



# GLEBE

## GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

### Hillingdon Education Advisor Visit

We were pleased to welcome Richard Woodfinn from the London Borough of Hillingdon yesterday. He is an Education Advisor who works with schools across Hillingdon to assess the strengths of the school and identify areas for improvement.

As Hillingdon have categorised Glebe as a self-improving school, this was our first visit in several years. If we were a cause for concern, we would have several visits per year.

Richard was really impressed with the children's engagement in all the classes we visited, noting that this is unusual for children to be so actively learning at this time of the school year and in the heat we've been experiencing. He was also very complimentary about the pedagogy of the teachers and how exceptionally inclusive we are as a school.

He did share areas for us to develop, including collaborating with local schools to share best practice and moderate each others judgements.

I will share his report once I receive it.

### Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was....  
Usain Bolt. Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



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

RP	5
3G	5
RB	8
3D	9
4V	10
1S	11
1M	11
6A	11
4W	12
2C	13
6L	15
1G	16
6K	18
5IP	19
2F	21
5I	24
2J	25
4JL	27
3ME	29
RW	32
5M	40

### Whole School

# 361

sessions missed out of a possible 5928

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Phonics Comparison Data Over Time

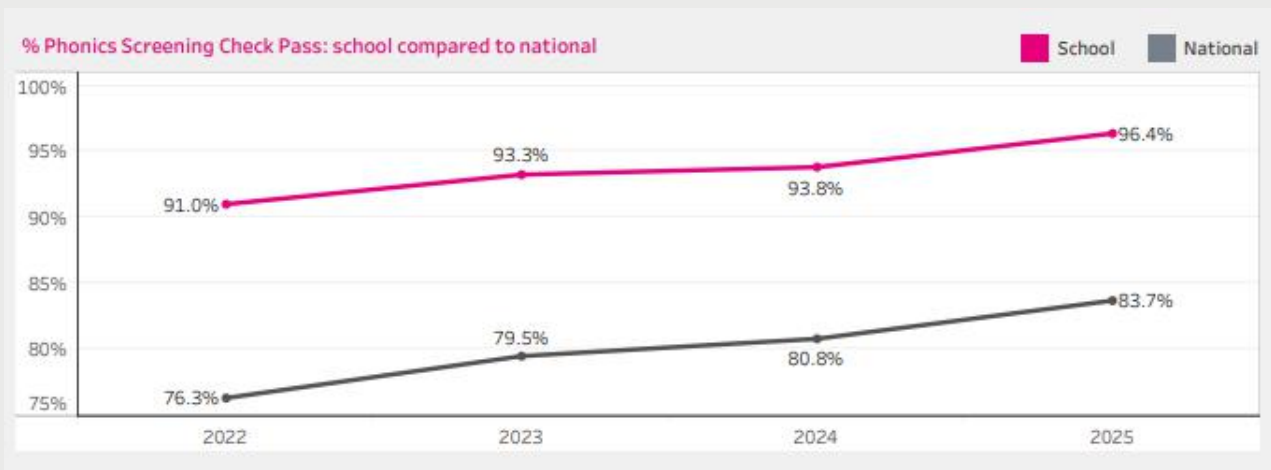
Our Phonics data has been adjusted by the Local Authority. We erred on the side of caution and calculated the figure based on the number of pupils within the year group, but they have calculated by the number of children who took the test. Therefore, I am delighted to report that **96%** of the year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening Check. The national average has been released and is **83.7%** (or 84% when rounded up).

fflaspire FFT Year 1 Phonics Results 2025: Summary PDF v3v1

Glebe Primary School (3122020)

School Summary

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pupils	89	89	81	83
School % PSC Pass	91.0%	93.3%	93.8%	96.4%
National % PSC Pass	76.3%	79.5%	80.8%	83.7%



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Phonics Comparison Data Over Time



You will see from this chart that the percentage of Glebe pupils achieving the high scores (38+ out of 40) this year is **40% higher** than the national average.

