



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 WEEK 6

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

Over the past few weeks, we've been working hard to improve our communication and plan something amazing things for our students, which we're excited to share with you in the near future.

Here's a round up of what we've been up to over the past few weeks and some key information that you need to know for the next few weeks.

A reminder that you cannot park on the yellow lines outside school - it puts our children's safety at risk. Our staff will be on-hand next week to remind our community of this during drop-off.

Next week is 'Cycle to School Week' and so we encourage you to leave your cars at home, get some fresh air and enjoy cycling or scooting to school!

Have a lovely weekend!



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Don't forget to check out our journalists and GPPS News Channel that we've just launched on Instagram!

instagram:  [gladstoneparkprimary](https://www.instagram.com/gladstoneparkprimary) - here's where you'll find snippets of school life & information you need!

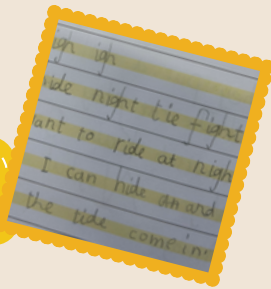
YEAR UPDATES

NURSERY



This week, the children explored shapes through building and creative play, helping them recognise and describe different shapes. We continued our Autumn theme, creating seasonal artwork and exploring natural objects like leaves and conkers. We also introduced the story Pumpkin Soup. The children loved exploring a real pumpkin and talking about what they found inside

YEAR 2



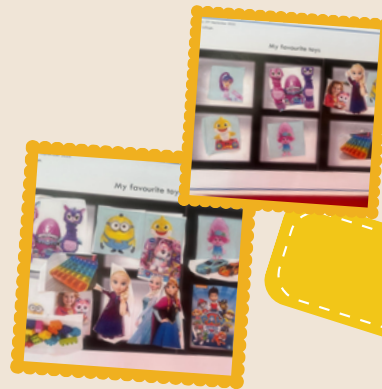
Over the last two weeks, year 2 have got stuck into their new book 'Jim and the Beanstalk' creating their own 'giant rhymes' and ordering the story. We are so impressed with the progress year 2 have made with their handwriting. Check out the amazing examples of joined up letters and beautifully neat presentation. We are looking forward to the last few weeks of term and meeting you all at parents evening.

RECEPTION



Reception have been busy exploring new concepts and developing important skills. In Maths, they have been learning to match, sort, and compare different objects in fun and engaging ways. One of the highlights was preparing a teddy bear picnic, where they explored the concepts of "big" and "small" through hands-on activities. We've been very lucky with the lovely weather, which has allowed us to enjoy plenty of outdoor learning and play. Additionally, the children have begun their reading practice sessions, which take place three times a week. This provides a wonderful opportunity for them to apply their phonics knowledge and practise blending sounds to read words with growing confidence.

YEAR 1



In Year 1, the children have been learning about the artist Peter Blake and exploring his vibrant collage style. Inspired by his work, they created their own colourful art collages using images. In Science our topic is the human body. This week we are learning about sound and will soon be going on a sound walk to explore and identify different sounds in our environment.

YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 3



Year 3 have had a fun time in their writing lessons over the last two weeks. They have been reading the story: *The Heart and the Bottle* by Oliver Jeffers. and have written some amazing retells that have been put up on display in the corridor. The children have been working so hard on their handwriting and presentation and their published work looks amazing!

