



# Gladstone Park September Newsletter



## Message from our Headteacher:

Dear families,

Welcome to our second parent newsletter of Autumn 1. Following the feedback shared by you last year, we've listened carefully and, in response, we're streamlining how we share information with you to fortnightly newsletters.

Where possible, our parent newsletter will bring everything together in one place. Each edition will include:

- Celebrations of our pupils and school community
- Key dates you need to know
- Updates on what we've been up to in school
- Plans for the term ahead

We hope this makes it easier for you to stay connected with school life and to celebrate all the fantastic things happening at Gladstone Park. We'd also love to hear your thoughts on this new format as we continue to make communication as clear and useful as possible. Please do let us know what you find helpful and if there's anything else you'd like to see included, and please let us know your thoughts on the parent handbook.

Best wishes,

Laura Green Headteacher

## Communications

We'd like to start with a huge apology for all for the confusion regarding My Child At School. We have been suffering from technical issues with the platform and have been working with the My Child At School team daily to try and resolve. Our staff were not always receiving notifications from parents regarding issues, and we discovered that our communication was not always being received by yourselves either. Therefore, we apologise for any messages that may have been sent and not answered or last-minute communication.

To solve this problem moving forward, we request that any request to speak with a teacher, concerns, enquiries are made by emailing **admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk** directly, as this mailbox is checked daily by our academic services team and is forwarded on to the relevant department.

We will continue to share information with you all via My Child at School and will continue to use the newsletter to streamline communication where we can. My Child at School is part of our data, register and internal systems and is intrinsic to every-day life at school, so we're going to continue to try and improve it so that it works better for everybody. Thank you for all your patience – keep the feedback coming!

## Here's what each year group has been up to in September!

### Nursery

Over the past two weeks, the nursery children have been settling into the school routine and learning important skills like tidying up after themselves. They have especially enjoyed exploring the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt, taking part in fun, hands-on activities linked to the story.

### Reception

Our new Reception children have made such a fantastic start! They are already getting used to school routines, joining in with phonics as they begin to learn their first sounds, and showing brilliant resilience when trying out new challenges. We're so proud to see their love of learning growing day by day — and it's been wonderful to watch new friendships blossom as they settle into our school community.

## **Year 1**

The children in Year 1 have been settling in so well and are beginning to feel more confident in their new environment. They are getting used to the big playground, learning the daily routines, and showing great enthusiasm for their lessons. In English, they have started writing short sentences, while in maths they are practising counting confidently up to ten. We are also enjoying exploring exciting new topics together, such as History and RE, which are sparking lots of curiosity and discussion in class. We know it is going to be a fantastic year ahead!

## **Year 2**

It's been a great start to year 2 with lots of excellent learning going on. We are so pleased to see how all the children have settled in and are learning the new routines of the school. They have been recapping our Phase 5 phonics knowledge, extending our knowledge of place value in maths and getting stuck into the new book for their writing lesson 'Wolves' which will see the children making leaflets very soon – we can't wait to share these with you. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday and we look forward to continuing to work with you over the year. Year 3

## **Year 3**

Have had an amazing start to their first year in Key Stage 2. There has been a buzz around the classrooms as they dived into their new reading lessons. We started off the year reading about a strange wizard in the form of a poem and wondered what it would be like to have magic! We have also started our new maths fluency lessons and are learning useful strategies to help us solve even the hardest problems! We can't wait to share more with you.

## **Year 4**

Wow – Where have these first few weeks gone? We are fully immersed in life in Year 4 and have started some fascinating learning. In our new history unit, we have started to learn about The Roman Empire and how it became so powerful! Ask us about the hierarchy of their empire and we can tell you! We've even had a go at moving in their famous tortoise formation! In English, we have been reading about Frindleswylde (a mysterious ice spirit) who steals a light from Cora and her grandmother and have created dialogue to imagine a conversation about getting it back!

## Year 5

We've had such a busy and exciting time in Year 5! Every Monday we've been enjoying our swimming sessions, building both confidence and skills in the water. A little reminder — please make sure your child brings their swimming costume every Monday so they can take part fully. In science, we've been learning all about the human life cycle, while in maths the children have been exploring numbers through place value charts, number lines and Gattegno charts. Our history lessons have taken us back in time to the fascinating Benin Kingdom, and in English we've been getting creative with figurative language and exploring how different emotive words can change the feel of our writing. To top it all off, the children have started learning to play the ukulele in music — and they're already sounding great!

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the term! The children have been working hard to show our School Rider Values in everything they do, both in the classroom and around school. We are so proud of the responsibility, integrity and respect they show each day. Music has been a real highlight, with Miss P leading energetic ukulele lessons – the classroom has been filled with strumming, rhythm and lots of smiles! In English, our focus on migration has inspired thoughtful reading and writing. The children have been exploring ideas, making connections to real-life experiences, and showing great empathy as they develop their understanding through discussion and storytelling.

Well done, Year 6 – keep it up!

