



GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week and had an enjoyable half term break.

The busiest half term of the school year got underway this week with visits from the RAF Band, the Mayor of Hillingdon - Cllr Phillip Corthorne, chocolate workshops for some and cakes for everyone!

Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was.... Sir David Attenborough. Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



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

3G	1
1M	2
4JL	5
6L	6
RB	7
3D	8
5I	8
RP	9
1S	10
3ME	10
2J	12
RW	15
6K	17
1G	18
5IP	18
2F	20
2C	20
4V	21
4W	27
6A	29
5M	31

Whole School

294

sessions missed out of a possible 4,696
(4 day week)

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025

PROUD PAGE

Avish - Year 5

During half term, Avish went to a football tournament in Belgium. He played three matches over 2 days. His team scored an incredible twenty goals in just one game and went on to win all of their matches, coming third overall.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of you Avish.

Well done!



HIGHLIGHTS

Year 3 Chocolate Workshop

On Tuesday, we had a visit from the Chocolate Museum. First, we learned about how the chocolate was made but we had a few breaks in between to taste some chocolate. Next, we learned about how Spain invaded the Mayan people for their cocoa trees. Finally, we all made truffles out of white and milk chocolate and put sprinkles on them. We then put them into paper bags so we could bring them home after school to try them.

Amelia, 3G

This morning, we had a visit from a lady called Josephine from the Chocolate Museum in Brixton. First we learned about the history of chocolates that were made and the groups of people that first discovered cocoa pods and beans. Then we tried some chocolate from other countries to see if they tasted different to ours. We learned that England was the first country to make a chocolate bar and that chocolate was also used as money. Lastly we made white and dark chocolate into balls and put sprinkles and little white chocolate shavings on them. It was the best day ever! Charlie, 3G



Scholastic Book Fair



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Design a Poster Competition Winners

The winning designs have been selected and the artists have received a £5 voucher each to spend at the book fair next week.



Ava - 1M



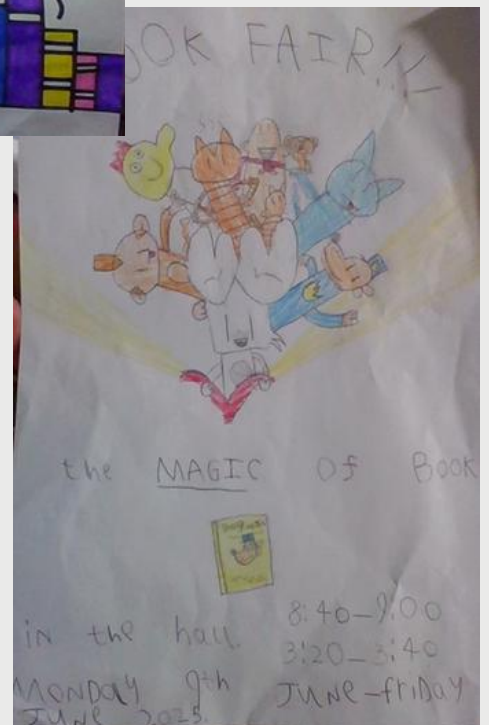
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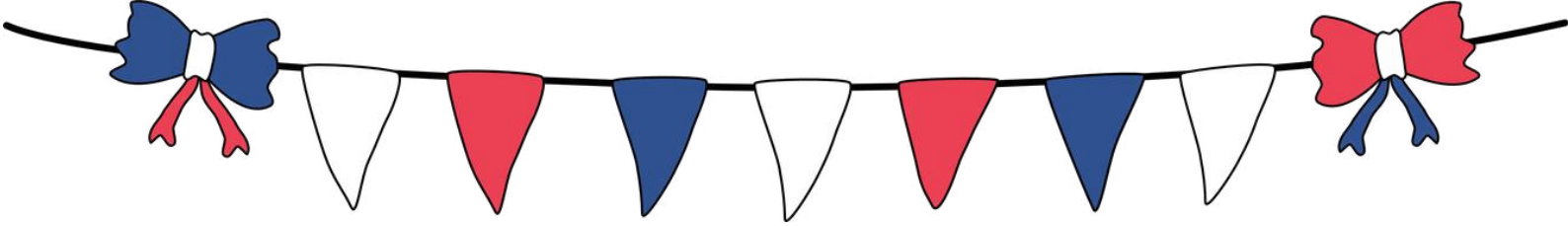
Shivanshi - 6A



William - 5I



Sebastian - 3G



VE Day 80th Anniversary

It has been so lovely to see the effort that some of you have gone to with the 40s-style clothes for today's celebration. The children looked great and it really helped them get into the mood of the day.

We were so excited and privileged to welcome the RAF Band and the Worshipful, the Mayor of Hillingdon Councillor Phillip Corthorne.

A huge thanks to Miss Kiely who has organised the whole of today's event - from the themed dress to inviting the RAF Band and the Mayor of Hillingdon.

More details and photographs of the event will appear in next week's edition of the newsletter.



Themed Dressing Up Day Reminder

Please remember that on dressing up days clothing still needs to be modest and the length of skirts and shorts needs to be appropriate. Footwear also needs to be considered as children will still be going out to break time.