YEAR 4



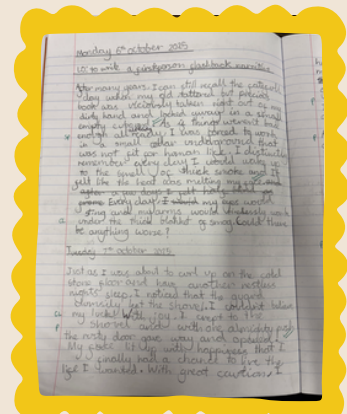
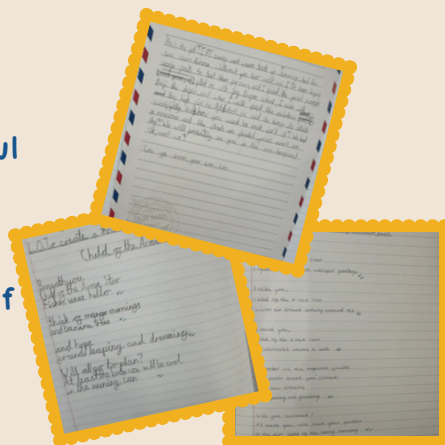
In science this term, Year 4 have been learning about the layers of human teeth. They have been conducting an experiment with milk, water, cola, orange juice and vinegar to see which liquid damages the enamel the most. The egg shell acts as the tooth's protective layer and the children have been keeping watch to see what happens to it. Which liquid do you think will be the worst for your teeth?

YEAR 5

In English, we have been exploring *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, a beautiful illustration that tells the story of a father leaving his home to build a new life in a strange land. This week, the children have been writing person flashback narratives as the father in the story, making sure to include key features such as past tense verbs, thoughts and feelings as well as fronted adverbials. In guided reading this term, Year 5 have been enjoying the exciting novel *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. The pupils have been exploring the adventures of Liam, an ordinary boy who finds himself caught up in an extraordinary journey into space. *Cosmic* sparked great discussions and lots of enthusiasm for reading in Year 5!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week completing their SATs mocks. They've shown great effort and determination, giving us a solid base to build on as we move forward. There are plenty of challenges ahead, but we're confident they're ready for them! We've also started reading *Windrush Child* and have already seen some fantastic outcomes from the children. Their thoughtful use of language and the quality of their presentation have been impressive. Excellent job, everyone — we're so proud of you!



SPORTS NEWS

Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls began their league campaign this week with a match vs Brentfield Primary School on Monday. Although it was a disappointing result, which ended in defeat (4-0), the girls showed many promising signs and can hold their heads high in a determined display! On to the next one & I'm sure Coach Dee and Coach Max will put the girls through their paces to secure a victory next time. Go Team GP!



Changes made to term time holidays and authorised absence fines

ATTENDANCE

Following the recent updates to the Government's guidance on attendance, there have been changes to the ways in which schools will handle term time holidays.

The fine for taking a child out of school during term time has risen from £60 per child to £80 per child, per parent. If this is not paid in the first 21 days following the Penalty Notice, it will rise to £160 per child, per parent.

A Penalty Notice may be issued when a child has missed 10 or more school sessions (5 school days), for unauthorised absence over a period of ten school weeks. This will be doubled if it happens twice in three years. Those with a third fine in a three-year period now face prosecution. There is no right to appeal a Penalty Notice.

Headteachers can only grant an authorised term time absence in exceptional circumstances. All requests must be submitted in writing through the office, at least three weeks before the intended absence.

If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.



NOTICES



Follow us on Instagram:
[gladstoneparkprimary](#)



Please do not park on the double yellow lines near our school - please scoot, cycle or walk where you can. Join us for [Cycle to School Week](#) next week!

Don't forget to sign up to Parents' Eve on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October on MCAS!



We're consulting on a two-week October half-term in 2026. [Share your thoughts here.](#)

Would you be interested in a half-term sports camp at Gladstone Park?

[Let us know here!](#)



We're looking for members of the community to join us for our Diwali assembly on Tuesday 21st October 13:00-13:30 and 14:45-15:15!

Email us admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk if you'd like to join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 14th
October**

Individual Photos - please wear blue shirt & blue jumper

**Thursday 16th
October**

Dictionary Day - dress/bring your favourite word

**Tuesday 21st
October**

Diwali Assembly - let us know if you'd like to share your experience of Diwali with us!