## Student Leadership Roles Announced!

### Timi Champions

This year's Timi Champions are Veronica Smith & Azad Zahzah. Their role as Timi Champions is to represent our student voice at governance level through our Anthem Community Councils. They'll be reporting to our ACC champions in November on the key areas that our students are interested in this year.

### School Council

We are very pleased to announce the new members of our School Council for this year!

- Year 2: Yara Ali and Yusuf Ali
- Year 3: Neveah Jones-Williams and Arham Muhammad
- Year 4: Conor Kirk and Caliyah Shokunbi
- Year 5: Luna De Jesus Pereira and Houzaifah Mtawee
- Year 6: Ikram Khalif and Conor Mcilroy

### Congratulations to all of our new council representatives!

We look forward to seeing the fantastic ideas, projects, and changes you will bring to our school this year.

## Red Hats

We are pleased to announce our Year 6 Red Hats for 2025-2026. These students have been carefully chosen to reflect our school RIDER values at all times through their modelling of behaviour, supporting our younger students at breaktime with games and reading, and generally being fantastic role models for us all to learn from...and you can spot them a mile away...thanks to their red hats!



### **Editor of newspaper**

Conor Mcilroy - 6E

### **Deputy editor**

Layan Salaheldin - 5R

### **Journalists**

Gabriel Neloh – 6L

Saleh Alghayaz - 6S

Yousef Nazir - 4R

Salma Albakdalia – 3H

Noghman Mohamed 3Y

### **Sports Captains:**

Kiyanna Lindsay-Colquhoun - 5C

Sahil Bahadurshah - 6S

Ridwaan Haashi - 3H

Noor Mtawie - 3H

### **Eco-ambassadors:**

Sumaiya Alamyar - 4R

Caliyah Shokunbi - 4F

Hannah Mitchell - 5C

Riham Osman - 5R

Salma Abdellatif - 6L

Raha Hadady - 6S

### **Librarians:**

Mream Bakdlea – 4A

Ruqaya Baghdadi – 5B

Ikram Khalif - 6L

## Camden Arts Project

We are delighted to share that throughout this academic year, all children in Years 1–6 will be taking part in the Camden Arts Project. As part of this exciting initiative, a local artist will spend a full day working with each class in school. Following this, the children will visit the Camden Arts Studio, where they will continue developing their artwork in the professional studio setting. Dates of each classes workshop at school and Camden Arts Centre are communicated in the key dates section below. Please ensure that your child has permissions for local trips and visits toggled to yes on MCAS. We look forward to sharing more of this experience with you when the project launches!

## Sports & PE Updates

Some of our year 5 and 6 boys played a pre-season friendly against Malorees Junior School, showing great determination (which is one of our core values) to come from behind to a triumphant win of 4-2. It was a great chance to get the team up to speed as well as having a look at some of our new players. It is safe to say the team is in good hands and we are super excited for the season ahead!



## October Half-Term Sports Camp

We're looking into if we could offer a half-term sports camp, if you're interested, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/A4nakXdXia?origin=IprLink>



## Looking smart in our uniform!

Thank you to everybody for all your support in helping us to set high expectations for our uniform over the past few weeks. Our students are looking incredibly smart, and we have seen many families take up our offer of the uniform we've bought which we love.

A few families have asked us why we've changed the uniform and the reasoning, and so we wanted to take the opportunity to share with families that we haven't changed the uniform policy – we have actually broadened it so allow students to wear blue polo shirts and their school jumpers for PE days too and that uniform is not expected to have the Gladstone Park logo as we are aware of the impact of the cost of living on our families.

Our uniform policy has always stated plain black shoes. We have, however, been stricter in enforcing the expectations that students wear all black shoes this year, and this decision came from feedback from the following:

- Our teams were seeing an increase in issues regarding student relationships over the comparison of school shoes, especially those that were high-end trainers such as Nike dunks. We want to ensure that our children know that they are valued, included and have respect and empathy towards others, and that we don't stereotype or make judgements based on appearance.
- Our sports teams were feeding back that children were not wearing appropriate shoes to play sports in, and this was impacting progress at times.
- Some of our secondary schools that we send our students to fed back that our children sometimes struggled with the transition of high expectations of uniform, especially shoes
- As we start to represent our school more, the team felt that we wanted to raise expectations of ensuring that our students are looking super smart and representing Gladstone Park!

We recognise that school uniform is an added strain on families at the moment, and so we have purchased a variety of uniform to support families either in short or long term free of charge, so please do come into the school office to collect them. We know that sometimes there are issues with ordering and sizes too, so please just let us know if there's anything we can do to support.

We also apologise if our communication hasn't felt supportive regarding this – please know that we take your feedback seriously and have actioned feedback in these areas to see how we can improve.

We've also collated some links with black shoes to support any families who are on the hunt for them, and we've tried to find the cheapest ones where we can:






- [Black sports shoes - Decathlon](#)
- <https://www.shozone.com/Products/Trux-Boys-Black-Easy-Fasten-School-Shoe-20337>
- [Black lace up skater trainers - Asda](#)
- [Black leather shoes M&S](#)
- <https://www.shozone.com/Products/Trux-Boys-Black-Easy-Fasten-School-Shoe-20337>
- [Black single strap astro school trainers](#)
- [Black pannelled trainers](#)





Also, just a note to say that we do not have a specific policy on rucksacks and bags, but we encourage smaller ones and our book bags where possible as we only have quite small storage for coats and bags.

