





Growing Together at Glynwood

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15th November 2024
Parents evening for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - Wednesday 20th November
Parents evening for Reception, Y1 and Y2 - Wednesday 27th November
December 2024
Nursery's Christmas Singalong - Monday 9th December x 2 performances AM Nursery + 30 hours at 10:15am and PM Nursery + 30 hours at 2:15pm
Reception Christmas Performance - 2:30 pm Tuesday 10th December
Year 1 Nativity Performance - 2:30 Wednesday 11th December
Year 2 Christmas Carol Performance - 2:30 Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper Day (wear your Christmas jumper to school) - Thursday 12th December
Christmas Party Day (children to come to school in party clothes) - Tuesday 17th December
Nursery Christmas Party Day (children to come to school in party clothes) - Tuesday 17th December
Year 3 and Year 4 (Year 3 lead performance) - Carols at St. John's - Thursday 19th December at 2:30pm (parents invited) TBC
Year 5 and Year 6 (Year 5 lead performance) - Carols at St. John's - Friday 20th December at 2:30pm (parents invited) TBC
Christmas holidays - break up 20 th December and return to school 6 th January
January 2025
Panto for pupils - Puss in Boots on Treasure Island - Monday 6th January
French Day - Tuesday 21st January

February 2025

Valentine's Disco -Reception - Monday 10th February at 2:15pm

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February (Assembly in school for children)

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

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

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

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

March 2025

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March - more information to follow.

Red Nose Day - Non-uniform - Friday 14th March

April 2025

Family Attendance Meetings - Wednesday 2nd April

Faith Day - Friday 11th 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 11th April and return to school on Monday 28th April

May 2025

Earth Day-non-uniform day (wear something green) - Friday 2nd May

BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed - Monday 5th May

Year 6 SATs week - Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

Family attendance meetings - Wednesday 21st May

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

June 2025

Year Four Multiplication Check - Week beginning 2nd June

Nursery and Reception Sports Day - Tuesday 3rd June at 2:15pm

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

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

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

Year One Phonics Screening - Week Beginning Monday 9th June

Occasional Day - School Closed - Friday 13th June

Rainbow Day- Non-uniform and assembly in school - Friday 20th June

Glynwood Arts, Music and Craft Festival - 23rd June - Friday 4th July

July 2025

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

Family attendance meetings - Tuesday 8th July

Pupil end of year reports out to families - Friday 11th July

Last Day of term for the summer break - Friday 18th July

Dear Families, I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

It has been a very busy week with lots going on! As you will be aware we had our OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was an incredibly thorough process that involved 5 inspectors over the two days. A report will be published in the next couple of months and a link to this will be sent to parents. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those parents who completed the online questionnaire and those who spoke to the inspectors on the school yard over the two days. The children were central to the inspection process and lots of them spoke directly to the inspectors - they were wonderful, as they always are. A huge thank you to the staff who worked incredibly hard to showcase our school as well as welcoming the inspectors into lessons and attending multiple meetings with them.

Christmas Cards/Gifts orders with Class Fundraising - a second on-line shop is being opened from 15th - 25th November for anyone who missed placing an initial order.

Robinwood - The children had a fabulous time at Robinwood and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The whole year group were incredibly well behaved and represented our school fantastically well. You can see lots of photographs if you follow @glynwoodschool on Twitter/X. If accessing 'X' via the link on the school website, you will only be able to view this new content if you have a login of your own (it is free to create an account).

Parents evening - For parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, you now have a new date of Wednesday 27th November. Staff in Reception classes said parents can keep their original appointment times for this new date if convenient - if you need a new time, please contact a member of staff.

Pick up times - When arranging for someone else to pick up your child at hometime, please make contact with your child's class teacher in advance to let them know the details, or ring the office to give your permission for your child to go with a different trusted adult. Thank you.

Indoor Athletics - Children represented the school in the Gateshead finals yesterday and performed extremely well coming 9th out of 75 schools who entered.

Children in Need day - Thank you for all your donations, so far we have raised £369.58. The children looked fantastic in their clothing and face paints.

Request for help - Staff in Reception would still 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.

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. Please try to read with your child as much as you can at home.

Earrings - a polite reminder that children should have their earrings taped up if they are unable to remove them for school.

Uniform - A polite reminder that uniform should have names in labels please to avoid the wrong pieces of uniform coming home with children by mistake.

Reporting absences – if your child is going to be absent from school, it is essential that you let school know either through the ParentMail app or by phoning the school office. If we do not receive a reason for absence then we may conduct an unannounced home visit to ensure the welfare of the whole family.

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 – 92.9%

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Child Protection and Safeguarding are always an absolute priority in school. Our designated safeguarding leads and deputies are: Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher), Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer), Simon Otterson (Deputy Head), Sarah Brunskill (Assistant Head), Esther Commons (SENDco) and Jude Etherington (Curriculum leader). Please talk to any of us about any concerns that you may have. Posters displaying photos of the designated safeguarding leads are displayed around school.

If you have concerns about a child in your community, you have a number of options:

- 1) You can call 101 and ask for some welfare advice. This can be done anonymously.
- 2) You can visit the NSPCC website on: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/> or you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000, You can report concerns here anonymously too.



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