





Growing Together at Glynwood

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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
Flu Vaccinations in school - Tuesday 10th December
Reception Christmas Performance - 2:30pm Tuesday 10th December
Year 1 Nativity Performance - 2:30pm Wednesday 11th December
Y4 GW - Trip to Shipley Art Gallery - 9.30am Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day (wear your Christmas jumper to school) - Thursday 12th December
Christmas Dinner - Thursday 12th December
Year 2 Christmas Carol Performance - 2:30pm Friday 13th 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) - Thursday 19th 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 No afterschool club on Friday 20th December
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.

Staffing - After Christmas we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs. Mitchell from her maternity leave as well as Mrs. Commons and Mrs. Allom from their absences. Mrs. Mitchell will be teaching in Miss. Lonsdale's class every Monday and in Mrs. Etherington's class every Tuesday. Mrs. Allom will be returning to her class Y1 AC working alongside Mrs. Brunskill who will be staying with the class, teaching as previously at the end of the week. Mrs. Commons will be teaching in Mrs. Wright's class every Friday and every other Thursday.

Mrs Dobbing has secured a position working as a counsellor with looked after children across the region, so unfortunately will no longer be working at Glynwood. We thank her for all of her hard work and fantastic work supporting children and families over the years whilst at Glynwood and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Mrs Nellis is currently poorly and off school, so please contact Mr Otterson if you have any questions that you would normally direct her way. Thank you.

OFSTED - School is anticipating the initial report from OFSTED any time soon and copies should hopefully be made available to parents soon afterwards.

Christmas Dinner - If your child would like a Christmas dinner on Thursday 12th December please can you book it in on Parentmail as soon as possible. Please note we will only be serving a turkey dinner or a vegetarian dinner on this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if they do not want a Christmas dinner.

Spare clothes - we would really welcome donations of spare items of clothing, most useful would be underpants, knickers, socks and jogger bottoms - please drop off to a member of your child's classroom staff.

False Nails - Children have been discussing their upcoming Christmas parties next week. Please can you ensure your child does not go to get false nails for their party as they pose a health and safety risk to themselves and other pupils.

Drop off times - Please can we try to drop off children at **8:45 am** as there are still a number of families who are regularly arriving at 8:55 or later - this means your child is missing ten or 15 minutes of learning time on a regular basis and it is making it difficult to close our gates on time and secure the school promptly.

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

Cold weather clothing - can we ask that pupils wear a warm coat for school and have hats and gloves if possible as some children are attending school only in their school jumpers. Remember to pop your child's name on any items they bring to school if you can to help avoid them getting lost.

Afterschool club/ breakfast club - Did you know that you can get help towards the costs. We are registered with the Government Tax-free childcare initiative, please see the attached flyer and click on the link. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> our school post code is NE9 5SY.

Money Owning - Please can you check your balances in Parentmail for school meals, breakfast club and afterschool club. Any money owed must be paid before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

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 - Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher)

Attendance target/ National Expectation - 96% Glynwood Attendance this week - 93.4%

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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