**89%** of Glebe pupils achieved a secure pass or higher compared to the national average of 68%.

As you can see, we have remained consistently above the national average over time.

Once again, this is testament to the children for being so engaged in the lessons, the staff for their expertise in delivering the sessions and the parents for supporting their child with their phonics at home.



# Summer Reading Challenge 2025

This year's Summer Reading Challenge takes place from Saturday 5 July to Saturday 13 September.

Children can visit a library and borrow books at least 4 times during the summer (we recommend aiming to read at least 6 books).

Collect the reward stickers as you borrow books - there are 4 visits to complete.

Please note: Children wishing to take part will need to be a member of Hillingdon libraries - joining is free and easy.

Please see the Hillingdon Council website for more information:

<https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/11044/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2025>



**COMING  
SOON**

**Talent  
Show**

**GLEBE'S GOT  
T★LENT**

**Who: Glebe Pupils and Staff**

**Where: Glebe School hall**

**When:  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Raising funds for Halo  
Children's Foundation**

# MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

## Football Tournament

On Wednesday, I took the boys' B Team to the Ruislip and Northwood District B Team tournament held at Rayners Lane Football Club. This was an invite only event, which was made up of the 6 best B teams in the district. Thankfully, we had the weather on our side and it was much cooler than it had been on the Monday and Tuesday. The boys were up against Harefield in their first match and were unlucky to be held to a 0-0 draw. Up next were Lady Bankes, who scored 2 goals in quick succession to win 2-0. The boys were unlucky against Whiteheath, Louis put Glebe 1-0 up with a great finish before Whiteheath scored a contentious equaliser with the last kick of the game to snatch a draw. Up next, we played Sacred Heart – it was an uneventful game, which was always going to end 0-0 and finally we played Coteford. The boys created some opportunities here but just couldn't get their shots away and Coteford were awarded a penalty in the last minute, they converted it and won 1-0. Our final, and perhaps most important game, was against Harefield – a playoff for 5th place – and at last the boys got the ball down and played the style of football they are capable of! Luka scored a fantastic header from Billy's corner, before Neal kept his composure to slot the ball home to make it 2-0 to Glebe!

A huge well done to: William, Gunnar, Billy, Tommy, Luka, Louis, Oliver and Neal.





Amazing play every day for every child

# OPAL UPDATE

**During Richard Woodfinn's visit, he observed OPAL play time and was captivated by how much fun the children were having and how quickly we have moved on with the programme. He had only seen it in action in one other school but could see what an impact it is having (and will continue to have) on the children's development, creativity and general wellbeing.**

**I just want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Griffiths, Mrs Bhardwaj and Mr Barnieh whose sheer enthusiasm and creative ideas are making OPAL the success it is. Without them, I don't think it would have been as successfully implemented and how they have galvanised the staff has been exceptional.**



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# OPAL PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Chalk



## OPAL REQUEST

This week we are looking for donations of astroturf and any items for our mud kitchen.

# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### **Charity Fundraising**

The school council committee have voted to host a talent show in support of the children's bereavement charity, Halo Children's Foundation, on Friday 18th July.

This is a fundraiser that the children can really get behind and we are sure that it will be a lot of fun for everyone involved.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of your choice to be made via this link.

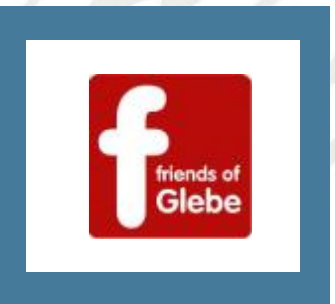
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/glebe-primary-school-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/glebe-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Thank you for your support.



### **PSD Funweeks**

PSD will be holding funweeks here throughout the summer holidays (from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August). Details can be found on the poster on page 16 of the newsletter.



### **Non-Uniform Day - FOG Donations**

Please don't forget, next Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) is a non-uniform day in school. Children can wear their own clothes in return for bringing in items for the school fete. Please refer to the list of which items have been requested from each year group which can be found on page 14 of this newsletter.