# School uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform. It is practical, looks smart and contributes to a feeling of belonging to the school - RIDER pride! We have high standards in every aspect of school life, and we expect our children to wear the correct school uniform.

We are always here to help though, so please do let us know if you require any support with uniform by emailing [admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk)

Clothing	Colour	
Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Royal Blue	
Polo shirt	Pale Blue	
Trousers/ Skirts	Black/grey	
Tights/ Socks	Black/grey	
Closed toe shoes (trainers can be worn but must be <b>all black</b> ).	Black – there must not be any coloured detailing or sole. The shoe must be completely black.	
Hijabs/religious wear	Black/white	
*Leggings are not permitted * If thermals or undershirts are worn, they should be white or black *Jewellery is not permitted apart from a pair of small studs		

Expectations for students' uniform		
PE Uniform		
Clothing	Colour	
T-shirt	Yellow/Pale blue polo-shirt	
Tracksuit bottoms/ Shorts	Plain black	
Trainers	Black	
Socks	Black	
<b>Staff on duty at the gate will challenge incorrect uniform at the gate. Teachers to also challenge students in incorrect uniform. No jewellery to be worn except stud earrings and watch. All hair should be tied back.</b>		

## Where to buy school uniform

We are proud to announce our uniform supplier for Gladstone Park Primary School is Ace Clothing.

To order uniform Online kindly click on the link below  
<https://www.aceclothing.co.uk/school-uniform/gladstone-park-primary-school>

You can also visit the store - Opening Hours Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.00pm  
 5A Courtenay Road  
 East Lane Business Park  
 East Lane  
 Wembley  
 HA9 7ND  
 +44(0) 208 045 0296  
[info@aceclothing.co.uk](mailto:info@aceclothing.co.uk)

Other, non-branded items of school uniform can be purchased from a wide range of high street and second-hand retailers and are acceptable as part of school uniform. We have a limited supply of second-hand uniform at school for families in financial difficulties: please email [admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk)

## Parent Survey

Thank you to everybody who completed our parent survey. The feedback was incredibly useful, and we're pleased to share that we've already actioned some of the feedback, and we hope to build on your feedback even further this year.

You said..	We did...	We plan to...
We would like more information regarding what is happening in our students' classes	We will share fortnightly updates from our year groups in our newsletter so that you know more about school life.	
We would like more parents' evenings this year	We have scheduled three parents' evenings this year so that you have more opportunities to meet with the class teacher.	
More engagement & integration between staff and the PSA		That's one of our school development priorities for this year too – watch this space!
More improvements to communication via MCAS	Streamlined our process so outward communication comes via MCAS, and incoming communication comes via <a href="mailto:admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk">admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk</a>	Provide more training for our staff using MCAS.
We miss Dojo!	We know that Dojo is missed, but MCAS is connected to our internal registers, data, assessment and safeguarding and behaviour systems, and is used across our trust so we will continue to try and improve it for you!	We are, and will continue to work with the developers to try and improve its function.
There are errors in communication and sometimes, the information is last minute.	We've created our fortnightly newsletter to try and reduce these errors and provide information in advance as much as possible. We've also created a parent handbook to try and provide key dates for the year too to keep you updated.	
Improve the site & outdoor provision – more greenery!	We've improve our playground activities so that our children have a access to a wide range of activities including sports, reading, drawing, chess and logic games.	We hope to work on this with the support of the PSA and our ACC this year too as its one of our school priorities.
E-Collins is tricky to use	Please come along to our phonics & E-Collins workshop on the 10th October as we'll providing additional support for this.	

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Award behaviour & ethics with more celebrations	This year, we've introduced more opportunities for our students to receive rewards: we have RIDER certificates for each class and also for lunchtime too. We've also introduced an athlete of the week certificate. Our 'Gladstone' award also celebrates effort and behaviour in specific subjects each fortnight.	
More support for students with SEND	We've introduced more opportunities for you to meet with our Inclusion team through our coffee mornings. We've also improved our systems and processes further so we hope you start to see impact this year.	
We'd like more trips.		We quite agree – we are in the process of organising trips throughout the year as part of our curriculum, but also as part of our enrichment offer. We also have our Camden Arts project for each year group this year, and we have lots more events and workshops in the pipeline!
The children do not get enough homework.	We try to prioritise home learning to make it as easy and simple as possible for parents. For the majority of the school, we encourage students to read daily and play Mathletics or TTRS as our research shows this has the biggest impact. Our Year 6 students receive more homework throughout the year to support them in the transition to secondary.	
A parents' sport session weekly		Watch this space – we love the idea!