**Wednesday
22nd and
Thursday 23rd
October**

Parents' Evening - please sign up on MCAS

**Tuesday 28th
October**

PSA Community Gardening - come join us for some gardening & planting in half-term 13:00

**Thursday 6th
November**

Nursery Open Day 10:00

**Thursday 13th
November**

Reception Open Day 10:00

**Thursday 13th
November**

PSA Spooky Movie Night 18:30 onwards

admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk

Half term break: 27th - 31st October

PARENT EVENTS

Multiplication Check Workshop Year 4 09:00

Friday 17th
October

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.

History & Geography Workshop 09:00

Monday
20th
October

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

Tuesday
21st
October

Applying for secondary school workshop 13:00

Come along to find out how to apply for secondary school with our academic services team. The deadline for applications is 31st October.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning 09:00

Tuesday
4th
November

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.



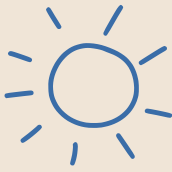
**KIDS, PARENTS & CARERS
ARE INVITED TO OUR
GARDENING
SESSION**

**HELP US PLANT &
BUILD OUR COMMUNITY**

- Let's plant together with the amazing Willesden Green Town Team.
- Bring gardening gloves and tools if you are able to.
- New planters provided by the Parents Staff Association.

Tue 28 October 1 p.m.
Main School Entrance





MYCHILDATSCHOOL (MCAS)

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- 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

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

School Surveys

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

EMAIL

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For all enquiries, request meetings and communicate with the school team:

admin@gladstonepark.anthemtrust.uk

LETTERS

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

Meet the Teacher Evenings

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

PHONE

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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

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- 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

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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)

OCTOBER HALF-TERM STEM HOLIDAY CAMP

Week A: Mon 20 to Fri 24 Oct 2025 (5 days)

Week B: Mon 27 to Fri 31 Oct 2025 (5 days)

*Check Online with your Home Postcode, for which Dates and Weeks are Running at your Closest Location



FUN, Hands-On, Spooky Science Experiments with Take-Homes In Every Activity Week!

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Independent Service Rating



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Childcare Vouchers
GTFC, CGPS,
Universal Credit
Accepted

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Information: Autumn Half-term October 2025

In this spooky 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics STEAM activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

• Dates*:

Week A: Mon 20-Fri 24 Oct 2025 (5 days)

Week B: Mon 27-Fri 31 Oct 2025 (5 days)

*Check online for which weeks are running at your Location

• Times: 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)

Extended Hours: 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- simply add when booking online

• Open to Children: aged 5-12 years

• Locations: across Greater London (look right>)

Spooky Science! - New 2025 Activities

Day 1> It's Hallow-Scream!

Dep Sea Monsters!
Weird Shadows!
Coughs and Sneezes!

Day 2: Fang-Tastic Fun!

Jumping Spiders!
Ghastly Greenhouse!
Squishy Cells!

Day 3: Spook-Takular Science!

Forever Autumn!
Pirate Ghost Ship!
Incy-Wincy Taratula!

Day 4: Happy Haunting!

Vanishing Ghosts!
Howling Werewolf!
Franken Balloons!

Day 5: Toil & Trouble!

Smashing Pumpkins!
Witch's Broom!
Balancing Bats!

Vampire Vomit!

and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!...

Early Bird and Multi-Book DISCOUNT!

Haunted School Venues this Halloween Serving:

NW London

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon
- Westminster

NE London

- City of London
- Enfield
- Haringey
- Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Walthamstow

SW London

- Kensington
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

Google Say "Mother Nature Science Camp" ★★★★★ Rating 4.5

Book online at:
www.mnature.co.uk

Or call us today:
020 8863 8832



Parent Testimonial:
"Science camp has inspired my child to learn more and he adores it, which says a lot about the teaching. It was incredibly reassuring to know he was in good hands. Highly recommend it. We will definitely be back for more!"



Did You Know?
we also do
THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!

See online for full list...