



GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

It was lovely to welcome you back on Tuesday. We have had a great start to the new term and have already had some exciting highlights.

Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was.... The Easter Bunny! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

Attendance

No. of sessions missed this week
(SESSION = 0.5 DAY)

4JL	2
1S	3
5I	3
1M	4
RW	5
2C	6
4W	6
3G	7
6A	7
4V	8
RP	9
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RB	18
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1G	23

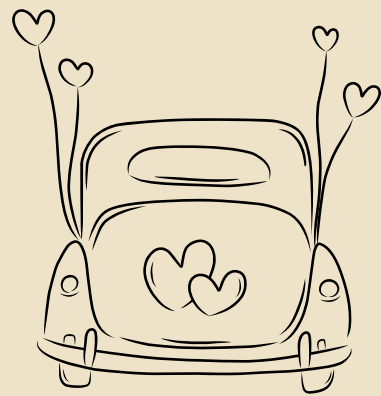
Whole School

212

sessions missed out of a possible 4,688 (4 days)



Congratulations

A large, light-colored rectangular sign is mounted on a wooden easel. The sign is framed by green leafy branches at the top and bottom. The text on the sign is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. The easel has three legs and a horizontal crossbar. There are also small clusters of green leaves and white flowers at the base of the easel legs.

Miss Bird

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Bird and her fiance Rhys a very happy wedding day for tomorrow.

We wish them both a lifetime of love and happiness together.



HIGHLIGHTS

Purple Up Day!

It was lovely to see a sea a purple accessories and clothing when we welcomed Wing Commander Caroline Krolkowski and her colleague Alexandra Manser-Jeffery from RAF Northolt into school this morning. Alex was herself a military child before joining up herself so was the perfect person to speak to the children about what life is like for a child with a parent serving in the military. The challenges these children face and to celebrate their strengths and resilience,

We got a sneak peak into the ranks of the military doing a fun activity.

Together we came up with ways of how to make military children feel welcome in a new school. Thank you for teaching us about military life!

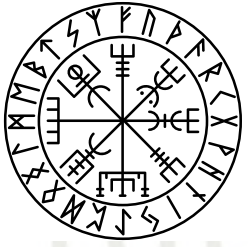
I will be able to share more details, including photos in next week's edition of the newsletter.





HIGHLIGHTS

Year 4 Viking Day



Year 4 welcomed Ash the Viking into Glebe this week. The children really threw themselves into the experience and really did it all;

- looking at dangerous Viking weapons and artifacts,*
- listening to a mesmerising mythical story,*
- dressing up one of the teachers as a rich Viking*
- reliving a real Viking burial.*

This will be a day they won't forget in a hurry!

Mr Vandorpe



REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



NSPCC PANTS Parent Workshop

Please don't forget, we will be holding two information sessions for parents around the work we are doing with the children as part of the NSPCC Pants initiative. These sessions will take place on Monday 28th April and Wednesday 7th May at 9am in the school hall. Please note, you will only need to attend one of the sessions.



'St George's Day

The Church of England has changed the date of St. George's Day this year because no saint's day can take place in the week before or after Easter. They have moved it to Monday 28th April and so children who are part of uniformed groups, e.g. rainbows/cubs, etc can wear their pack uniform instead of their school uniform on Monday.

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Key Information & Dates



Summer Term - 2025

Monday 28th April - PANTS Parents' Workshop: 9am in the school hall

Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 7th May - PANTS Parents' Workshop: 9am in the school hall

Thursday 8th May - 1S Class Assembly at 9.15am*

Friday 9th May - Pre-loved uniform sale at 3.30pm

Thursday 22nd May - 1M Class Assembly at 9.15am*

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Half term - School Closed

Monday 2nd June - Training Day - school closed

Advanced Notice

Thursday 19th June - 1G Class Assembly at 9.15am*

*Parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons for all 3 assemblies.

UPDATES

This week's winners are



Well Done to both classes!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sextortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



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Closing date
15 June 2025
at
12:00 (Midnight)

[Book now](#)

ENJOY & JUST PLAY
BADMINTON



Cash Prizes
and Trophies

FOR AGE GROUPS

9 - 11 YEARS

12 - 14 YEARS

15 - 18 YEARS

DOUBLES GAMES ONLY

[See full details on website](#)

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RECEPTION



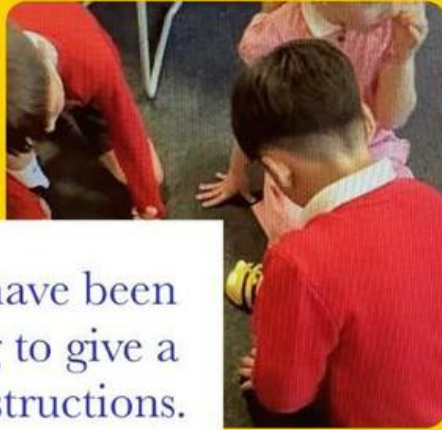
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YEAR 1



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YEAR 2



Year 2 have been learning to give a robot instructions.



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YEAR 3



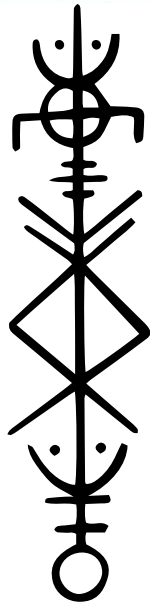
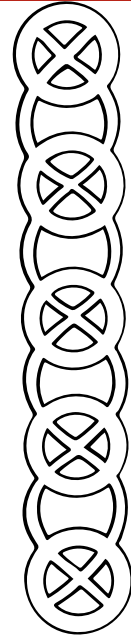
Year 3 have been learning all about money. We have also started our Plants topic in science and Ancient Egypt.



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YEAR 4



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YEAR 5



Year 5

We have enjoyed
experimenting with
insulation and materials.



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YEAR 6

YEAR 6 BEGAN THEIR TITANIC TOPIC



PIC•COLLAGE

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Wishing you all a
lovely weekend.
Mrs Penney

Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I was born in the country that is now Turkey, although many people think I am English.

Clue 2: I was a Roman soldier and a Christian.

Clue 3: Not much is known about my life, but there are legendary stories about me and my bravery.

Clue 4: I am a special saint - a patron saint - of many countries and my feast day is in April each year.



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