# PSA

## Join our fabulous, fundraising whole school community PSA!

Sign up to the PSA WhatsApp group (send an email to the address below for link) to find out about what's going on, contribute your ideas and get involved with volunteering: [gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com](mailto:gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com)

## Parent Staff Association Updates

**\_\_Playground Planting Day on Tuesday 28th October** - We're bringing some greenery into our playground with new evergreen plants in our planters – and we'd love your help! Please come along during the half-term with your family to help us plant some gorgeous flowers to improve our site!

We've got some fun and exciting things to look forward to this term:

### **Spooky Cinema Night**

To celebrate Halloween, the PSA will be hosting a Spooky Cinema Night! Children can come along in their PJs, bring a cosy blanket, and enjoy a Halloween-themed movie with friends. More details (including date, time, and tickets) will follow soon — keep an eye out!

### **New Bike Shed Installation**

We're also delighted to let you know that a new bike shed will be installed by the end of the Autumn term, near the Culligworth Road gate. This will give families a safe and convenient place to store bikes and scooters during the school day. Thank you for your continued support — we can't wait to share these exciting additions with you and the children!

## **Parent Staff Association AGM announcement 3rd October from 3.30pm - please come!**

The PSA would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 3rd October from 3.30pm – 5pm at the conservatory near the reception classes. All parents, guardians or carers of any pupil currently attending the school as well as teaching and non-teaching staff are welcome to join.

On a separate note, we are always welcoming people who would like to

- help make Gladstone Park Primary School a better place for the whole school community
- be at the heart of decision making
- work in unison with the School Leadership team and the ACC (Anthem Community Council - formerly known as School Governors)

The PSA has currently has 6 Trustees on their committee board. If you are interested to get more involved, or even consider becoming a trustee, please contact us on [gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com](mailto:gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com).

If you are interested to hear more what it involves becoming a trustee and the various roles ie. Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 3rd October 2025 and shaping the future of Gladstone Park together!

## School Lunchbox Reminder

We want to make sure all children have a healthy, balanced lunch to keep them energised and ready to learn. Please remember that packed lunches should include:

- A sandwich, wrap, pasta, or rice dish (main item)
- At least one portion of fruit and/or vegetables
- A healthy snack such as yoghurt, cheese, crackers, or cereal bar
- A drink (water is best – no fizzy or energy drinks please)

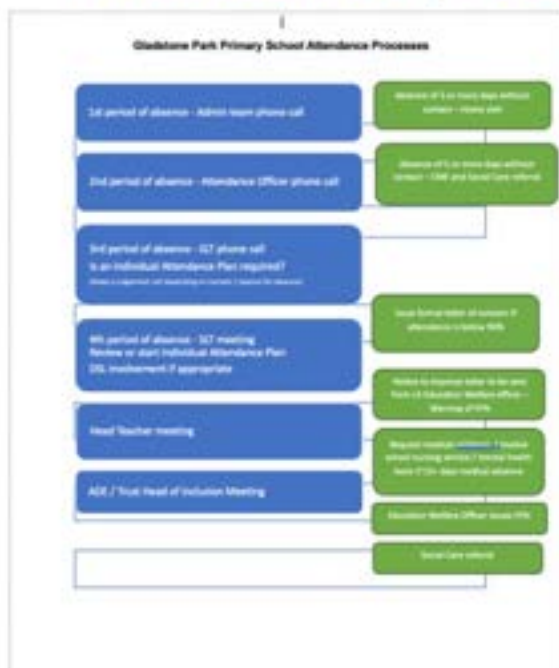
Not allowed: Chocolate bars, sweets, and fizzy drinks and any items containing nuts.

If these are brought in, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy habits for all children.

## Attendance

### Attendance Expectations

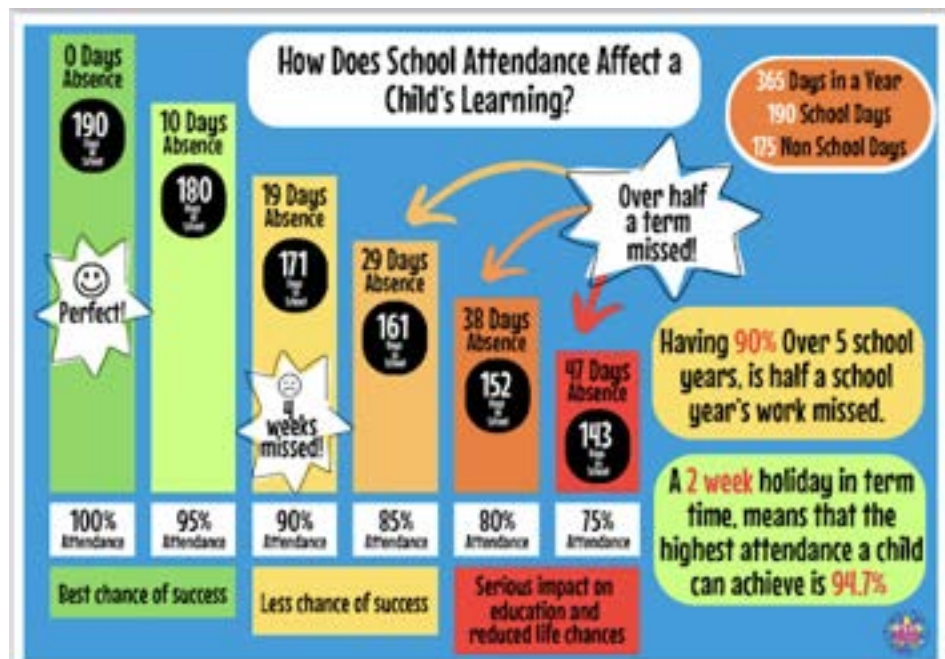


The gate opens at 08:30  
 The classroom doors open at 08:35  
 The gate closes at 08:40

