



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 2



Dear families,



Don't forget to check out our
journalists and GPPS News
Channel too!

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



YEAR UPDATES

EYFS

Dictionary Day & Pumpkin Madness Fun!

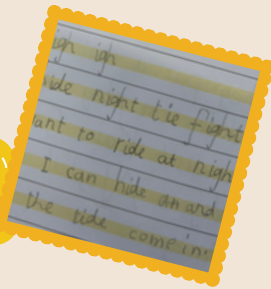
Dictionary Day was a big success — a huge thank you to everyone who took part! We loved seeing all the creative outfits and the special words that children brought to life. It was wonderful to see so much excitement around language and learning.

Meanwhile, in Reception and Nursery, we had Pumpkin Madness! The children explored pumpkins in every possible way — hammering, painting, and even washing them! They learned about the different parts of a pumpkin and carefully picked out seeds, which we plan to plant in our garden. It was a fun, hands-on way to connect science, creativity, and nature.

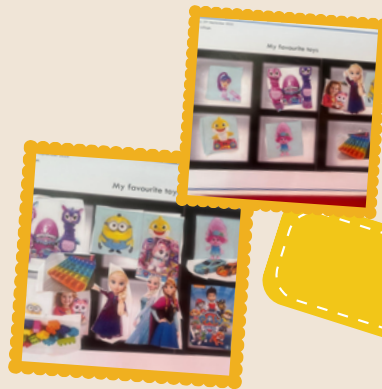
Thank you again to all families, staff and PSA who donated pumpkins to help make this week so full of learning, laughter, and pumpkin-filled fun! 🎃



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 Autumn 2 term ahead, and building on all the things we shared with you at parents' evening.



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 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Roman Empire in their humanities unit this half term. They have learned about how the Roman Empire grew over the years and what made them so successful. Children had a go at building their own empires and even experimented using the famous tortoise shell formation that won the Roman army so many battles!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning about the Windrush Generation and the incredible contribution they made to life in Britain. As part of their learning, they enjoyed a special assembly led by a visitor from Brent Museum, who shared real stories and artefacts celebrating Black History Month. The children were fascinated to learn about the experiences, resilience and achievements of the Windrush pioneers, deepening their understanding of how this history continues to shape our community today.



YEAR 3



Year 3 have been learning about the stone age this half term and how old humans used to create paintings of wild animals on their cave walls. The children loved having a go at creating their very own cave paintings too!

YEAR 5



Over the past 2 weeks Year 5 have been busy at work creating their own versions of the boom 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We were lucky enough to be visited by Ali who works at Punchdrunk Enrichment who helped us get our creative juices flowing and the week after we were invited to his shop! On our trip we immersed ourselves in the power of storytelling and how even the simplest of objects can inspire a story!

SPORTS NEWS

In Autumn 2, our fabulous sports teams take to the fields and courts again to blow away any opposition that may lay in wait! We have boys in action again on November 7th - this time in a Wembley football tournament against 12 other teams! We also have the girls netball team playing in a tough match against Mount Stewart on 6th November. No sweat though for the Gladstone Park teams! Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for the results and upcoming events!

We have been updating our PE curriculum and making the most out of the time allocated towards PE. For our KS2 children, we have introduced a theory element within the timetable for our children to develop their sports subject knowledge!

Here's our attendance for this half term. Well done to our students who have been at school every day! Unfortunately, it's not yet meeting our **target of 98%** for each year group which means some of our children are missing out on the vital components of their education.

Every school day counts — for learning, friendships, and success. When children attend regularly, they build confidence, make progress, and don't miss out on the moments that make school special. Let's work together next term to make attendance our shared goal — every day, on time, ready to shine!