### **A Plea from the Year 6 Leavers Committee**

It's that time of year again! The Year 6 leavers committee would love donations of thin summer tights for the year 6 leavers colour run for the last day of school. We would appreciate any donations in the box in the school office. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### Summer Term - 2025

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July    | - Meet the Teacher & Open Evening 5 - 7pm         |
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| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July   | - Year 6 production to parents 9am                |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July | - Year 6 production to parents 5pm                |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | - Year 6 production to parents 6.30pm             |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | - End of Year reports sent home                   |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July  | - FOG Summer Fete                                 |
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| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | - Non-uniform day for winning House Team          |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July   | - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am               |
|                                 | - School year ends - 1 hour early (2.20pm/2.30pm) |

### Autumn Term - 2025

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - new school year starts - NO TRAINING DAY

# UPDATES



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1M

1S

This week's winners are

Well Done to both classes!



# Learn a new instrument!

**Learning to play a musical instrument is not only fun, it can also boost concentration, confidence, and coordination.**

## **Benefits of Learning an Instrument:**

- **Improves memory, attention span, and problem-solving skills**
- **Offers a creative outlet to express emotions and build self-esteem**

**At Glebe, we currently offer guitar lessons for pupils in Years 4 to 6. From September 2025, we're hoping to expand this by offering lessons in a wider range of instruments, including:**

** Keyboard |  Violin |  Saxophone |  Trumpet |  Flute |  Clarinet**

**If your child will be in Years 4–6 from September 2025 and is interested in learning one of these instruments in small group lessons, please contact the school office.**

### **Include your child's:**

- **Name**
- **Year group (from Sept 2025)**
- **Instrument preference (feel free to rank more than one choice)**

**If there is enough interest, we'll work with Hillingdon Music Service to provide the opportunity for parents to pay for lessons during the school day.**

**LET'S MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER!**



# HOME INFORMATION

## July's Musician of the Month



**GURINDER  
KAUR KAINTH**



Now Playing

**SPOTIFY**

1:24 3:11

Atamjeetk,2009:https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b2/Miss\_Pooja\_%40\_Canada%27s\_Wonderland\_%282009-08-29%29.jpg

**About:** Gurinder Kaur Kainth (born 4 December 1980), popularly known by her stage name Miss Pooja is an Indian singer and actress who primarily sings Punjabi songs in Bhangra, Pop and Folk genres. She has a master's degree in music and worked as a teacher before embarking on her singing career. She is regarded as reviving Punjabi duet songs and has released over 350 albums and recorded over 2,000 songs with more than 70 male singers, winning many awards. Her music spans many genres and she tours internationally. **Genres:**

Bhangra, Pop, Folk, Religious, Hip Hop and Dance

**Active from:** 2000 - Present

**Origin:** Rajpura, Punjab, India

Books to read...

If you like Gurinder Kaur Kainth, try...



- Jubin Nautiyal
- Sunidhi Chauhan
- Lata Mangeshkar

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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# Friends of Glebe

## Non-Uniform Donation Day

### Friday 11th July

In exchange for non-uniform day, we would love it if you could help us with prize donations for the Summer Fete. Each year group has been given a theme with some examples below.

#### **NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1**

##### **JOLLY JARS**

Decorate and fill an empty jar with sweets, treats, toys & surprises (NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE)

#### **YEAR 2**

##### **STATIONERY**

Notepads, Pencils, Pens, Pencil cases, Rubbers, Colouring books, Activity books

#### **YEAR 3 & 4**

##### **TOILETRIES**

Shampoo, Shower Gel, Hand Cream, Sun Cream, Body Lotion, Hair Products, Body Spray

