



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 trying to write her name.

Apple- Reuben S-B, for thoughtful ideas in all his learning.

Cherry- Nieve G, for settling into her new class so well.

Y1

Monkey Puzzle- Gulce Y, for her enthusiasm for learning.

Beech- Teddy R, for always giving 100% in her learning.

Y2

Willow- Jesse V, for fantastic maths knowledge.

Pine- Felicity J, for an amazing effort in all her work.

Y3

Alder- Lily-Rose S, for improved engagement in maths lessons.

Lime- Goldie S, for starting the new half term with enthusiasm!

Elm- Lincoln R, for such a hardworking start to the half term.

Y4

Cedar- Henry M, for exceptional improvement in his handwriting.

Sycamore- Beau T, for an awesome attitude to learning!

Y5

Magnolia- Saki N, for imaginative ideas for his writing.

Oak- Freya A, for excellent Geography work.

Holly- Hendon S-M, for his fantastic effort in maths.

Y6

Hazel- Jack H, for his contribution and engagement in History lessons.

Juniper- Halle G, for fantastic effort and results in her reading test.

Rowan- Leila C-B, for focused learning and for being helpful and kind.

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

Well done Chester!



During the half term break Chester took part in a 4 hour black belt grading in kick boxing and passed! He has trained since he was 5 and is now a black belt. Great work Chester!



Headteacher message

Dear parents and carers,

Y1 had a brilliant Safari Day on Monday! Thank you for the great costumes and loan of animal soft toys for the safari Walk. Luckily, the rain stayed away.

Mrs. Hearn's Young Voices Choir of 40 children went to the O2 in London on Wednesday and had a brilliant adventure! Mrs. Hearn, Mr. Pavely, Mrs. Fitzgerald and all our parents who went along said the children were fabulous! Thank you to the staff team who looked after the children and to all the parents who went along too. Well done to all of our Young Voices Choir 2026!



As promised, here is an update on pupil numbers and class organisation for September 2026.

As you know, we have a falling birth rate nationally and locally in Southwick and Shoreham, and Glebe, along with all local schools, are facing financial challenges with pupil numbers dropping.

In the recent past we have welcomed between 40 and 70 children in to the new reception classes at the beginning of the new academic year, but it is anticipated that this September, this number will be lower at 36. Based on low birth rates in the area, this is set to continue in the years ahead.

An additional challenge for the school is that each new year group has not arrived in traditional groups of 30 (the usual class size) and this provides many financial and organisational challenges. As a direct result, each year, Glebe will need to review year group numbers and allocate classes accordingly. For September 2026 this will mean some classes will be made up of mixed year groups; a common feature of many schools, and familiar to myself and our staff.

Nursery will run very much as we run it now. Nursery children will be based in their usual room with qualified leaders and registration and some weekly planned activities will be with the two small YR classes e.g. register time, our weekly wellie walk time, story time and things like that.

In September Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will remain as single age classes for 2026 to 2027.

Due to very low numbers in current Y1 and Y2 we will be mixing the children as they move in to Y2 and Y3. September Y2 and Y3, will be organised into three mixed age classes during 2026 to 2027. We have been having some lessons in three mixed age classes two afternoons a week this year in current Y1/Y2 and this has been successfully organised and planned well for learning. I have written to parents and carers in current Y1 and Y2 to give more information and I hope that is a helpful update.

This week I have news that dear Mrs. Domagala, our fantastic School Business Manager, has gained an impressive promotion within United Learning and she will be leaving on 13th March to be SBM for two schools on one campus. Mrs. Domagala has been with Glebe since 2017. Before this she had a successful career in banking. She started off in the office then worked up to the SBM role. She has been our SBM for five years now. She has been a tremendous support to the school and we wish her every success but we will all miss her a great deal. We have a collection for a gift in the office if parents would like to contribute. Mrs. Konchal from the school office team will be our interim SBM.

Special thanks to our wonderful lunchtime team this week who have stepped in to help Mr. Williams with school cleaning, with a couple of colleagues off work. He has commended their enthusiasm and care. There have been some horrible cold and flu bugs about recently and we wish everyone in our community who is poorly, a swift recovery.

World Book Day next Friday 6th. This is a dress up as a favourite book character day. We also encourage children to bring their favourite book to school that day (labelled). Parade at 8.45am.

Best wishes
Mrs. Crutchfield



House Captain's Easter Egg colouring competition

House Captains in Y6 have set up an Easter colouring competition for the children. This is open to all the children Nursery to Y6. Please pick up a sheet from the office, add name, class and stick a donation on the back with tape please. House captains want to help raise money for more playtime equipment. Closes 23rd March. There are prizes for the winners in 4 age categories. As a tip, we like to see the children's own lovely art work and mark making! 😊

Events:

Spring Term 2

Y2 swimming 26/2 to 2/4

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 8.45am

Friday 6th March- Glebe's World Book Day

Dress up as a favourite book character and bring a favourite book in for the day from home.

Parade at 8.45am for parents and carers.

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

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

Friday 20th March Red Nose Day and PTA Bake Sale after school.

Monday 23rd March Topic Share event after school until 4.30pm: parents and carers come in to class with their children to share their class work.

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

Summer term 1

Summer term for all: Monday 13th April 2026

Y5 swimming 16/4 to 21/5

Tuesday 21st April- Y4 Online safety Workshop in the afternoon.

Thursday 23rd April 2W class assembly for parents in the Sports Hall 8.45am.

Thursday 23rd April PTA Quiz Night

Thursday 30th April 2P class assembly for parents in the Sports Hall 8.45am.

Monday 4th May bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 7th May 4S class assembly for parents in the Sports Hall 8.45am.

W/O 11th May SAT's Week Y6.

Thursday 14th May 3A class assembly for parents in the Sports Hall 8.45am.

Wednesday 20th May 2pm Y4 Show for parents/carers – Sports Hall.

Thursday 21st May Non-uniform day for donations towards extra playtime equipment (please donate online- no cash).

Half term for children: Thursday 22nd May 2026

Summer Term 2

Back to school for all: Mon 1st June 2026

Friday 5th June Class photographs day.

Friday 12th June Y2 Arundel Castle visit.

Monday 22nd May Y5 Taster Event at Shoreham Academy 3.15-4.15pm.

Wednesday 24th June Y6 residential trip to Penshurst Place, Kent.

W/O 29th June Shoreham Academy Transition Week for Y6 (different days for each house).

Thursday 2nd July 2.15pm Nursery & YR Summer Show for parents and carers- Sports Hall.

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