Children who arrive after 08:40 will be marked as late.

If your child has a medical appointment, please show evidence to the office and inform them ahead of the appointment.

If your child is unwell, please inform the office via phone or email.



# Lunches

## MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C: 15<sup>th</sup> Sept | 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Innovate IFG

	Classic HALAL <small>main meal</small>	VEGETARIAN <small>MAIN MEAL</small>	Sides	SWEET TREATS
MONDAY	Creamy Tomato & Salmon Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, with Wedges	Fries	Strawberry Mousse
TUESDAY	Hot Chilli Beef Lasagne	Vegetarian Lasagne	Italian Vegetables	Original Flossak
WEDNESDAY	Hot Roast Chicken & Gravy	Baked Mac & Cheese	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables (Carrots, Broccoli & Courgette)	Raspberry Jelly & Meringues
THURSDAY	Hot Spanish Chicken & Tomato Rice	Chicken, Squash & Rice Tagine	Tomato, Pepper & Carrot Salad	Apple & Chocolate Sponge with Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips	Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips	Baked Beans	Vegan Lemon Shortbread

**AVAILABLE DAILY** SALAD AND HOMEMADE BREAD served with all main meals BAKED POTATO topped with Cheddar, Tasty Mayo or Special Sauce FRESHLY COOKED PASTA A CHOICE OF JELLY, FRUIT OR YOGHURT

## MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 1<sup>st</sup> Sept | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept | 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Innovate IFG

	Classic HALAL <small>main meal</small>	VEGETARIAN <small>MAIN MEAL</small>	Sides	SWEET TREATS
MONDAY	Hot Chicken and Beef Hot Dog & Wedges with Creamy	Vegan Hot Dog & Wedges with Onions	Cucumber, Tomato & Lettuce Salad	Blueberry Cookie Bar
TUESDAY	Hot Chicken, Spinach & Tomato Pasta Bake	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Broccoli	Dairy Date Cookie
WEDNESDAY	Hot Cottage Pie	Vegan Cottage Pie	Seasonal Vegetables (Cauliflower, Peas & Carrots)	Strawberry Yoghurt with Summer Berry Sauce
THURSDAY	Hot Sticky Beef & Carrot Rice	Tomato Rice with Peas & Sweet Potato	Garden Peas & Broccoli	Banana Sponge & Custard
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips	Margherita Wrap & Chips	Baked Beans	Orange Jelly

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## MENU WEEK 3

SERVED W/C: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept | 29<sup>th</sup> Sept | 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Innovate IFG

	Classic HALAL <small>main meal</small>	VEGETARIAN <small>MAIN MEAL</small>	Sides	SWEET TREATS
MONDAY	Vegetarian Nacho-Chili Bake	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Cucumber, Tomato & Lettuce Salad	Strawberry Yoghurt with Summer Berry Sauce
TUESDAY	Hot Mac n Cheese Beef Bolognese Pasta	Vegan Bolognese Pasta	Broccoli	Dairy Apple Dumpling & Custard
WEDNESDAY	Hot Roast Chicken & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Puff & Gravy	Seasonal Vegetables (Carrots, Broccoli & Courgette)	Raspberry Jelly
THURSDAY	Hot Mild Chicken Korma	Mild Vegetable Korma Curry	Garden Peas	Garden Brownie
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips	Southern Style Quorn Burger & Chips	Baked Beans	Carrot Cake Cookie

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## Clubs

Breakfast Club is £1.50 and free for our Pupil Premium students. Booking is made via MCAS app at least 24 hours before.

After School Sports clubs are available on a termly basis and payment is made via MCAS app on the clubs tab. Clubs are £35 and £17.50 for Pupil Premium per Term.

Gladstone Park also have an after-school club on site which is run by an outside provider called Children Making a Change (CMAC).

CMAC is registered with Ofsted and provides childcare for children from 4 years to 12 years, 15:15- 17:45 weekdays based in the school hall. Children and staff alike engage in fun activities that are child centred in a safe environment and insured as required.