Reception

67%

Year 1

94%



ATTENDANCE

Year 2

96%

Year 3

94%

Year 4

96%

Year 5

96%

Year 6

96%

NOTICES



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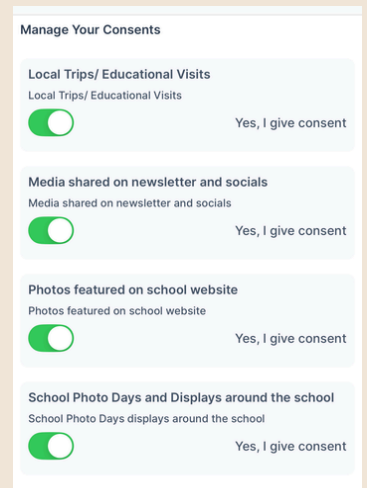
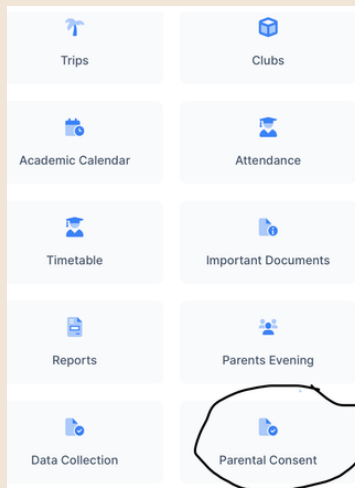
We're looking for businesses and people to help us with our Winter Fair! If you're interested, or know of anybody who would like to support, please email gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com



We're consulting on a two-week October half-term in 2026. [Share your thoughts here](#). Please note that the deadline for responses is today.



Please ensure your MCAS shows that you provide approval for us to use photos of your children on our newsletters, so you can celebrate their achievements with us!



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GLADSTONE PARK PLEDGE

Complete our survey to tell us what experiences, life skills and events you would like your children to experience during their time at Gladstone Park. It will help us in creating our Gladstone Park Pledge Passport. This will guarantee a series of skills, experiences and events that each child will experience during their time here. Click the link [here](#) or scan the QR code:



When dropping off your children to school, please do not park on the double yellow lines around the school site and please do not drop children off at the zebra crossing. It puts our children and our community in danger.

Thank you!

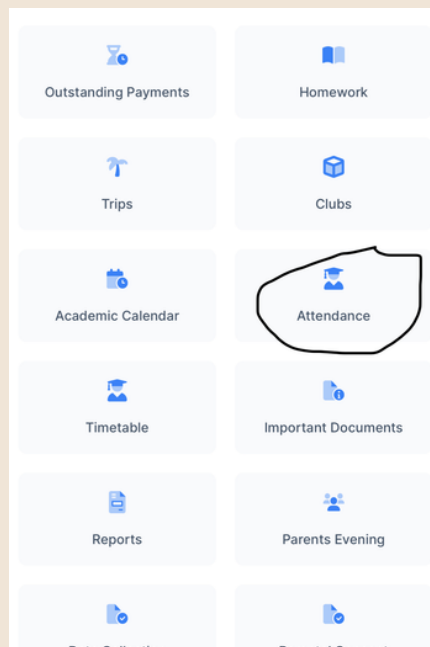
Attention! Thursday 7th May 2026 the school will be used as a polling station so the school will be closed for children.



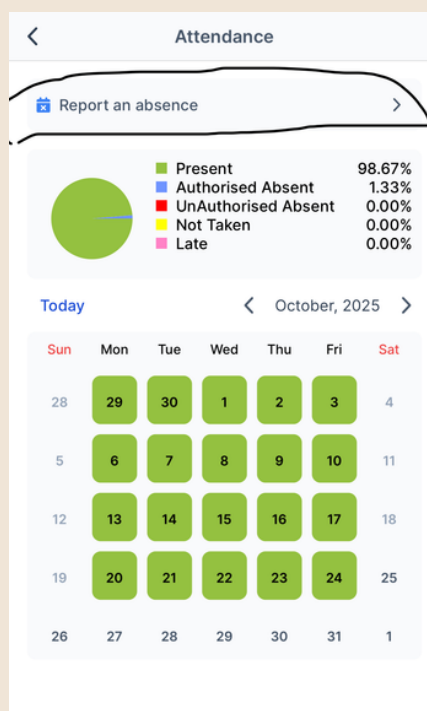
Our phone lines can be extremely busy in the mornings so we wanted to give parents an easier and quicker way to notify of us your child's absence, their lateness or early pick ups due to medical appointment and you can also attach evidence! We will be giving more info at our attendance workshop! Please see next page for Step by step guide of how to do this. Reminder absences should be reported by 8.30am.



Step 1 - Click on the attendance tab on the MCAS app.



Step 2 - Click on 'Report an absence'.



Step 3 - if your child is not in all day, please enter the reason. If your child is going to be late or picked up early. please adjust the time and attach the evidence.

A screenshot of the 'Report an absence' form. It contains the following fields and options:

- Date From***: A date picker field showing 24/10/2025.
- Date To***: A date picker field showing 24/10/2025.
- Time**: A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Time From**: A time picker field showing 08:40.
- Time To**: A time picker field showing 15:15.
- Message***: A text input field with the placeholder text 'Enter your message here'.
- Attachment**: A button labeled '+ Add Attachments'.

