



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 4



Dear families,
Welcome to our latest newsletter. We're in the midst of the Autumn term, and we've been busy working hard, and learning lots - from long division, to reading maps, to playing the guitar! We're looking forward to assessment week next week and measuring just how much incredible progress we've made.

We're still fighting the dark mornings and winter germs, but we're washing our hands lots and we're working hard to ensure we're in our classrooms so that our reading lessons can begin promptly at 08:45. Thank you so much for all your work in supporting us to bring your children to school - we can only ensure our students have the exceptional education they deserve if they're here - and we know that's not always easy!

We're also very busy practising for our upcoming Christmas performances - we're looking forward to celebrating with you all very soon.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Don't forget to check out our latest features on our maths programme, the names of our new intervention rooms and lots more!

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



YEAR UPDATES

EYFS



We have had a very busy and fun week in the nursery! In maths this week, we learned how to count carefully. The children practiced a skill called "one-to-one correspondence." This means they used their fingers to touch one item as they said each number out loud. For our Literacy focus, we read the book *The Gingerbread Man*. The children loved the story of the cookie that runs away! The excitement grew when we found a "wanted" poster from the little old lady asking for our help to find him. The children turned into detectives and quickly found the runaway cookie hiding in our classroom! The next morning, we found a special letter from the Gingerbread Man. He wrote that he was sad we found him so fast because he loves playing hide-and-seek.

YEAR 1



This week, the children had great fun designing their very own windmills! They carefully cut out their outlines, added bright personal touches, and used a split pin to create a working pivot mechanism. It was wonderful to see their excitement as their windmills spun to life, showing off both their creativity and their growing design skills.

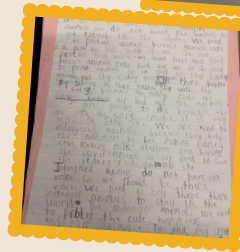
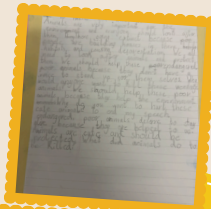


It's wonderful to see the children feeling better and our classes filling up again. Good attendance is so important in helping everyone settle back into their routines.

We are now finalising our practice for the Nativity play, and it's looking fabulous! The children have been learning how to use a microphone and are doing brilliantly.

Each class has a lovely Christmas atmosphere in their home corner, and the children are thoroughly enjoying preparing festive foods for the special occasion.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 9th December at 10:00 AM for our Nativity play.



YEAR 2

Our Year 2s have been busy preparing for their upcoming persuasive speeches to Ms Green this Friday! Alongside crafting their powerful arguments, we have been creating beautiful watercolour backgrounds to accompany their presentations. These artistic pieces not only showcase their creativity but also help bring their speech topics to life. We can't wait to see their colourful designs and hear their confident, persuasive voices!

YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been using their DT skills this week to create their own pizza. Y4F have brought their skills from their trip to Pizza Express to create some amazing designs, while 4R and 4A have created some prototypes, which they will be able to share with the Pizza Express team when they visit in the Spring term! It was also Year 4F's turn to visit Camden Arts Centre and create some amazing art!



YEAR 6

In Year 6 we were visited by Camden Arts Centre, where we explored our cultures and used a range of abstract art techniques to express our emotions. Together, we designed our "ideal classroom" and created a collaborative collage to display all of our artwork. We can't wait to see everything showcased when we visit the Arts Centre soon! It has truly been an inspiring few weeks for Year 6 and we continue to work hard in class and stay focused on our goals.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have started to become young architects over the last two weeks. In their DT lessons, they have been designing and building sturdy structures out of newspaper that can withstand some serious shaking, learning how creating different shapes can support buildings from collapsing!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been buzzing with excitement as they dive into their new guided reading book, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. They've enjoyed getting to know Percy and discovering the magical, myth-filled world he's suddenly thrown into. From exploring Greek gods to uncovering mysterious clues, year 5 have been eagerly sharing predictions and discussing their favourite moments. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm grow with each chapter!



