



Growing Together  
at Glynwood

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**19/01/24**

**January 2024**

**February 2024**

Daisy Chain Project workshop for families - **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**1-3pm**

Last day in school before the half term holiday -  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school after the half term holiday -  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**March 2024**

Last day in school before the Easter holiday - **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**April 2024**

Children return to school after the Easter holiday - **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**May 2024**

Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Year Six SATs week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**  
**Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week.**

Last day in school before the half term holiday - **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

**June 2024**

Children return to school after the half term holiday -  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

Year Four Multiplication check - **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**(Children take one test at some point during this time.)**

Year One Phonics Screening Check  
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.**

Occasional Day - School Closed for children - **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**July 2024**

Reports out to parents - **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

Last Day of term - **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

### Message from Mrs. Nellis:

It's been another excellent week in school with visits from the owner of the new local art gallery 'Come View my Art Gallery', Brian Rankin, for Year Four. The children were very lucky to not only learn about Norman Cornish, but they also received some beautiful framed pictures. We are looking forward to working again with Brian again in the future. More generally, the children have settled very well into the new term and there is a **great atmosphere of learning** as you walk around the school.

I would ask again that parents and carers remain **courteous to staff members at all times**. Glynwood staff always act with the best interests of the children and aim to maintain excellent relationships with families. We understand that there are times when parents and carers may feel upset or frustrated, but we do ask that issues are discussed as calmly as possible. I would also encourage you all to talk to staff about any concerns at the earliest possible opportunity as this is the best way to avoid issues escalating. It is best to speak to classroom staff in the first instance as they know your child best, but my door is always open and phase leaders, Mr. Otterson and Mrs. Brunskill are also always available to speak to parents too.

**False nails of any kind are not allowed in school.** This is for health and safety reasons and this is a policy that all schools adhere to. Please remember that **earrings should not be worn**. If they cannot be removed, then they must be taped up.

**Scooters (both manual and electric) should not be rode on the school premises.** The paths are narrow and very busy. Unfortunately a child was hit by a scooter prior to the Christmas break. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

**The Daisy Chain project** is a charity that supports autistic and neurodivergent children, young people and adults. The project are running a parent/ carer workshop here in school on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February between 1pm and 3pm**. This is around supporting children at home with meltdowns and shutdowns and developing a deeper understanding of autism and neurodiversity. Your child does not have to have a diagnosis in order for you to attend, which is why we are offering this workshop to all families who feel this may be useful.

With my very best wishes for a great weekend- thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs. Vicky Nellis

**Head Teacher**



**Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:**



Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)



Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher Y5/6 Lead)



Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer)



Esther Commons (SENDco/ KS1 Leader)



Jude Etherington (Curriculum Lead)

The above staff are also all designated safeguarding leaders or deputy leaders, so you can talk to any of them if you have a concern about a child.

Please remember that if you do have concerns about a child, you can speak to any of the adults above. If the concerns require an immediate response, then you should call the police or children's social care, where you can make referrals anonymously, if you wish. You can also call the NSPCC 0800 1111 for advice.

If you notice suspicious activity in the vicinity of the school, then please do report it via the police, or inform one of our designated safeguarding leads.

We request that whilst you are on the school site, or in the vicinity of the school, that you do not use bad language/ swear and also dress appropriately (no swimwear please).