For more information, please call 07904 117 459 or 07417377533 email [info@childrenmakingachange.co.uk](mailto:info@childrenmakingachange.co.uk), or visit the CMAC website: <https://childrenmakingachange.co.uk/>

Monday 15:30-16:30	Tuesday 15:30-16:30	Wednesday 15:30-16:30	Thursday 15:30-16:30	Friday 15:30-16:30
KS1 & KS2 Boys Football Club KS2 Dodgeball Club	KS1 & KS2 Basketball Club	KS1 Multisport Club KS2 Archery Club	KS2 Table Tennis Club Boys Football Team Training	KS2 Girls Football Club Boys Football Team Training

PE Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year Group	Year 6	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		Reception	Year 1		

## Instrument lessons

We offer keyboard, guitar and violin lessons during school hours for Year 3-6 carried out by Brent Music Services.

Please email [admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk) should your child wish to join, and payment assigned via MCAS app. The lessons cost £80 per term and £30 for Pupil Premium.

## Parents Evening

**Parents Evening** is being held across 2 days. 10 minutes slots are available on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 23rd October 3.30pm to 6pm. Bookings must be made on the MCAS app on the Parents Evening Tab. Bookings go live on Monday 29th September at 9.00am and the deadline is Friday 17th October at 3.30pm.

If you have any issues logging into the MCAS app please come to office.

## Parent Workshops

- **Tuesday 7th October RHSE Workshop 9:00:** Come along to our Relationships, Health & Sex Education Workshop to collaborate with us on our policy and education for RHSE in 2025-2026
- **Friday 10th October Phonics & E-Collins Workshop 09:00** Find out how to support your child with reading at home, and how we teach phonics at school
- **Friday 17th October Year 4 Multiplication Check Workshop 09:00:** This year, our Year 4 students will sit the multiplication check. Come along to our workshop to find out how we are teaching them this year, and how you can support at home.
- **Monday 20th October Humanities Workshop 09:00:** This year, we've introduced a new curriculum for history and geography across the school – come along to see some of our students' fantastic work, hear about your knowledge-based curriculum and find out more about how we teach history and geography
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm** -Year 6 application to secondary school workshops – If you would like assistance applying, we are offering support.
- **Tuesday 4th November at 9.00am – Headteacher Coffee Morning:** Pop along and have a coffee and a chat. Share your views and hear from Ms Green about what we've achieved already in autumn and what we're working on next.

**Open days** – please pop them in your diaries and let your friends know! We'll be in touch with more details soon

**6th November** – Reception at 10am

**13th November** – Nursery at 10am

## Key Dates and Information

30th September – Brent Young Carers are hosting to host an assembly  
14th October Individual photos  
Tuesday 14th October – 4A Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 15th October – 4R Camden Arts Project (at school)  
16th October – Dictionary Day – come dressed as your favourite word!  
WC 6th October – Year 6 sitting mock SATs  
Tuesday 21st October – 4F Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October 2025 Parents Evening 1  
24th October – Autumn 1 Term ends  
3rd November – Autumn 2 Term begins  
4th November – Headteacher Coffee Morning  
4th November – 4A and 4R Camden Arts Centre visit  
5th November – 6E Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Week commencing 10th November Anti Bullying Week  
Monday 10th November – Odd socks day  
14th November – Children in Need – Wear your pjs & bring £1  
Tuesday 18th November – 6S Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 19th November – 6L Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Tuesday 25th November – 4F and 6E Camden Arts Centre  
Week commencing 1st December 2025 Assessment Week  
Tuesday 2nd December – 6S and 6L Camden Arts Centre visit  
20th December – Autumn 2 term ends.  
Monday 5th January 2026 INSET DAY  
Tuesday 13th January – 1V Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 14th January – 1J Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Tuesday 20th January – 1Y Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Tuesday 3rd February – 1V and 1J Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 10th February – 2A Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 11th February – 2M Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th February 2026 Parents Evening 2  
Friday 13th February 2026 Chinese New Year Day  
Tuesday 24th February – 2T Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Tuesday 3rd March – 2T and 1Y Camden Arts Centre visit  
Thursday 5th March 2026 World Book Day  
Week commencing 9th March 2026 Assessment Week  
Wednesday 11th March – 2A and 2M Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 17th March 2026 St Patricks Day  
Friday 20th March 2026 Red Nose Day  
Monday 13th April 2026 INSET Day  
Tuesday 21st April – 5R Camden Arts Centre visit  
Wednesday 22nd April - 5B Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 28th April – 5C Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 5th May – 5R and 5B Camden Arts Centre visit  
Week commencing 11th May 2026 Year 6 SATs Week  
Tuesday 12th May - 3S Camden Arts Centre visit  
Wednesday 13th May – 3H Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 19th May – 3Y Camden Arts Project (at school)  
Thursday 21st May Class photos  
Tuesday 2nd June – 5C and 3C Camden Arts Centre visit  
Tuesday 8th June – 3H and 3Y Camden Arts Centre visit  
Week commencing 8th June 2026 Phonics Screening Week  
Thursday 18th June Leavers Photos  
Week commencing 22nd June 2026 Assessment Week  
Friday 26th June 2026 Dream Big Day  
Wednesday 8th July 2026- Parent evening 3 Optional

# Learning Platforms

## Little Wandle Phonics

At Gladstone Park Primary School, we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics scheme. We will soon be sending out details about an upcoming Parent and Carer Information Session. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit the Little Wandle parents' page, which offers a wealth of guidance, videos, and resources to support phonics learning at home: <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## Numbots and Timestable Rockstars

We use a range of engaging online platforms to support children's maths learning at home. These tools are designed to help pupils build fluency, confidence and enjoyment in maths through interactive activities tailored to their learning stage.