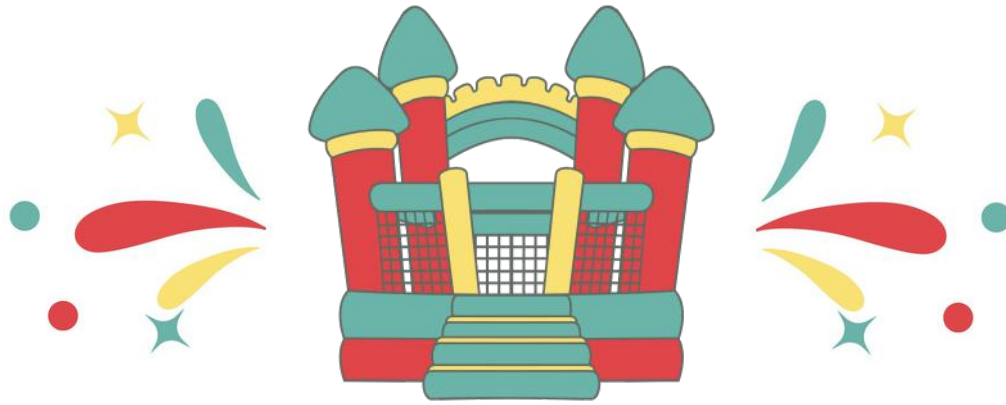
#### **YEAR 5 & 6**

##### **BOTTLES**

Fizz, Squash, Wine, Beer, Sauces, Salad Dressing, Condiments

Please give your donation to your teacher on Friday 11th July. For any enquiries please contact [friendsofglebe@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofglebe@outlook.com)

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



BOOK BEFORE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY FOR OUR EARLY BOOKING PRICES



SCAN TO BOOK

# FUNWEEKS

# SUMMER

# ACTIVE CAMP

**GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 6



**BOOK NOW: [WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/FUNWEEKS](http://WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/FUNWEEKS)**



<b>WHEN:</b>	23RD JUL - 25TH JUL	<b>TIMES:</b>	8AM - 9AM	<b>WHAT TO EXPECT:</b>	MULTI SPORTS	<b>PRICING:</b>	BOOK BEFORE 18TH JULY	BOOK AFTER 18TH JULY
	28TH JUL - 1ST AUG		£5.00		ARTS & CRAFTS		£25.00	£26.50
	4TH AUG - 8TH AUG		£40.00		GAMES		PER DAY	PER DAY
	11TH AUG - 15TH AUG		£25.00		PRIZES			
	18TH AUG - 22ND AUG							

As featured in **primary**  
times

# High Fliers

HOLIDAY CLUB

*Combines Learning with a Great Holiday!*

## THIS SUMMER at Glebe Primary School

Join Us This Holiday!

- ✓ Nurturing & Warm Environment
- ✓ Qualified & Experienced Teachers
- ✓ Specialist Workshops
- ✓ Engaging Activities

AGES  
3+


W1: Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July

W2: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Aug

W3: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Aug

8:30am-3:30pm

half & extended days available

 [high-fliers.com](http://high-fliers.com)

 07466 550567

 Russell Sq | Ealing | Eastcote |  
Harrow | Ickenham | Northwood |  
Ruislip | St Albans



# HAF BASKETBALL CAMPS

FULL  
COURT  
CONNECTIONS



28-31 July & 4-7 August 2025



Open to children on Free School Meals  
Boys & girls and all abilities welcome!

9am-1pm (Ages 7-11) 1pm-5pm (Ages 12-16)

**Douay Martyrs Secondary School**  
**Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham UB10 8QY**

Spaces are strictly limited! For info or to book please call Lorien  
on 07703 056303 or email [admin@fullcourtconnections.co.uk](mailto:admin@fullcourtconnections.co.uk)



SUMMER

# FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP



SCAN TO BOOK



0203 397 7409  
[academy@thepsdgroup.org.uk](mailto:academy@thepsdgroup.org.uk)