ATTENDANCE

We know the recent wave of fevers has affected attendance for many families — thank you for keeping our community safe and for supporting your children’s wellbeing. It’s definitely taken a toll on our attendance, and we’ve seen each year group drop in attendance which means we must work harder to ensure our students catch up on the learning lost so they can continue to make exceptional progress.

As we look ahead, let’s work together to rebuild strong attendance habits. Every day in school helps your child learn, grow in confidence, and stay connected with their friends and teachers. Even a few missed days can make it harder for children to keep up — but together, we can turn things around.

Let’s make next week a fresh start, aiming for excellent attendance so every child can achieve their very best. Your support makes all the difference — and we’re here to help every step of the way.

Reception

70% → 70%

Year 1

94% → 93%

Did you know...

Honeyguide

If your child’s attendance during the school year was...

Your child lost approximately...

This is the same as approximately...

95%

9 days from school

50 lessons

90%

19 days from school

100 lessons

85%

29 days from school

150 lessons

80%

38 days from school

200 lessons

75%

48 days from school

250 lessons

Year 2

96% → 96%

Year 3

94% → 94%

Year 4

96% → 96%

Year 5

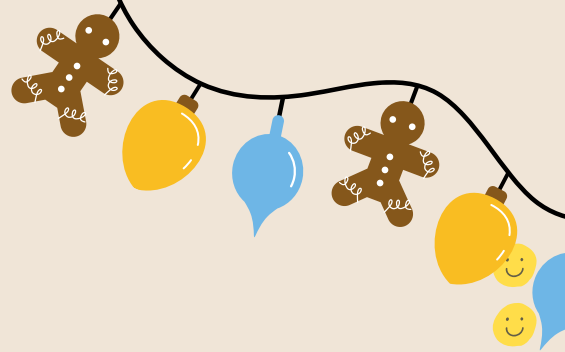
96% → 96%

Year 6

96% → 96%



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE!



Our Student Council met with Mrs Marcis for their half-termly catch-up and have been busy gathering pupil feedback about our new playground structure and activities.

They shared that children are really enjoying the range of things to do at break and lunch time. Pupils feel the shelter is now being used more fairly, with different year groups taking turns for football and basketball. Children also said they love having calm areas where they can relax, talk with friends, draw, or colour if they want a quieter playtime.

The Council also discussed new ideas that children would like to see in the playground. Many pupils asked if we could have a softer surface, such as grass or astro turf, under the shelter. Others suggested adding a smaller climbing frame or similar equipment to the KS2 playground. To find out more, the Student Council will be doing some playground surveys and tally charts over the next two weeks to see how many children would like these changes.

They also had a fantastic new idea: introducing a 'Playtime RIDER Award'! Each week, the Council would choose one child from each year group who has been following our school RIDERS, and they would present the award during celebration assembly.

The Student Council will also be helping Mrs Marcis with an assembly in two weeks' time all about playground behaviour and expectations. We hope to introduce our new award then.

We're excited to share more with you soon—stay tuned!





NOTICES



Follow us on Instagram:
[gladstoneparkprimary](#)

We're working with First Class Learning Tuition to host a maths tutoring club at Gladstone Park in January 2026 for just £7.50 a session! If you'd be interested in signing your children up, please complete the form [here](#).

**FIRST
CLASS
LEARNING**

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maths and English
tuition

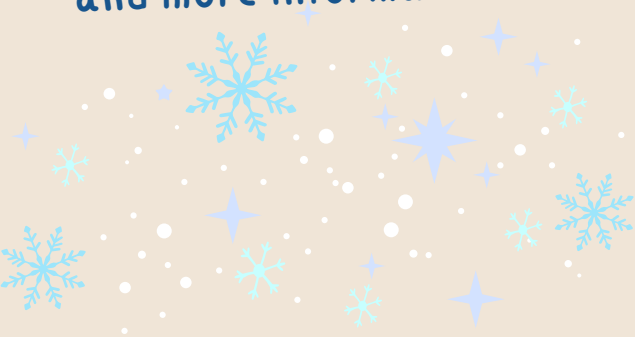
Give your child's learning a First Class boost!

