



Glebelands News

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We are at the end of another week! They seem to really be flying by at the moment. Year 4 returned to classroom learning after a great residential last week!

We have had some exciting assemblies this week. On Tuesday, we had our first Trust-wide assembly with the winner of the DLPT Picture Book Awards - Neil Sharpson. He shared with us a history of how he got into writing, how he moved into children's books and why he doesn't trust fish! We got the opportunity to also ask him some questions and he told us about a new book which is coming out later in the year. On Wednesday, we had another special assembly with guests - SIGMAVET in to discuss their involvement with pets. On Friday, some children in Year 4 completed Bikeability sessions and we are hoping to start with some further biking projects with children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 very soon.

On Tuesday, 4 of our Year 6 Children, Bea, Ellie, Kiara and Maiia, took part in one of the heats for the English Challenge. They worked extremely well as a team. Although we did not place in the top 3, they were brilliant!

This week, we would also like to acknowledge Tj in Year 5. Last year, Tj set himself a challenge to raise money for Great Ormond Street. The challenge was to not eat chocolate for a whole year. Tj completed this challenge and in doing so, raised £1340. We could not be more proud of his efforts for such a worthy cause. Well done Tj! Tj celebrated with a bar of Galaxy!

Have a great weekend all.

School Meals

Please find next week's menu attached.

Nuts reminder

Please can we remind you that we are a nut-free school and as such no products containing nuts should be sent in as snacks or in lunchboxes. This includes all Nutella-based products.

Glebelands People

These are posted on our school website the weekend after the children have been awarded their stickers in assembly, so please take a look!

School Attendance

Please find the class weekly attendance figures below:

PANDAS	61.20%	AXOLOTLS	75.77%
KOALAS	93.45%	DALMATIANS	96.67%
SWALLOWS	93.33%	ROBINS	87.86%
PUFFINS	91.38%	ARMADILLOS	90.00%
OTTERS	94.83%	GIRAFFES	96.90%
SHARKS	93.10%	KINGFISHERS	88.21%
FOXES	90.34%	CHAMELEONS	90.00%

Overall weekly attendance for the whole school 89.20%.

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.

FS: Our new GPC is ai eg train rain pain

Year 1: Our new GPC is u-e eg tune, prune, use

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.

EFYS: If you lived on a planet like The Clangers, what would it look like?

Year 1: Can you explain the terms carnivore, herbivore, omnivore?

Year 2: What are the 5K's?

Year 3: What is $69 \div 3$? Use the short division method.

Year 4: What should you do if you see bullying happening?

Year 5: How do levers, pulleys and gears help us?

Year 6: What is the difference between a migrant and a refugee?

Glebelands House Standings

Shooting Stars - Yellow: 822
Blue Lightning - Blue: 879
Sparkling Spaceships - Green 617
Inferno Fire - Red : 636

Dates

30 January—Mrs English's Class Assembly 14:50
2 February—Miss Doyle's Class Assembly 14:50
5 February—School Disco
6 February—Miss Butler's Class Assembly 14:50
9 February—Mr Parkes' Class Assembly
10 February—Mrs Maiden's Class Assembly 14:50
23 February—Y5 Trip to the National Space Centre
14-16 January—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House
16-20 February 2026—Half Term
5 March—Mrs Lack's Class Assembly 14:50
13 March—Mother's Day Present Room
17 March—Y6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
18 March—Voice in a Million
19 March—Mr Cowling's Class Assembly 14:50
25 March 2026—Foundation Stage trip to Church Farm
27 March 2026—Last Day of Spring Term
13 April 2026—Training Day (no children in school)
14 April 2026—First Day of Summer Term
4 May 2026—Bank Holiday (no children in school)
8 May—Miss Barham's Class Assembly 14:50
19 May—Mrs Brooking/Mrs Thomas' Class Assembly 14:50
25-29 May 2026—Half Term
12 June—Miss Green's Class Assembly 14:50
19 June—Father's Day Present Room
29 June—Miss Nightingale/Ms Collingswood Class Assembly
6-8 July—Year 5 Residential to Caythorpe Court
17 July 2026—Last day of the school year