



Glebelands News

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It has been another positive week in school, and I have been incredibly proud of the children. They have worked hard in their lessons, shown excellent attitudes to learning, and continued to demonstrate our school values throughout the week.

In assembly this week, we explored the importance of following our own moral compass. We discussed how making the right choices is not always easy, but that it is important to stand up for what we believe is right and to speak out if we see something that does not seem right or makes us feel uncomfortable. The children contributed thoughtfully to these discussions and showed great maturity in their responses.

As we continue to develop our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision, we are looking for donations of unwanted dolls that can be given a new home in our play areas. Dolls are always a popular resource during lunchtimes and help to support imaginative, creative and collaborative play. If you have any dolls that are no longer used and are in good condition, we would be extremely grateful for your donation.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week.

Glebelands House Standings

Shooting Stars - Yellow: 32
Blue Lightning - Blue: 29
Sparkling Spaceships - Green 16
Inferno Fire - Red : 13

Harvest Festival

Next week, we look forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival assembly, where we will be joined by members of the church. As part of our celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the Ely Foodbank. Any contributions would be very gratefully received and will help support local families in need. If you would like to contribute to the collection please send your donation into school on **Monday 5th October**. Items on the shopping list are: Tinned meat, custard/rice pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, pasta sauces, rice, coffee, tinned fruit, milk (long-life), toiletries/toilet roll.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Working Party - Saturday 3rd October - 1pm

We have a lovely opportunity for you all. We are looking to clear our outdoor areas. We have a lot of tidying up, weeding and some removal of fences that we would love some help with. If you can help, please come along. We would love to see you! If you have a particular skill (that may not help with the above) that you could offer to help us across the site, please get in contact with the school office.

School Attendance

Please find the class weekly attendance figures below:

BIRCH	84.83%	CEDAR	93.21%
ELM	88.57%	HAWTHORN	93.10%
MAPLE	95.33%	WILLOW	95.67%
ALDER	95.86%	HAZEL	98.28%
ASH	95.67%	COPPER BEECH	94.19%
OAK	96.88%	POPLAR	88.62%
CHESTNUT	93.79%	SYCAMORE	90.67%

Overall weekly attendance for the whole school 93.23%.

Phonics

We want to keep you up to date with the sounds we have been focusing on each week as this will help you to support your child at home.

In FS we have been learning the letters g, o, c, k

In Year 1 our new GPC is ie: lie, pie, tried

School Meals

Please find next week's menu attached.

Glebelands People

These are posted on our school website the weekend after the children have been awarded their stickers in assembly,

Questions of the week

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer "nothing" when asking children what they've learned at school. Therefore, we are going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

EYFS: What is your favourite porridge topping?

Year 1: What is special about deciduous trees?

Year 2: What is a habitat?

Year 3: What can coordinating conjunctions be used for?

Year 4: How are the different creation stories and beliefs in Hinduism, Christianity and Humanism different?

Year 5: Can you name and describe a Greek god?

Year 6: What is Carl Linnaeus best known for?

Dates

19 October—Flu Vaccinations FS—Y6
20 October—Parents' Evening Online
22 October—Parents' Evening Online
26-30 October—Half Term
9 November—Y4 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
1 December—EYFS Nativity
2 December—EYFS Nativity
3 December—Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
8 December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas
10 December—Christmas Jumper Day
10 December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas
16 December—Christmas Dinner
18 December—Last Day of The Autumn Term
4 January—Training Day (No children in school)
5 January—First Day of The Spring Term
13-15 January—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House
15-19 February—Half Term
4 March—Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre
25 March—Last Day of The Spring Term
12 April—Training Day (No children in school)
3 May—Bank Holiday (No children in school)
31 May—4 June—Half Term
7 June—Training Day—(No children in school)
7-9 July—Year 5 Residential to Caythorpe Court
21 July—Last Day of the Academic Year