Amazing play every day for every child

OPAL UPDATE

The second week of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) play scheme has been a great success! The children have enjoyed exploring a range of exciting new play opportunities, including chalk play, sand pits, small world areas, a lively music station and even an archaeological digging area. The music station, with all the songs chosen by the children themselves, was a particular favourite! It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic, eagerly looking forward to playtime each day.



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OPAL HIGHLIGHTS



OUR ARCHEOLOGICAL
DIGGING AREA WAS
UNEARTHED THIS WEEK

OUR SMALL WORLD PLAY
AREA WITH DINOSAURS



DANCING TO THE TUNES
CHOSEN BY THE CHILDREN

LOOKING AHEAD

NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE
CREATING
OUR SCHOOL'S PLAY CHARTER
SO PLAYTIME IS FUN FOR ALL

REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Parent Parking Permits

You will shortly be receiving a letter regarding the School Permit application system. As ever, there are only 80 permits allocated to Glebe and we have to determine eligibility by distance to school. Based on previous years, if you live within a 2 mile radius of the school, you will not be allocated a permit due to the demand we have for permits.



Parking for Sports Days

Don't forget, the parking restrictions on **Sussex Road** and **Glebe Avenue** will be lifted on the following dates to enable parents/carers to attend sports days:

Monday 23rd June 2025

Tuesday 24th June 2025

Wednesday 25th June 2025

Thursday 26th June 2025

The restrictions are suspended from 09:30 to 12:30 and all vehicles must park considerately within the white bays and display a note to say 'attending sports day at Glebe School' to avoid a fine. Please note: the parking restrictions will remain in place in Milverton Drive unlike previous years so please avoid.



FOG Summer Fete

This year's summer fete will take place on Saturday 19th July. Please speak to members of FOG if you are able to volunteer to help on the day. We want to make it the best year yet so we want to see as many of you as possible on the day.



Parent Views

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to complete the online form. This will be live until Tuesday so there is still time to complete it.

REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Summer Term - 2025

- Monday 9th - 13th June - Scholastic Book Fair - before and after school
Thursday 12th June - Reception trip to Iver Nature Centre
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- Wednesday 18th June & Thursday 19th June - Year 2 trip to Amersham Field Studies Centre
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.
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- Monday 23rd June - KS1 Sports Day: 9.30 - 11am
Tuesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day: 9.30 - 11am
Wednesday 25th June - LKS2 Sports Day: 9.30 - 11am
Thursday 26th June - UKS2 Sports Day: 9.30 - 11am
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- Tuesday 8th July - Meet the Teacher & Open Evening 5 - 7pm
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- Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 production to parents 9am
Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 production to parents 5pm
Thursday 17th July - Year 6 production to parents 6.30pm
Friday 18th July - End of Year reports sent home
Saturday 19th July - FOG Summer Fete
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- Monday 21st July - Non-uniform day for winning House Team
Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am
- School year ends - 1 hour early (2.20pm/2.30pm)

CURD CORNER

Our recycling scheme in partnership with Terracycle will be coming to an end on Monday 16th June in order to be fully wound up by the end of the school year. Since 2019, over 600kg of waste has been collected and sent off to be recycled.

Recently, several Terracycle collection schemes have ended; the remaining schemes simply do not generate enough income to make the collection, sorting and storage worthwhile anymore. Nearly everything we collect for Terracycle can now be recycled via other means; this was not an option when the Terracycle scheme first started. A guide to alternative ways to recycle has been included with the newsletter this week.

Our collection of printer cartridges, toners, mobile phones and tablets will continue for now, as will the collection of used stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

The SchoolCycled bottle top recycling scheme is also continuing. This will allow us to receive free recycled outdoor furniture and equipment.

Thank you for your continued support with all the recycling fundraising.

UPDATES



This week's winners are

Well Done to both classes!

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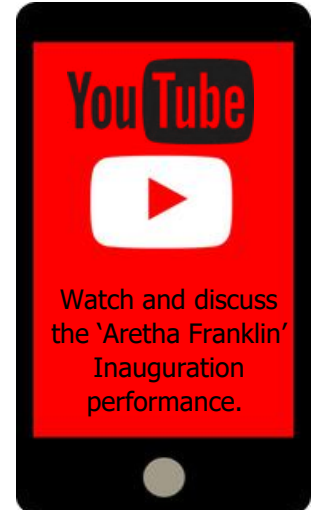


HOME INFORMATION

June's Musician of the Month



ARETHA FRANKLIN



Now Playing

SPOTIFY

1:24 3:11

About: Aretha Louise Franklin was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. Referred to as the "Queen of Soul", Rolling Stone twice named her as the greatest singer of all time in popular music. As a child, Franklin was noticed for her gospel singing at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father C. L. Franklin was a minister. She went on to sell over 75 million records worldwide and received 18 Grammy Awards. From her time growing up in the home of a prominent African-American preacher to the end of her life, Franklin was immersed and involved in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Gospel and Jazz

Active from: 1954-2017

Origin: Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Books to read...

