





Growing Together at Glynwood

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December 2024
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.

Christmas performances - Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the various performances this week. The children performed brilliantly in front of an audience and their singing was lovely. Thank you also to the staff for all their hard work and effort in putting on such good performances.

Reminder - There will be NO afterschool on Friday 20th December

Carols at St John's church - We will be holding our annual Christmas carol concerts at St John's church this coming week. Year 3 and 4 pupils will perform on Thursday 19th at 2.30 p.m. and year 5 and 6 pupils will be the Friday at 2.30 p.m. You are all welcome, but seating will be limited at the Church.

Christmas parties - On Tuesday, all children from Reception through to year 6 have their Christmas party in the afternoon. Your child can come dressed ready for the party to save bringing a change of clothes (they can bring a change of clothes if they wish). 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.

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

Bring a bag - please send a plastic bag in to school with your child for all of the Christmas cards, decorations, calendars etc. that pupils have made, in order that they can empty their trays before the holidays.

PE days - Can we ask for children to wear the Glynwood uniform, sports t-shirts and hoodies please and not use this as a non-uniform day. Several children are wearing fashion items such as White fox hoodies which are not allowed in school.

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 Owing - 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.

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.

With my best wishes - Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher)

Attendance target/ National Expectation - 96% Glynwood Attendance this week -94.2%

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), 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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