



Glendale Infant School

January 2025 Newsletter 5



Message from Mrs Hopkins...

We hope you and your families all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It has been a cold and frosty return to school, but the children have come back happily and eager to learn. This is another busy term, with lots of exciting learning planned. You should have received the half-termly curriculum letter, which gives you a bit more information about each year groups topics. We will have parents/carer afternoons again this term, when you will be able to join your child, as well as a number of visitors into school.

We have been growing our brains, learning about

Reception - we have been embracing the cold and learning about Winter. We have been playing with ice in the outdoor area and using our word of the week 'melt' to describe how the ice changes. In art, we have looked at Jackson Pollock's work and had a go at creating our own drip technique.



Year 1 – we have started our very exciting 'Once upon an idea' topic. The children have explored current toys and discussed the question 'Have toys always been like this? In science we are looking at different everyday objects and thinking about the materials they are made from.



Year 2 – we have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London. We have also investigated different types of bread and started to think about what flavours we would like to use when we make our own. We have had fun using the Beebots to investigate algorithms and how they work. In science we have started to think about different materials and how they are used in the world around us.





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We have celebrated with:

**Rosie-Belle G, Nathan Y, Renee K, Carina C, George L, Evelyn J,
Parker W-W, Bailey W-W and Georgia R who are now 5!**

**Sehaj S, Harry Mc, Oliver M, Skyer S, Karson R, Willow K and
Veer L who are now 6!**

**Noah B, Elliott G, Noel S, Abigail M, Marley G, Benjamin A, Kaiden
W, Noah Bu and Jaydah S who are now 7!**

Our current school value is: *Perseverance*

"We always try our best." We don't give up when it gets hard, we try and try again.

Please do talk to your child about this and praise them when they show perseverance, explain to them what they have done that demonstrates this for example;

"Well done you have shown great perseverance, you have done your coat up by yourself/tied your laces, can you remember how tricky you used to find that?"

Share recent examples of when you have had to persevere to achieve or get something done.





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Stars of the Week



- R1** – **Charlie P** for trying really hard to resolve conflict and listening to advice.
Aubrie W for using her listening ears and making good choices.
Madison L for having fantastic listening ears.
Chloe J for always being sensible in the classroom.
Remy B for building positive relationships with the other children in the class.
- R2** – **Winnie R** for super sorting of squares and oblongs.
Zahra H for fantastic singing in the concert.
Layla-Rose M for being a kind friend to everyone!
Evelyn J for using her knowledge of letters and sounds to write/spell words independently.
Thomas C for writing his name independently, using good letter formation.
- R3** – **George L** for being really helpful and sensible during the church visit.
Robyn C for making AMAZING progress in phonics and learning extra lines for the concert.
Isabella P for writing CVC words independently and super letter formation.
April C for trying hard with all of her learning and making good progress in all areas.
- 1B** – **Tyler P** for being a model pupil and always trying his best!
Aria T for becoming more accurate, writing her name independently.
Omar H for amazing progress in reading and writing.
Georgie W for amazing perseverance when independently writing sentences!
- 1H** – **Connor K** for drawing an amazing portrait of King Charles III.
George T for being a super role model and always trying his best.
Elsie W for always giving fantastic answers during carpet sessions.
Arjan J for staying focussed and writing some super independent sentences.
- 1R** – **Orla W** for a super portrait of King Charles III.
Louie B for trying really hard with his writing.
Ava G for written descriptions of where all the toys were on the table, using prepositions.
Harlo P for trying really hard with his 'Fred Talk' and rehearsing a sentence.
- 2A** – **Gursewak K** for always showing respect and doing independent learning.
Eleanor L for showing respect to others and being independent in maths.
Kobe M for using prior learning in maths to solve addition sums.
- 2BC** – **Harvey E** for a fantastic sketch of a bear.
Noel S for trying his best all week.
Mia C for always trying her best and being persistent.
- 2W** – **Josie-May G** for brilliant comprehension skills.
Daisy T for great effort in all areas.
Cody B for having a positive attitude to his learning.

Well done to all of these children!





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Attendance



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

R1, R2, 1B x2, 1H, 2BC

Week ending: 10th January

Highest weekly attendance: 2BC with 99%

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.2%

Week ending: 17th January

Highest weekly attendance: 1H with 98%

Whole school weekly attendance: 94.8%

Week ending: 24th January

Highest weekly attendance: R3 with 97%

Whole school weekly attendance: 95.0%

Please remember we are here to support you and your child, so if you are experiencing any challenges getting your child to school, we will offer advice and any help we can. Our attendance group team are: Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Lapworth, Mrs Demers and Miss Barrass. Your child's class teacher can also offer advice and ideas if you are struggling with getting your child to school.





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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29th Jan – Reception are having a Chinese Lion Dance workshop all day.

Wednesday 5th Feb - Athlete in school to work with all classes (Sponsored Event.)

Monday 10th Feb (1.50pm) – 1R Class presentation for family to attend. Come and hear about all of the learning your child is doing.

Wednesday 12th Feb (1.50pm) – 2W Class presentation for family to attend. Come and hear about all of the learning your child is doing.

Friday 14th Feb - LAST DAY OF TERM

(Half term break)

Monday 24th Feb – TERM STARTS

Tuesday 25th Feb – Year 1 visit to the National Space Centre

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you need help with any queries or concerns regarding your child or family either at home or school, please remember you can contact Mrs Lapworth at school. She might be able to give you some help or advice or signpost you to where you might be able to get further help/support.

There is also the Family Information Service (FIS) – we put their regular newsletters onto the school website. They offer a wealth of services, signposting and support. You can get in touch with them by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

