



Friday January 9th 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!



NIC Stars Of The Week



EYFS

Nursery Pear Class- Mayo S, for great mark making!

Apple- Bobby B, for being so helpful.

Cherry- Mujtaba K, for amazing progress in phonics.

Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Hector D, for great listening and reminding us of our Golden Rules.

Beech- Simon F, for improved focus and concentration.

Y2

Willow- Merlin M, for super focus in all lessons.

Pine- Harlo A, for great work in phonics.

Y3

Alder- Arlo S, for his fantastic and positive start to the new term.

Lime- Noah S, for being super helpful and for great focus.

Elm- Joey H, for being a great role-model.

Y4

Cedar- Ivy C, for great learning focus.

Sycamore- Ezra H, for being a brilliant role-model in P.E.

Y5

Magnolia- Bethany G, for working well independently in her learning.

Oak- Louiza P, for fantastic, thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Holly- Louie H, for fantastic effort in Writing.

Y6

Hazel- Tia-Louise A, for such a positive, determined attitude to all areas of her learning.

Juniper- Etta Y, for always presenting her work with flair.

Rowan- Eloise F, for settling in to her new school brilliantly.

Maddison S, for welcoming a new child to our class with tremendous kindness.

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

Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Spring 1! The children have had a settled week and have come back full of learning enthusiasm! I hope you had a great Christmas break and Happy New Year!

I have emailed you this week about a word we need to stop which is "roasting". This involves groups of children in KS2 singling children out for name calling and it isn't for primary school. The children are too young and it is unkind. We have banned the game, as I explained in my message to parents in KS2 on Thursday. Miss. Jackson has put together some advice below to help parents.

Thankyou so much for supporting our Reindeer Day on Thursday 18th December. The children had a great Reindeer Day and all received a Reindeer headband and some reindeer food for the big night! We have raised an amazing £657 + £152.50 I Gift Aid!! Thankyou so much. Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice are over the moon and share their thanks as well. We were hoping to plant a tree, which our generous families also raised money for, but we were rained off on 18th December. We have planted the tree as it needed to settle in the earth. We were also able to buy a nice plaque, thanks to your generosity. Y4 will plant their daffodils in memory of Charlie when the ground is less hard. We hope to invite Charlie's parents in to meet us and to gather round the tree with Y4 and parents when the weather brightens as well.

Please check our events page for important activities coming up this term. I have also added our Snow Plan for reference.

Best wishes

Mrs. Crutchfield



We like to be prepared as much as possible here at Glebe and although we have the South Downs as some protection, you never know when snow may settle in the Winter months:

Glebe Snow Plan

On a day with heavy snow falls and settles...

1. The premises team come on site before 6am. They look to see if the school can be cleared and opened. They also check that the heating is working and water is running.

2. The premises team contact the Head by 6.10am or before. It is usually really clear if we can open or not but sometimes we have issues like staff not being able to get to work from further away to consider or water pipes freezing in the school.

3. By 6.15am Mrs. Crutchfield will be finding out who can get in and she'll then decide if we are safe to open or if we can manage some year groups, depending on how many staff can get in and safety factors. This can take a short while to gather together.
4. Mrs. Crutchfield decides if the school can be opened and lets team leaders know by 7.00am.
5. Team leaders let their teams know. Mrs. Domagala then gets on with the message to parents at 7.00am. We try to do this earlier if we can.
6. Mrs. Domagala messages parents via Arbor and adds a message to the front page of the website. She also notifies the local radio. Mrs. Crutchfield is in contact with other local schools by this time too.
7. If we have to close a class, department or the school then teachers will set learning for the day by sending a message via Arbor. Teachers may need time to return home first.
8. If the school is closed then PLAY will close too (childcare provider on site). Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am so we really aim to let parents know as early as we possibly can and we would be in contact with George Hance from first light.

We hope this is helpful to know.

Dear Parents and Carers of children in KS2,

Staff have alerted us to a new playground game, sometimes described by the children as "[roasting battles](#)," in KS2. We have banned this game as it was causing upset.

How you can help at home

- **Talk openly about kindness and respect:** Discuss with your child how jokes or "roasting" can easily cross a line and hurt others, even if that wasn't the intention.
- **Monitor online interactions:** If your child uses messaging apps or games with chat functions, keep an eye on the tone and language being used.

Helpful resources for families

- [Childline – Dealing with bullying and unkind behaviour:](#) Offers child-friendly explanations and advice, including guidance on how to speak to your child about their own unkind behaviour.
- [Young Minds – Supporting children with friendships and emotions:](#) Practical tips for helping children manage conflict and big feelings.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for every child. By working together, we can ensure that all pupils feel valued and able to learn without fear of unkindness or discrimination.

Best wishes

Miss. Jackson, Inclusion Leader and Assistant Headteacher.

 **Pear Tree Nursery tours**

Our Nursery is small but growing and 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. School uniform is optional. **Please book a tour and apply for places via the office team**

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 22nd January 5H assembly for parents- Sports Hall 8.45.

Friday 23rd January Y2 Explorers Day (dress up day).

Tuesday 27th Jan M&M Productions: Beauty & the Beast Panto for all children (contribution online payments now open).

Thursday 29th January Y4 Cedar class assembly for parents- Sports Hall 8.45

Wednesday 4th 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 5th Feb Y5 Magnolia assembly for parents- 8.45 sports hall.

Thursday 5th 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 6th February- whole school Science afternoon.

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

Tuesday 10th Feb Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th Feb Y5 Safety Online workshop with Police Youth team.

Thursday 12th 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 23rd Feb 2026

Y2 swimming 26/2 to 2/4

Wednesday 25th Feb Young Voices Choir perform at the O2 in London.

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

Monday 2nd March YR to the Southwick Library

Thursday 5th March Y3 Lime class assembly for parents. Sports hall 8.45.

Friday 6th March- Glebe's World Book Day

Thurs 12th March Y1 assembly for parents- 8.45 sports hall

Thursday 19th March Y5 Oak assembly for parents-8.45 Sports hall.

Thursday 26th March 2.20pm Y3 Music event for parents in Sports Hall.

Friday 27th 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 27th March 2026