MON 28TH JULY -  
FRI 1ST AUG

MON 4TH -  
FRI 8TH AUG

MON 11TH -  
FRI 15TH AUG

MON 18TH -  
FRI 22ND AUG

TUE 26TH -  
FRI 29TH AUG

**HILLINGDON  
LEISURE  
CENTRE**

GATTING WAY U88 TES

**9AM - 3PM**

**£27.50 PER DAY**

**FOR PLAYERS IN  
RECEPTION - YEAR 7**

**BOOK ONLINE:**

**[WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/ACADEMY](http://WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/ACADEMY)**

# THE JD FOOTBALL ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP



FIELD END INFANT SCHOOL, FIELD END ROAD, RUISLIP, HA4 9PQ

BOYS & GIRLS . RECEPTION - YEAR 8 (INDOOR & OUTDOOR FACILITIES)

- WEEK 1: WED 23RD JULY - FRI 25TH JULY
- WEEK 2: MON 28TH JULY - FRI 1ST AUG
- WEEK 3: MON 4TH AUG - FRI 8TH AUG
- WEEK 4: MON 11TH AUG - FRI 15TH AUG
- WEEK 5: MON 18TH AUG - FRI 22ND AUG

**9AM - 3PM**

- WEEK 1: £60 FOR WEEK
- WEEK 2 - 5: £100 FOR WEEK  
£25 PER DAY

PRIZES - TOURNAMENTS - INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSES - SIGNED SHIRT GIVEAWAYS - QUALIFIED COACHES

 @THEJDFOOTBALLACADEMY

**CONTACT JOE TO BOOK - 07432507300**

# NURSERY



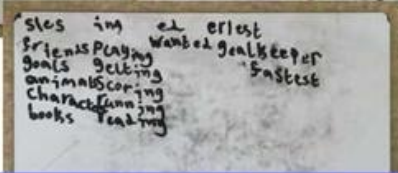
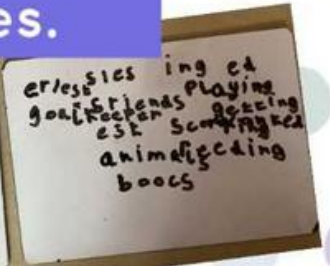
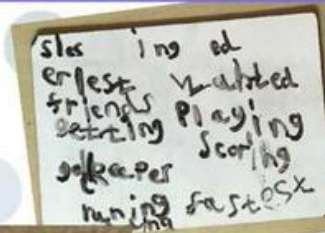
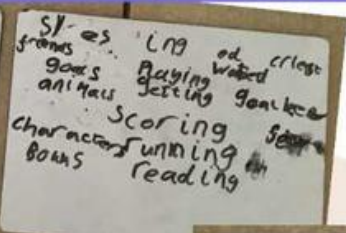
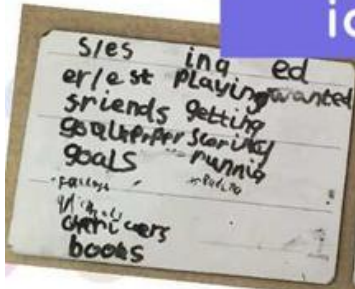
# HIGHLIGHTS



# YEAR 1



In English, we have been writing adjectives about our friends and identifying words with suffixes.



In Art, Monet inspired our paintings.



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# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 2

Year 2 have written fantastic adventure stories about witches and wizards.



## The worst witch

by Lily

Mrs. Grange's Academy for witches

was stood at the top of a

mountain by a dark, gloomy

and walled tree forest.

The school looked more like a

prison with its high windows and

long, grey walls.

Everything about the school

was dark and enchanted.

One day, I was a young witch

with golden hair, long black hair

flowed out of her seventh tail.

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## The Worst Wizard

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and walled tree forest.

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prison with its high windows and

long, grey walls.

Everything about the school

was dark and enchanted.

One day, I was a young wizard

with golden hair, long black hair

flowed out of her seventh tail.

## The Worst Witch

by Lily

Mrs. Dark's Academy

for witches

was stood at

the top of a high

mountain surrounded by

a dark green forest.

The school looked more like

a prison than a school.

It had gloomy grey

walls and windows that

felt like cold hands.

