



Glendale Infant School

September 2025 Newsletter 1



Message from Mrs Hopkins...

It has been lovely welcoming back our Year 1 and Year 2 children, who are all settling well into their new classes and year groups. Our new Reception children are also settling in well and it is lovely to welcome our new cohort.

We had some building work over the summer holiday to enhance the Specialist Resourced Provision room, some of the external work has run over into the first couple of weeks, but the children have enjoyed watching the mini-digger and machines at work!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire at the end of the summer term. There was some very positive feedback and some useful/constructive comments to help us improve further, the results are on the school website.

We have been growing our brains, learning about

Reception – have been learning about how 'We are Special' and enjoyed finding out all about the children from their summer holiday posters. The children have been drawing their homes and talking about who they live with. The children have enjoyed looking at their baby photos and talking about how they have changed since they were a baby.

Year 1 – have been enjoying their science learning. We had a visit from a guide dog to help us understand how important our sight is. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about our senses and the sense organs linked to each one. In computing the children have been learning to log on and why it is important to keep passwords private.



Year 2 – We have enjoyed creating artwork and biscuit packaging in the style of Andy Warhol. We loved reading the story 'Journey' and writing our own text to retell the ending. We have investigated whether things are living, dead or never alive, using MRS GREN to help us.





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Stars of the Week



- R1** – **Rosie-Mae E** for settling in really well to school life and always having a positive attitude.
Kodi L for showing great independence in all that he does!
- R2** – **Zachary B** for being kind and polite and following the school rules.
Hallie S for correctly forming all of the letters in her name.
- R3** – **Harry L** for always doing the right thing and being polite and kind to all of his friends.
Faith G for being an amazing role model in R3, all of the time!
- 1H** – **Tommy P** for writing super sentences in Literacy, well done.
Niamh W for always having amazing ideas during carpet sessions. Well done!
Leo R for amazing independent writing.
April C for beautiful art work in the style of Nathan Parker.
- 1R** – **Bertie N** for trying hard with his handwriting.
Olivia L for working independently in Maths and Literacy.
Madison L-S for amazing spelling in phonics!
Ewan M for always being helpful and offering to do jobs.
- 1S** – **Abdullah B** for being an excellent role model.
Nebechi N for always trying her best!
Kian C for super partitioning in Maths!
Darcey M for amazing pattern work in art.
- 2A** – **Harriet G** for being an amazing role model to others.
Irha A for showing perseverance in Science.
Bella D for showing independence and perseverance in Maths.
Samuel K for showing independence in learning and being a role model to others.
- 2BC** – **Inaaya C** for always being polite and trying her best.
Fearne J for always being kind and friendly and always trying her best.
Matias S for working hard in all lessons especially Maths.
Luan R for fantastic story writing.
- 2W** – **Lottie M** for a fantastic start to Year 2.
Benjamin W for fantastic mathematical reasoning and explanation.
Willow K for super descriptive language.
Ava G for always being a good role model to others.

Well done to all of these children!





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We have celebrated with:

Sangken R, Leo E, Layne S, Bodie E, Isaac W, Joshua L, Jaxton O, Finley G, Thomas D-B, Isla M, Penelope P, James D and Kelechukwu O who are now 5!

Aria L, Marcus T, Ewan M, Nebechi N, Syrus H, Brady H and Abdullah B who are now 6!

Kaviraj S, Maizie P, Elsie W, Benjimin W, Bella D, Kash K, Samuel K and Zayn-Lee O who are now 7!

Our current school value is: Independence

"We try to do things by ourselves." We try to do tasks on our own and show some perseverance if needed.

Please do talk to your child about this and praise them when they show independence, talk with them about the need to practise to get better at tricky things. If they are struggling with doing something on their own, encourage them with positive phrasing, try some of these:

"It's not that you can't, you just can't YET..."

"It doesn't matter how many tries it takes."

"Show me how you do it!"





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Attendance



These classes have had 'good attendance' 96% or more over the past few weeks:

R1, R3 x2, 1H x2, 1R x3, 1S x2, 2W x2, 2A, 2BC x2.

Week ending: 12th September

Highest weekly attendance: R2 and 2BC (100%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.8%

Week ending: 19th September

Highest weekly attendance: R2 (100%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.8%

Week ending: 26th September

Highest weekly attendance: R2 (99.7%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.0%

Well done. We know that sometimes illness means children need time off, if they are just 'a little under the weather' please send them in, we will monitor them and would always contact you if they need to be at home. If you are unsure whether your child should be kept off please take a look at the information following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/U/KHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>

If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason please do come and speak to one of the attendance or pastoral team or ask their class teacher to pass on a message, we are here to help:

Mrs Demers, Mrs Lapworth, Miss Barrass or Mrs Hopkins.

