





## Growing Together at Glynwood

Glynwood Gardens  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear  
NE9 5SY  
Headteacher: Mrs Vicky Nellis  
Telephone: 0191 433 4117  
Email: [glynwoodcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:glynwoodcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)  
Website: [glynwoodprimary.org](http://glynwoodprimary.org)

<u>November 2024</u>
Remembrance Day - <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> (special assembly in school)
Year 6 residential - Robinwood <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Odd Socks Day - <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b> - Wear Odd Socks for School
Year 5 visit to Beamish - <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Y4 JE - Trip to Shipley Art Gallery - <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Parent/ Carer Consultation for Reception and Y1 and Y2 - <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Children in Need Day - Non-uniform for a donation - <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Parents evening for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Christmas holidays - break up 20 <sup>th</sup> December and return to school 6 <sup>th</sup> January
<u>December 2024</u>
Reception Christmas Performance - <b>2:30 pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Year 1 Nativity Performance - <b>2:30 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Year 2 Christmas Carol Performance - <b>2:30 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Christmas Jumper Day (wear your Christmas jumper to school) - <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Christmas Party Day (children to come to school in party clothes) - <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Year 3 and Year 4 (Year 3 lead performance) - Carols at St. John's - <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm (parents invited) TBC</b>
Year 5 and Year 6 (Year 5 lead performance) - Carols at St. John's - <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm (parents invited) TBC</b>
<u>January 2025</u>
<b>Panto for pupils - Puss in Boots on Treasure Island - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>French Day - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>

## February 2025

Valentine's Disco -Reception - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (Assembly in school for children)

Valentine's Disco - Year One and Two - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 - 4:30pm

Valentine's Disco - Year Three and Year Four - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Valentine's Disco - Year Five and Year Six - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Half term holiday - break up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February and return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

March 2025

World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - more information to follow.

Red Nose Day - Non-uniform - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

## April 2025

Family Attendance Meetings - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Faith Day - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (parents will be invited into school from 2:45pm to look at children's work on different faiths)

Break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April and return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

## May 2025

Earth Day-non-uniform day (wear something green) - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs week - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Family attendance meetings - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Break up for half term holiday on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## June 2025

Year Four Multiplication Check - Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Nursery and Reception Sports Day - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2:15pm

Year One and Year Two Sports Day - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm

Year Three and Year Four Sports Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm

Year Five and Year Six Sports Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm

Year One Phonics Screening - Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Occasional Day - School Closed - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Rainbow Day- Non-uniform and assembly in school - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Glynwood Arts, Music and Craft Festival - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

## July 2025

Glynwood Art Exhibition - open to families from 3:15 - 3:45 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Family attendance meetings - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Pupil end of year reports out to families - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Last Day of term for the summer break - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Families, I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and this newsletter finds you well.

The children have settled back really well and the school has felt very purposeful this week. It has been lovely to hear all about the children's holidays.

**Indoor Athletics** - Our successful team of athletes will be competing in the Gateshead Finals on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Good luck to all our pupils representing the school.

**Request for help** - Staff in Reception would like your help please for their outdoor area in school. Donations of Watering cans, buckets, guttering, plants, wheelbarrows, large stones, conkers and tarpaulin would be most useful. Thank you in advance.

**Sensible shoes** - staff in Early years would like to ask that children come to school with sensible footwear and ones that the children can get on and off themselves where ever possible. This will help with getting ready for PE etc.

**Playground equipment** - Could parents waiting for children at the end of the day please remind the children that they should not be using the equipment from boxes in the yard after the equipment has been tidied away at lunchtime.

**Reading folders** - Could parents in KS2 please make sure your child has their reading book and reading record with them every day.

**Flu Immunisations** - will take place in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December for children in Years Reception to Year 6. If you wish your child to have this done at school please use this link to register them

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Our school code is **NB108372**

**Attendance** - Our attendance policy is attached to this newsletter. As some of you are aware, the Government and the Department for Education have introduced strict new measures to prevent term-time absence, including holidays. Below is the relevant section from the 2024-25 Attendance Policy:

#### 4.1 Approval for term-time absence

The headteacher/principal will only grant a leave of absence to a pupil during term time if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. A leave of absence is granted at the headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the pupil is authorised to be absent.

We define 'exceptional circumstances' as **where there are unavoidable reasons for the leave of absence not falling during school holiday time. For example, visiting a very sick relative in a different area or country, an immediate family member's wedding or an immediate family member's funeral. Exceptional Circumstances also apply if a child is involved in sporting or creative events, but school do need evidence of these dates.**

**Exceptional circumstances are truly exceptional and this will be applied consistently across all requests.**

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request.

Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, at least 3 weeks before the absence, and in accordance with any leave of absence request form, accessible via the school office or the school website. The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for a leave of absence.

## 4.3 Legal sanctions

The local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age. Warning letters are no longer issued.

If issued a fine, or penalty notice, each parent must pay £80 within 21 days or £160 within 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority.

Penalty notices can be issued by a local authority officer or the police.

The decision on whether or not to issue a penalty notice may take into account:

- The number of unauthorised absences occurring within a rolling academic year
- One-off instances of irregular attendance, such as holidays taken in term time without permission
- Where an excluded pupil is found in a public place during school hours without a justifiable reason

If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute or withdraw the notice.

The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice **cannot be issued** to the same parent in respect of the same child **within 3 years of the date of issue** of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

**Online safety** - Please look at the documents attached to the newsletter to remind yourselves and your children about some the issues around well-being online, including online safety, cyberbullying and the use of Roblox online.

**As always, my door is open - please do call school if you would like to speak to me.**

**With my best wishes - Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)**

**Attendance target/ National Expectation - 96% Glynwood Attendance this week - 94.6%**



Glynwood Community  
Primary School

Growing Together at Glynwood