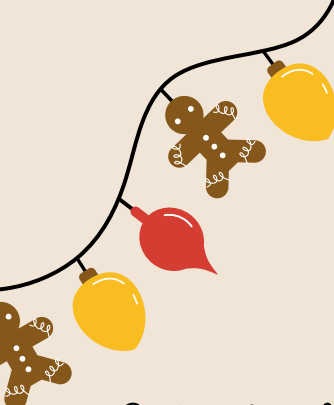


We're looking for businesses and people to help us with our Winter Fair on Saturday 6th December. If you're interested, or know of anybody who would like to support, please email gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com

We're pleased to announce that our new school lunch provider (Innovate) does offer a service whereby you can order the meals for your children the week before on the Impact Food App!

See the bottom of the newsletter for the FAQ and more information!





AUTUMN 2 EVENTS



**Saturday 6th
December**

PSA Winter Fair

**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
Nursery Festive Performance 10:30 and 14:00

**Thursday 11th
December**

EYFS Open Morning 09:00

**Thursday 11th
December**

Year 2 Festive Concert 09:00 & Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 12th
December**

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

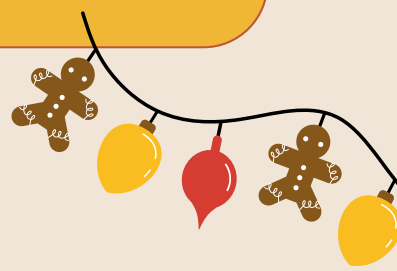
**Thursday 18th
December**

Christmas Lunch & Festive dress

**Thursday 18th
December**

Christmas Class Parties

PARENT EVENTS



**Tuesday 9th
December**

Coffee Morning: Educational Psychologist

Come along to meet the Educational Psychologist who works closely with us, learn strategies on how to support your child at home and at school.

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19th December

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6th January

SPRING 1 PARENT EVENTS



All at 09:00

Tuesday 6th
January

Introduction to Maths at Gladstone Park

Tuesday 13th
January

Year 6 & how to prepare for SATs

Tuesday 20th
January

Maths: how we teach calculation strategies

Tuesday 27th
January

Introduction to our behaviour approach - Thrive

Tuesday 3rd
February

Phonics & how to prepare your child for the screening check

Tuesday 10th
February

Reading: how we teach Year 2-Year 6



First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6th January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 13th February





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.

Please apply by 12th December



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



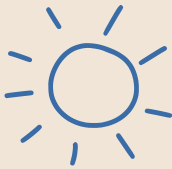
Panels

Scan the code to find out more



www.anthemtrust.uk/governance

HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL



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

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)

SEND Coffee Morning

 Tuesday 9th December

 9:00am

 School PA Hall

Guest speaker: Educational Psychologist Dr
Roza Muzyka

Talk on supporting children with Autism at
home including healthy sleep routine and
supporting a balanced diet



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

Jolly Christmas Jumper day

Save the date Christmas Jumper day.
Join us on a
festive fun day



GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL EYFS OPEN MORNING!

Thursday 11th December

AT 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Is your child ready to start **Reception** or **Nursery** in 2026? Then come and have a look at what we have to offer you!

RVSP using the QR code

admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk
02084521350



The GPPS PSA Presents

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Saturday December
6th
12 pm - 3 pm**



Calling all parents...

**We need your help to volunteer for
our annual Winter Fair!**



**If you are interested, please email
gladstoneprimary.psa@gmail.com.**

COMING SOON

IMPACT FOOD APP

New School Meal Ordering Platform

IFG / *Innovate
Primary*

**IMPACT
FOOD**

We are introducing a brand-new meal ordering tool for parents called 'Impact Food app'. It is an easy and convenient way to order meals for your child and offers multiple benefits.

READY TO GET STARTED?

You will receive an email with a unique link asking you to sign-up to the Impact Food App, simply click the link and follow the instructions. Once you're signed up you can begin to place meal orders for your child / children. It really is that simple!