It was the first day of

the new school year.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 3



In Year 3, we have been performing 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. We have studied leaves in Science and are learning about pictograms and bar charts in maths.



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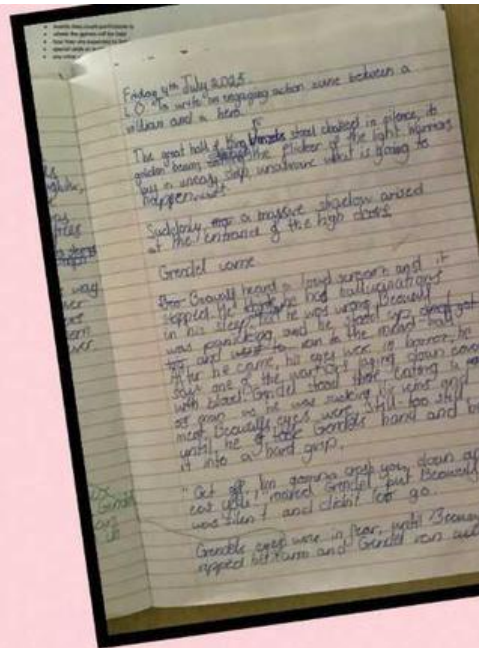
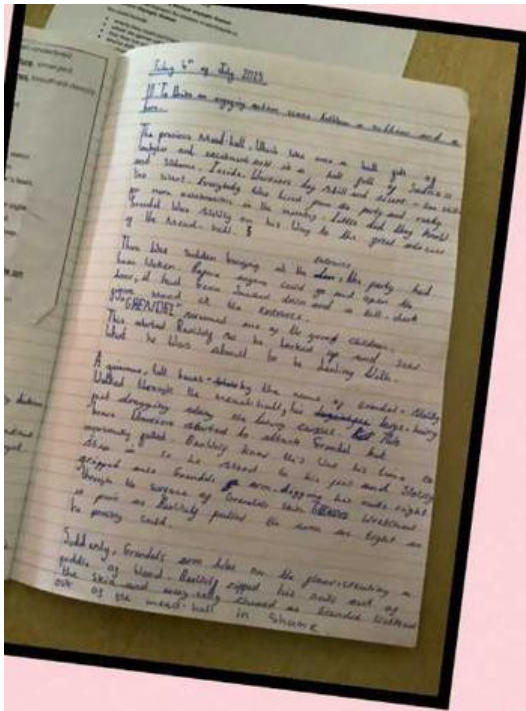
# YEAR 4



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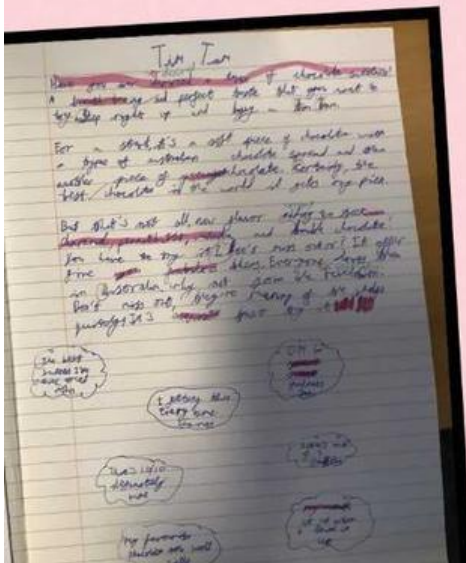
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# YEAR 5



## YEAR 5

WORKING HARD ON OUR STORY TELLING  
IN ENGLISH!



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 6



**MAMMA  
MIA!**

**REHEARSALS IN**

**FULL SWING!**



# HIGHLIGHTS

Wishing you all a lovely  
weekend.

Mrs Penney

Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I was born in Canada on 13 November 2002 but I grew up in the UK.

Clue 2: My dad is Romanian and my mum is Chinese.

Clue 3: I won my first major tennis tournament - the US Open - when I was 18.

Clue 4: I didn't lose a single set in this tournament!



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NEWS