Please see below for a breakdown of Numbots and Timestable Rockstars and their expectations:

### Numbots (Reception – Year 2)

NumBots is designed to help younger children develop strong number sense, focusing on number bonds, addition and subtraction. It builds mental maths confidence through structured progression in a game-based format.

- Best used little and often – 5–10 minutes, 3–4 times per week
- Encourages independent practice with automatic progression through levels
- Ideal for building fluency and confidence in early number work

### Times Table Rockstars

TTRS supports children in developing rapid recall of multiplication and division facts through fun, timed games. This is particularly important in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check.

- Short, regular practice is most effective – aim for 5–10 minutes, 4–5 times per week
- Use 'Garage' and 'Soundcheck' modes to track and improve speed and accuracy
- Celebrate progress and personal bests to keep children motivated

All children are provided with individual login details. If you experience any difficulties accessing these platforms, or if login details are misplaced, please contact your child's class teacher.

# PLACE2BE

## Digital Toolkit & Leaflet

Schools are encouraged to share the Parenting Smart leaflet and school toolkit with parents, for example in newsletters.

### Parenting Smart Online Course

- A free course for parents and carers, delivered online six times across the academic year (Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms).
- Registration is always open, but parents need to sign up before the deadline for each course start date.
- Parents and carers should be directed to:  
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/family>

## Support for families in Place2Be schools

Parents and carers of children and young people in Place2Be schools can access free resources and services as part of our mental health support for the whole school.

[www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

- From here, they can access Place2Be's Parenting Smart Online Course webpage, which includes full details of the course, testimonials from previous participants, and the registration form.

## Upcoming course dates (2025–26):

- Autumn: 23 Sept – 17 Oct | 11 Nov – 5 Dec
- Spring: 20 Jan – 13 Feb | 3 Mar – 27 Mar
- Summer: 28 Apr – 22 May | 9 Jun – 3 Jul

## Parenting Smart Website & Newsletter

- The Parenting Smart website contains free advice, articles, and resources for parents and carers:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

What should these be - MOST common - keep to 1 page.

# How to COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

**Q** How do I let the school know that my child is ill or absent?

**A** Please call us **020 8452 1350** or email **admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk**

**Q** How do I book activity clubs?

**A** After School Sports clubs are available on a termly basis and payment is made via MCAS app on the clubs tab.

**Q** How can I find out the school term dates?

**A** Please visit **www.gladpark.anthemtrust.uk**

**Q** How do I book after-school club?

**A** Please call **07904 117 459** or **07417377533** email **info@childrenmakingachange.co.uk**

**Q** How do I receive key information from the school?

**A** Through our fortnightly newsletters sent on MCAS

**Q** How do I arrange a meeting with a teacher?

**A** Please email **admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk** with your request



# How to COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL



## MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

1

- Primary tool for sharing information and updates from the school.
- Download app for your phone and log in.
- Be sure to allow push notifications.

## Parents Evening

6

- Teachers share feedback on children's progress with parents.
- Three times per year, in person.

## School Surveys

10

- Annual collection of parent feedback & suggestions.
- Sent via email - please take the time to share your comments.

## Email

2

For all enquiries, request meetings and communicate with the school team:  
[admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk)

## Meet the Teacher Evenings

7

- Updating parents on the curriculum for the year and what to expect.
- An excellent opportunity to support your child's progress.

## Letters

11

- School trip permission slips and other special items.
- As far as possible, we communicate digitally.

## Phone

3

To report absence and for emergencies/urgent queries :  
020 8452 1350

## Newsletter

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- Fortnightly wrap-up of school news, sent on email.

## Workshops

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- Educational workshops on subjects like Maths and Phonics to support parents' understanding.
- Happens periodically and is advertised in newsletter, website, and on MCAS.

## Website

4

- Term dates & inset days.
- School contact info.
- News & Updates.
- General info about the school.

## WhatsApp

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- Class-specific and PSA WhatsApp groups for inter-parent communication only.
- The school has no responsibility.



## Coffee Mornings

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- Opportunity for parents to drop in and meet the school's Senior Team.
- Once per half-term.

## At the School Gate

5

Face to face queries for Senior Team - each school gate has a member of the Senior Team in attendance.

## Instagram

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Showcases life at the school, the children's achievements, and reminders for events, but does NOT replace MCAS as the primary communication channel.  
[@gladstone\\_park\\_primary\\_nw10](https://www.instagram.com/gladstone_park_primary_nw10)

**Y1-2**

**23 SEPT  
@ 3:30PM**

*Meet the Teacher*  
**MEETING**

Come and meet your child's teacher and hear about this year's curriculum and how best you can support your child.