THE EXCITING NEW FUNCTIONALITY INCLUDES:



An easy and convenient meal ordering process



Access from any device with internet access
(mobile phone, tablet, computer)



The ability to view and manage orders for one or multiple children



Readily available transaction history



Customisable meal options to accommodate dietary needs and preferences

NEED HELP?

If you have any questions please get in touch. Contact the Impact App support team at primary@impactfood.co.uk

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!

THIS DECEMBER
CHECK OUT THE MENU FOR THE DATE!

17th
December



Merry Christmas



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that on **17th December**, our catering team will be serving a special **Christmas Dinner!**

Children will be able to enjoy a festive feast, including **roast turkey with all the trimmings** or a **vegetarian sage and onion pastry roll** followed by a **chocolate cookie**. We also have an **allergen-aware option** – a **vegan Wellington with seasonal vegetables** and a **vegan brownie** for dessert. **Halal** friendly dishes are available.

Meals can be ordered in the usual way. If you're new to school meals, this is a perfect opportunity to give them a try – please contact the school office for details.

Don't forget – all children in **Reception to Year 6** are entitled to **free school meals**, and children in older years may also be eligible. You can check here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We hope as many children as possible will join in this festive celebration – it's set to be a highlight of the lunchtime menu! If you have any questions, please contact: primary@impactfood.co.uk

Thank you!

JOIN US ON 17th DECEMBER!



The Impact Food App - FAQs

Introducing the Impact Food App, the easy and convenient way to order meals for your child.

How do I register for the Impact Food App?

You will be sent an email containing a unique link to register to the app. This unique link identifies you as the parent / guardian of your child. Please do not share or forward this link to anyone else.

You will be asked to confirm your child's school and class as part of the process.

I have multiple children at the same school: do I have to register each one separately?

Yes. If you have multiple children at the same school, each child will be allocated a unique link – this ensures the safety and security of your child's data.

You will be sent a link for each child. Once each child is registered you can add them all to the one account to make it easier for you to manage.

Go to your *account settings* on the app and use the '*add child*' process to merge the accounts.

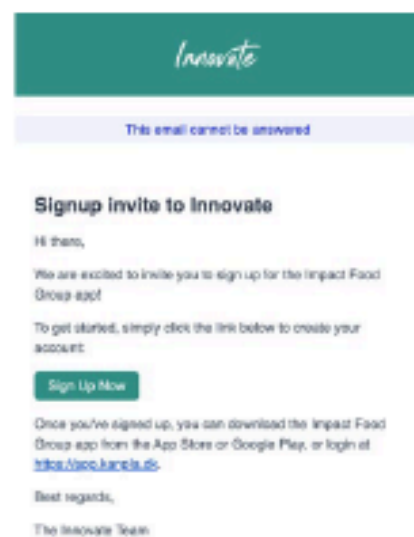
My child has food allergies. How do I let you know what they are?

During the registration process, we will ask you to select and confirm the food allergies for your child.

You will not be able to progress your registration without confirming what they are or confirming that your child is allergy free.

If you have multiple children, you will need to do this for each child during the registration process.

- Video guide: [How to update allergy information](#)



I am entitled to free school meals; can I still use the app?

Yes! Through information sharing with your school, we know who is eligible for free school meals and apply the entitlement to your child's account.

The school told me about Impact Food App but I haven't received my invitation. What do I do?

Please contact kanpla@kanpla.io to request an update or a new invitation to be sent to you.

I've received the email, but the link is not working and says there is an error.

We're sorry you've encountered an issue registering. Please contact tech support at kanpla@kanpla.io to resolve this issue.

The details of my child/ren are incorrect. What do I do?

We receive the details of your child through information sharing with the school. Please contact your school and make sure they hold the correct information for you and your child.

Once the school has updated things their end, the correct information will show on your child's account.

Currently the cut off time to place the orders is 11pm on Sunday for the following week. If this deadline is missed, please contact our support team to get your orders placed.

Further support and information

For technical issues please contact: kanpla@kanpla.io or use the [help](#) button within the app to chat to someone.

For help with Free School Meal entitlement please contact: [yourschool](#)

For help with missing or incorrect child details please contact [yourschool](#)

For help with refunds please contact: Primary@impactfood.co.uk