If you like Aretha Franklin, try...



- Etta James
- Ann Peebles
- Al Green

**NATIONAL
BOOK
tokens**

A gift beyond words



#rebuildthelibrary

**Your school
needs you!** 📖

Our big schools prize has returned this summer, in association with our longstanding charity partner, Read for Good.

We're offering five schools the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and fill their shelves with new books, as well as £300 in cash to create a fun and welcoming library space for all!

Nominate your school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a £100 National Book Tokens gift card to spend in your favourite bookshop.

You should have received an email from your school with the link to enable you to nominate them.

Scholastic Book Fair



Date: 9th - 13th June

Time:

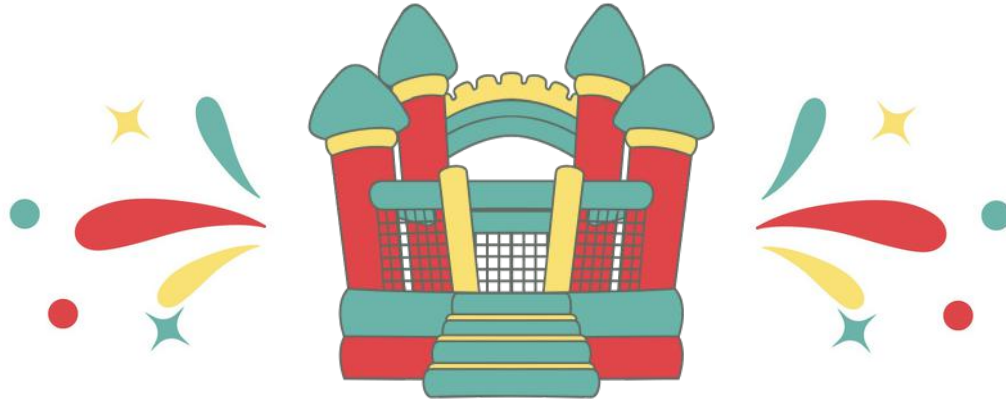
Before school 8.40 - 9am

After school: 3.20 - 4pm

Cash and card accepted.



Friends of Glebe are proud to host
Glebe Primary School's



SUMMER FETE

Saturday 19th July

SAVE THE DATE

- *bouncy castles • assault course • giant slide • penalty shootout*
- *face painting • games stalls • entertainment*
- *The FoG Inn • market stalls • yummy food vans • and much more!*

We'll keep you informed as plans develop and keep your eyes peeled for when ticket sales open



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👤 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Moi) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 👂 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



The National College



Saturday 14th June

Icktenham Library

10:30 to 1pm

Library closed for lunch

2pm to 3:30pm

Hole in your pocket? Tear in your favourite trousers?

Join us in Icktenham Library, for the **second Icktenham Sewing Repair Cafe and learn to repair.**

We'll teach you how to patch or darn your clothes and textiles with the support of one of our volunteers. With their array of mending skills and sewing experience we will find a solution or two! Techniques include darning, Swiss darning, Sashiko, crochet, knitting, cotton and stretch fabrics, machine sewing, decorative embroidery, invisible and visible patching.

We will also have sewing machines available to use for suitable mends. (We might have to have timed slots on the machines if we have a high demand.) We have embroidery threads, cotton, material for patching, mending samples and books to inspire you.

Bring no more than three items which need mending. Our volunteers might only be able to advise on one or two items, depending on how many people turn up, but can guide you through the creative and addictive world of mending your own clothes. Do your bit to tackle the mountain of 'fast fashion' waste and rejuvenate your own clothes rather than replace them.

We ask for a small donation for the session to cover costs of equipment and expenses, but inspiration is free!

Run in association with Ealing Repair Cafe, www.ealingrepaircafe.org



OPEN DAY

Hillingdon Fire Station

Sunday, 8th June 2025 11am–4pm

- **FIRE ENGINE ART GALLERY** – DESIGN A POSTER AND COME TO SEE IT DISPLAYED ON THE FIRE ENGINE! (*And experience more fun activities*).
- Posters should be A4, Fire Brigade related, and have your name and age.
- Deadline: 30th May 2025. Please deliver to School or Hillingdon Fire Station!

Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, UB10 0PH

For more info contact Hillingdon White Watch:

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HIGHLIGHTS

RECEPTION



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed celebrating VE Day.



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3



In Year 3 this week, we are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and learnt all about where chocolate comes from in our workshop! We tasted lots of different types and made truffles. We are also learning about the life cycle of a seed in science.



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 4



PIC•COLLAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 5



**VE DAY
IN YEAR 5**



PIC•COLLAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

Wishing you all a lovely
weekend.

Mrs Penney

Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I was born on 30th November 1874 in
Oxfordshire, England

Clue 2: I said many important things and one
of my most famous quotes is: "Never in the
field of human conflict was so much owed by
so many to so few." I was talking about the
RAF during the Battle of Britain.

Clue 3: I was Britain's Prime Minister during
World War 2.

Clue 4: The bunker I used to make plans during
the war isn't very far from Glebe.



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