**Y5-6**

**25 SEPT  
@ 3:30PM**

**RECEPTION**

**30 SEPT  
@ 3:30PM**

**Y3-4**

**1<sup>ST</sup> OCT  
@ 3:30PM**



## Brent Secondary School Open Events

## School Admissions 2026



We would recommend that you visit all the schools that you are thinking of applying for to find out more about the school.  
Information provided by individual schools, some events require booking - please check the school's website to confirm dates and time.

DFE Code	School Name	Address	9/11 required	Type of School	Open events
304 5405	Alperton Community School	Ealing Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 4PW	No	Academy	Thursday 25 September 2025, 4.30pm Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October by appointment only.
304 6906	Ark Academy	Bridge Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 5JP	No	Academy	Monday 29 September 9.00 am Tuesday 30 September 9.00 am Wednesday 1 October 9.00 am Thursday 2 October 5.00pm
304 4001	Ark Elvin Academy	Cecil Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 7DU	No	Academy	Wednesday 1st October 2025 10:15-11:00am, Thursday 2nd October 2025 10:15-11:00am, Thursday 9th October 5:00pm - 6:30pm
304 5400	Claremont High School	Claremont Avenue, Kenton, Harrow HA3 0UH	No	Academy	Thursday 18th September 5.00pm - 7.30 pm
304 6907	E-Act Crest Academy	Crest Road, Neasden, London NW2 7GN	Yes	Academy	Open Evenings: Tuesday 16th September 5.00pm - 7.00 pm Wednesday 17th September 5.00pm - 7.00pm Open Mornings: Monday 15th September 9.30 - 11.00am Tuesday 16th September 9.30 - 11.00am
304 6905	Harris Lowe Academy Willesden	Doyle Gardens, Willesden, London NW10 3BT	Yes	Academy	Open Mornings: Monday 29th September, 9am Tuesday 30th September, 9am Wednesday 1st October, 9am Thursday 2nd October, 9am Friday 3rd October, 9am Monday 6th October, 9am Tuesday 7th October, 9am Wednesday 8th October, 9am Thursday 9th October, 9am Friday 10th October, 9am Please note we do not hold an 'Open Evening' as we only ever want to show you the school when it is open on a normal school day, with pupils in lessons.
304 4033	JFS	The Mall, Kenton Harrow HA3 STE	Yes	Voluntary Aided	Wednesday 17th September, 3rd Open Morning Year 7 2025 Tuesday 30th September, Prospective Parents Evening Year 7 2025 Tuesday 21st October, 4th Open Morning Year 7 2025
304 5402	Kingsbury High School	Princes Avenue, Kingsbury, London NW9 5JR	No	Academy	Open Evening: Tuesday 23 September 2025, 5.00pm to 7.30pm Open mornings: 9.15am Tuesday 30th September Friday 3rd October Tuesday 7th October Friday 10th October
304 4000	Michaela Community School	North End Road, Wembley HA9 0UU	No	Free School	Wednesday 24th September 10:30 - 11:30 am Thursday 2nd October 10:30 - 11:30 am Monday 6th October 16:30 - 18:00 pm
304 5407	Newman Catholic College	Harlesden Road, London, NW10 3RN	Yes	Voluntary Aided (Academy from 01/01/2025)	Open Evening: Thursday 25th September 2025 (1700-1930) Open Mornings: (0915-1045): Monday 15th September to Friday 19th September, Monday 29th September to Wednesday 1st October, Monday 13th October to Friday 17th October
304 4003	North Brent School	Neasden Lane, London, NW10 2UF	No	Free School	Thursday 25th September 2025 from 5.30pm
304 5410	Preston Manor School	Carlton Avenue East, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8NA	No	Academy	Open Evening: Thursday 25 September 2025 (6:00pm-8:30pm) (Open to all, no booking required) Open Mornings (By invitation only, bookings will be open in September) 9:15am - 10am and 10:15am - 11am on: Tuesday 30 September 2025; Tuesday 7 October 2025; Tuesday 14 October 2025; Tuesday 21 October 2025
304 5403	Queens Park Community School	Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7BQ	No	Academy	Thursday 18th September 5.00 - 8.30pm
304 5404	St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls	Crownhill Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4EP	Yes	Academy	Open Evening - 30th Sept from 4pm Open Mornings 1st - 3rd October & 6th - 10th October
304 5406	St Gregory's Catholic Science College	Donnington Road, Kenton, Harrow HA3 0NB	Yes	Academy	Thursday 2nd October, 3.30pm to 7.30pm
304 4006	Wembley High Technology College	East Lane, North Wembley, Middlesex HA9 3NT	No	Academy	Thursday 18th September 5.30pm

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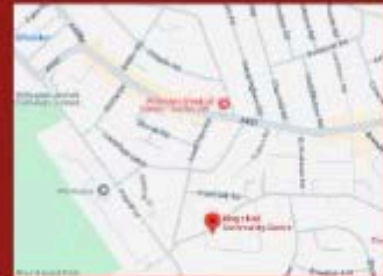
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