AUTUMN 2 EVENTS



**Tuesday 28th
October**

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

**Tuesday 4th
November**

Y4R & Y4A trip to Camden Arts Centre. Y4F trip to Pizza Express Y6S & Y6E go to The Brunel Museum

**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

**Monday 10th
November**

Odd Socks Day

**Friday 14th
November**

Children in Need - Wear your pjs & bring £1

**Tuesday 9th
December**

Reception Nativity 10:00 Year 1 Nativity 13:30

**Wednesday 10th
December**

Year 3 and Year 4 Festive Concert 09:00-10:30

**Friday 12th
December**

Year 5 and Year 6 Festive Concert 09:00-10:30

First day back of Autumn 2: Monday 3rd November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19th December

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6th January

PARENT EVENTS

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.

Thursday
6th
November

Nursery Open Day 10:00

Join us on our discovery tour of our Nursery - featuring story-time and phonics, collage making and a construction zone. We've even got a parent activity planned for you!

Parents of children with SEND coffee morning 09:00

Tuesday
11th
November

Come along and find out about the latest research, processes and systems that take place in Brent for our students and enjoy a catch up with our Inclusion Team.

Thursday
13th
November

Reception Open Day 10:00

Come join our Reception open day and go on a shape-hunt with us! Explore how we learn outdoors, and collect stamps on your very own Gladstone Park Passport as you find out how we build the foundations for our children in our school that feels like a family - right in the heart of our community!

Together we count: supporting attendance success 09:00

Tuesday
18th
November

Come along to find out about why attendance really does have such an impact, how to support your children in those dark mornings and lots of tips and tricks that will help your mornings run smoothly for the school run!



**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



THE GPPS PSA PRESENTS

It's showtime!

MOVIE TITLE
TO BE
ANNOUNCED

RECEPTION - YEAR 6
13
NOV

CINEMA NIGHT



Where: PA Hall by school reception

Date: Thu Nov 13 (all years welcome)

Time: 6:20 pm entry

Note: reception kids and older only, sadly unable to admit buggies,
kids must be accompanied by an adult.
Tickets to go on sale in a couple weeks time



Proud to be part of

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Make a difference in your community...

By volunteering as a Community Council member at your local Anthem school, you can help shape the lives of children in your area.



Who we are

GladstonePark Primary School is part of Anthem Schools Trust, a multi-academy education charity dedicated to helping children and young people thrive.

At Anthem we work to ensure, collectively, that every student in every Anthem school receives the best possible quality of education, all the time.

Why we need your help

We have changed the way governance works in our schools, replacing traditional governing bodies with Anthem Community Councils. This is where local people come in...

We need local expertise and partnerships, to ensure each school's individual context is known, understood, and celebrated - and is at the heart of its community

What's in it for you?

Anthem Community Councils (ACCs) are local advisory committees, not local governing boards. So Anthem Community Council members are not 'governors' in the traditional sense. Instead, they have the freedom to focus on providing local feedback, assurance and connection, and reflecting the 'lived experience' of students, parents, staff and the community.

So as an Anthem Community Council member, you get to play an essential role in shaping the education local children need without spending hours discussing budgets, boilers and bureaucracy!

ACC remits at a glance



Community



Celebration

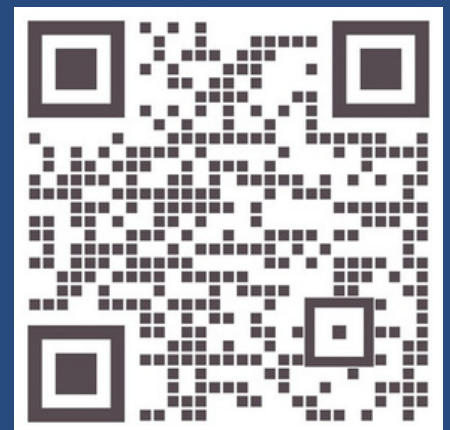


SEND & inclusion

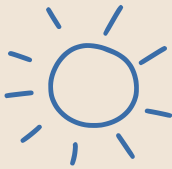


Panels

Scan the code to find out more



www.anthemtrust.uk/governance



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

2

For all enquiries, request meetings and communicate with the school team:
admin@gladstonepark.anthemtrust.uk

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.

LETTERS

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

PHONE

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

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.

NEWSLETTER

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

WEBSITE

4

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

WHATSAPP

13

- 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.
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- For All Boys & Girls Aged 5-12 Yrs
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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



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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!...

