our carpet sessions, include What the Ladybird Heard, Farmer Duck, A Squash and a Squeeze and Hungry Hen.

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## YR – Spring 1 & Spring 2

### We Love Books!



**What we are up to:** This term we are looking at a variety of texts. We are looking at both fiction and non-fiction books and doing lots of rhyming and extending vocabulary. Children are starting to use their phonics knowledge to sound out to read and write simple words and short captions. We focus on developing speech and language using Wellcomm in daily sessions and our weekly music lesson.

In maths, we are looking at numbers up to 5, mass and capacity and then understanding 6, 7 and 8. We will also be exploring length, height and time and then build an understanding of 9 and 10. Children have lots of opportunities to identify both numerals and quantity.

**What else are we up to:** Our classrooms have been reorganised to allow children to freely access all resources. There are designated areas for construction, small world, creative arts, communication and language as well as phonics, literacy and mathematics. Children are encouraged to learn through play as they use the resources to both consolidate and explore topics and concepts. On Fridays we do our weekly welly walk and learn about the environment and seasons.

**Please have a look at our learning page to find out more:** <https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/glebe-reception>

## Y1 - Spring 1

### TOPIC FOCUS: Travel and Transport

### BIG QUESTION: How has transport changed over time?



**What we are up to:** During this half-term, we will be learning about the different forms of transport and how transport has changed over time. We will be discovering information on the Wright brothers and look at how they changed aviation. Year 1 will also create their very own form of transport in a DT wheels and axels unit that they can play with themselves. In maths the children will focus on numbers to 20 including number bonds, fact families and addition and subtraction. In writing the children will use some great texts to develop their use of narrative structure and punctuation in writing.

**What else are we up to:** If you fancy a quick round up of what else we have been up to during your child's time so far in Year 1, please do take a look our WOW moments on our learning page on the school's website. Please follow the link to our Year 1 learning page here: [Year 1 | Learning | Glebe Primary School](#)



## Y2

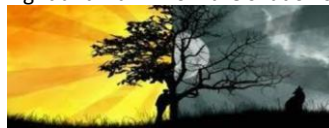
### Poles Apart: Why don't penguins need to fly?

**What we are up to:** This half term, we will be exploring the Arctic and Antarctic! We will look at where Antarctica is and what it is like there, as well as some of the polar animals that live there, particularly penguins. We will learn about how penguins are able to survive in Antarctica, and then compare it to the contrasting conditions of the Sahara Desert. We will also find out how Antarctica is different from the Arctic. We are looking forward to our Explorer Day, where the children can dress up as cold weather explorers and build their own Arctic dens in the classroom! Polar animals will also inspire our DT unit, where the children will make a moving picture using sliders and levers.

**What else are we up to:** If you fancy a quick round up of what else we have been up to during your child's time so far in Year 2, please look at our **WOW** moments on our learning page on the school's website. Please follow the link to our Year 2 learning page here: <https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/learning/year-2>

## Y3

### Light and Dark: How are shadows formed?



**What we are up to:** In the Spring term Year 3 children will be learning about the fascinating concept of light in our world. We will explore where light comes from and how it helps us to see the world around us. We will kick start our topic with creating shadow puppets, exploring how shadows are formed and that darkness is the absence of light. Children will experiment with creating their own shadows in their art lessons and be inspired to write poems about the light and dark and stories about shadows.

**What else are we up to:** If you fancy a quick round up of what else we have been up to during your child's time so far in Year 3, please do take a look our WOW moments on our learning page on the school's website. Please follow the link to our Year 3 learning page here: <https://www.glebeprimary.co.uk/learning/year-3>



### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Fund

The Pupil Premium fund is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM) and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months. The fund gives the school valuable funds to support learning progress for children from YR all the way through secondary phase. **It only takes few minutes to apply, so if you receive any of the benefits eligible, you can apply online using the following link:**

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

**Please note that all children YR to Y2 are entitled to a free school lunch but this is different.**

### Events:

#### Spring term starts for children Tues 6th Jan 2026

Y4 swimming 8/1 to 12/2

The Outdoor Project Friday Club Y1 to Y6 16/1 to 27/3. Please book online via the provider.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5H assembly for parents- Sports Hall 8.45.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Y2 Explorers Day (dress up day).

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan M&M Productions: Beauty & the Beast Panto for all children (contribution online payments now open): 8.40am Y4 to Y6 and 9.50am Nursery to Y3. Nursery children are all welcome to come to their show for the hour but please let the Nursery staff know if children are coming.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Y4 Cedar class assembly for parents- Sports Hall 8.45

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb YR PTA Party/Disco after school until 3.45pm: please wear party clothes to school YR (tickets can be purchased nearer the time online).

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Y5 Magnolia assembly for parents- 8.45 sports hall.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb PTA Disco Events:

3.00-4.00pm Y1 and Y2 (wear party clothes to school)

4.15-5.15pm Y3 and Y4

5.30-6.30pm Y5 and Y6

Please note that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones or smart watches to the Disco and must be collected by an adult (tickets for the Disco night available nearer the time online).

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- whole school Science afternoon.

W/O 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Parent Meeting Week Nursery to Y5 (online bookings for time slots).

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Y5 Safety Online workshop with Police Youth team.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Non-uniform day for donations towards extra playtime equipment (please donate online- no cash)

**Half term for children: Thursday 12th Feb 2026**

**Spring Term 2**

**Back to school for all: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026**

Y2 swimming 26/2 to 2/4

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Young Voices Choir perform at the O2 in London.

W/O 2<sup>nd</sup> March Y6 Parent Meeting Week (online booking for time slots)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March YR to the Southwick Library

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Y3 Lime class assembly for parents.

Sports hall 8.45.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March- Glebe's World Book Day

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March Y1 assembly for parents- 8.45 sports hall

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Oak assembly for parents-8.45 Sports hall.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.20pm Y3 Music event for parents in Sports Hall.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Non-uniform day for donations towards extra playtime equipment (please donate online- no cash) Y3 to Y6 decorate an Easter Egg competition- all entries to classrooms.

Nursery to Y2 Easter Bonnet/hat day- wear a decorative hat to school- parade 8.45am.

PTA provide a prize for both events for each class.

**Easter hol's for children: Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Summer term 1**

**Summer term for all: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Y5 swimming 16/4 to 21/5

**Half term for children: Thursday 22nd May 2026**

**Summer Term 2**

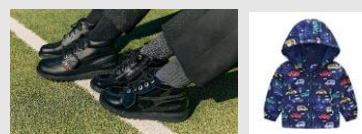
**Back to school for all: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Summer hol's for children: Fri 17th July 2026**

### Children's winter coats and nearly new school shoes

**We appreciate donations of warm winter coats for children and nearly new black school shoes for anyone who needs them. If your child has grown out of their school shoes fast and they are still in good condition, please bring them in for us to give to others. If you are thinking of buying a new winter coat, please consider donating the one your child has grown out of (waterproof and warm please). School logo PE tops are another item which would help others, if grown out of please.**

♥ Thankyou



**If any families need children's coats and shoes please let the office know and just take them for your own use. We warmly invite you to do so! You can come in at different times of the day when it is quiet also. Please label all clothes for school.**

### Piano Plea!

**Can anyone help us with an electric piano please like this?**



**We need a full sized one and these are low maintenance. Please send a message via the office to Mrs. Hearn, Music subject leader, if you have one you don't need to kindly donate.**