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- Islington
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HOLIDAY CLUB



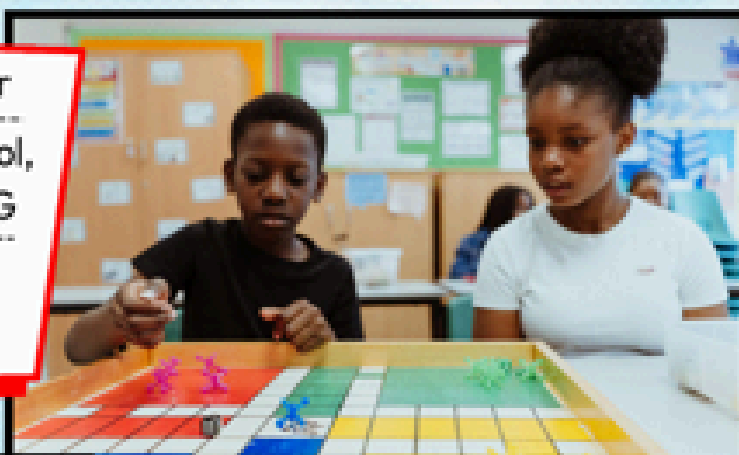
STONEBRIDGE PRIMARY
SCHOOL SHAKESPEARE
AVENUE NW10 8NG

Date 27th October to 31st October

Venue Stonebridge Primary school,
Shakespeare Ave, London NW10 8NG

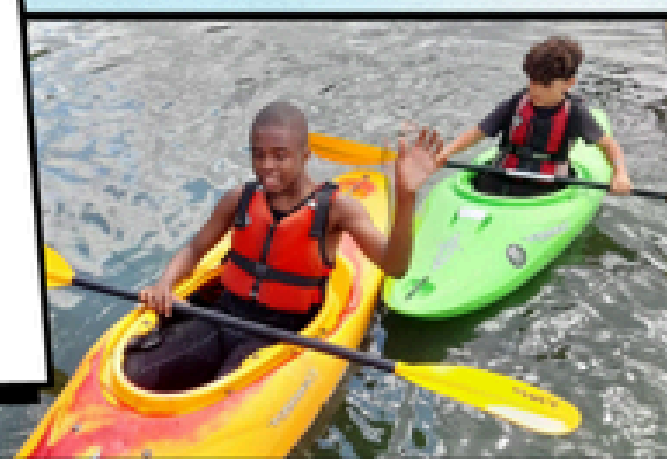
Time 8am -6pm daily

Cost Weekly: £60 | Daily: £20



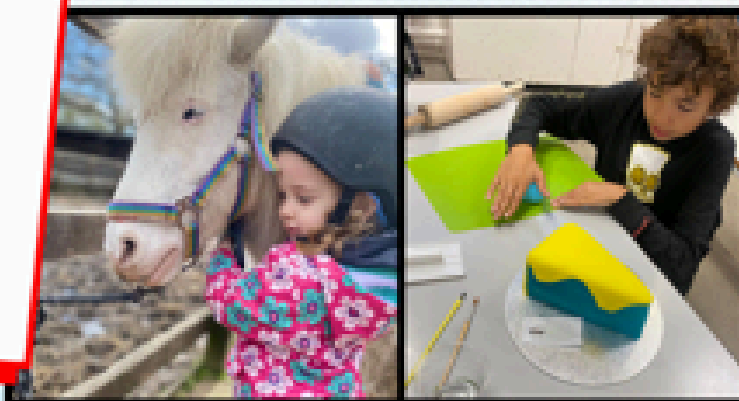
What we offer

- Supervised, fun-packed sessions
- Activities include arts craft, sports, trips, cooking out door & indoor place.
- Health breakfast snack from 9.30-10.15am daily



Why Choose Us

- Safe inclusive environment
- Enriching, activities, your children will make long lasting friendship
- We are OFSTED Registered



Contact Us

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QR to
register





Track Academy

MIDDLE DISTANCE HALF TERM TASTER

TUESDAY

**28TH
OCTOBER
2.30PM -
4PM**

- ✔ Completely free to attend
- ✔ Safe, supportive and fun environment
- ✔ Develop fitness, confidence and resilience
- ✔ Space are limited - secure your spot today



COME AND JOIN US!

Join Track Academy for an exciting FREE half-term session where young people can try out middle and long-distance running. Led by highly qualified endurance coaches, this event is perfect for beginners, school athletes, or club runners looking to improve their performance.

**800M **
1500M

MEETING POINT:

WILLESDEN SPORTS CENTRE

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