



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1 WEEK 6

Dear families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of Spring 1! This half-term has truly flown by, and despite the rainy, cold mornings, we've had lots of fun along the way!

We've improved our enrichment offer with Rock Steady Music, a lunchtime choir for Key Stage 1, a dance club and even a tutoring club on a Friday too!

We've been working hard on our teaching to ensure that we are adapting to what our students need the most, and looking how we can provide the most effective feedback to help them progress.

There have been many trips too - from Camden Arts Centre, to tournaments and Pizza Express, and even a visit from the famous Gareth Malone today!

We've learnt more about our mental health, celebrated the Lunar New Year, and worked on our speaking and listening so we can become fantastic orators.

All of this in just six weeks, and parents' evenings too! We hope you have a wonderful break, and we look forward to seeing you for all the amazing events we have planned in Spring 2!

Best wishes

Ms Green



Don't forget to check out our tuition club, key dates and lots more here!

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

YEAR UPDATES

RECEPTION

NURSERY

In Nursery, the children had a wonderful time in their Drama4all workshop, "Midnight in the Toy Shop." They used their imaginations to pretend they worked in a toy shop and even acted out toys coming to life. We have also been learning about Lunar New Year. The children enjoyed exploring the festival through sensory play, making lucky red envelopes, and learning about the Year of the Horse.

We recently enjoyed a lovely workshop with the Drama4All company. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme "Midnight in the Toyshop", using drama, dance, and singing to bring the story to life.

Through these creative activities, the children developed their confidence, concentration, and social skills, while having lots of fun and expressing their imaginations. It was a joyful and engaging experience for everyone involved. We are looking forward to see you during parents evening to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for your ongoing support Reception team

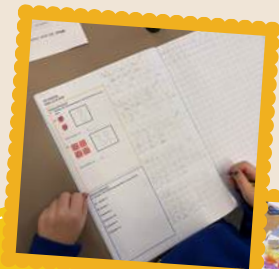


YEAR 1

It's been a busy fortnight in Year 1! We have been getting stuck into learning about doubles in Maths. We know that doubling means having two of the same amount. We have been using ten frames and counters to help us show doubles clearly. First, we start with red counters and then double the amount by adding the same number of yellow counters. After that, we use our oracy skills to talk through our thinking and explain how we know the answer. Ask us to show you!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been fully immersed in developing their artistic talents, working alongside inspiring artists from the Camden Art Centre. The children have shown fantastic creativity, confidence and focus as they explored new techniques and expressed their ideas through art. Alongside this, they have been strengthening their mathematical skills, mastering doubling and halving, and building their understanding of multiplication and division. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow across both creative and mathematical learning.



YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been reading the book: Tamarind and the star of Ishta. The book has taken children to India, exploring the culture through an enriching text. Over the last few weeks, children have been using their knowledge from the text to debate complex scenarios in the story. In the story, Tamarind learns how her mother died and is led by a cloaked, majestic girl to a statue. The children used their inference skills to explore whether the statue could have been Tamarind's mother, as it was sculpted as an angel. We can't wait to show you our reading lessons in the workshops after half term!



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have enjoyed learning samba and developing their skills, alongside completing mock SATs to help prepare them for the assessments in May. The children approached the week with real focus and determination, and many showed how much progress they have made. We are very proud of their effort, resilience, and growing confidence—well done, Year 6. A reminder that our next assessments are the 9th March so please ensure your child is here every day!



YEAR 3

Children in Year 3 have been learning about The Shang Dynasty as part of their history unit this half term and have enjoyed stories of Fu Hao (a great military leader). Children also learnt about Chinese oracle bones. These bones were used to tell the future. Miss Yu brought in some replicas for the classes to study and explore the Chinese characters written on them. Look at the excitement as the children looked at the bones! They even copied some of the Chinese letters!



YEAR 5

These past couple of weeks we have been getting stuck in with lots of practical activities! We've been learning all about forces in science and carried out an air resistance experiment, getting crafty by making our own parachutes! We also printed our designs in art, bringing to life our beautiful, nature inspired designs. In English we have written our narrative for The Lighthouse and in maths, we've loved working on fractions again, this time multiplying them with mixed numbers and finding fractions of an amount.





ATTENDANCE



Thank you to all our families for the fantastic support you continue to show with attendance. Ensuring your child is in school every day really does make a difference, and we appreciate the time many of you have taken to speak with staff about any barriers that might make daily attendance a challenge. Working together helps us find the best solutions for our children.

After half term, we're excited to introduce some new attendance incentives, along with celebrations for pupils who are here every day and on time — we can't wait to share more details soon!

We hope you all have a restful half term break and that the children return refreshed and ready for Spring 2.

A gentle reminder that, wherever possible, appointments should be arranged outside of learning time. If this can't be avoided, please give the school office plenty of notice so we can support your child's learning as effectively as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Reception

93%

Year 1

96%

Year 2

95%

Year 3

96%

Year 4

97%

Year 5

95%

Year 6

93%





NOTICES



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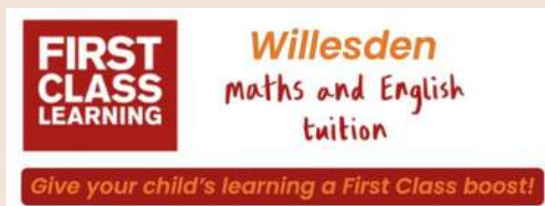
Parents' Survey

Please scan the QR code to give us your feedback on how we're doing as a school, and what we can improve to make our experience for you and our students even better!
Tutoring Club!



We're working with First Class Learning Tuition to host a maths tutoring club at Gladstone Park for just £50 a month. If you'd be interested in signing your children up, please click on link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1188bKPDxRJT_H64HIrkjuoQiCStINLW2IN7X-kkwsJkU/viewform?usp=drivesdk&chromeless=1&edit_requested=true



Rock Steady Music School

We only have a small number of places left for students in Years 1-3 to sign up for RockSteady! Please see the letter sent out via MCAS to sign up.





THE GLADSTONE PARK PLEDGE

We have been working very hard to fulfil our commitments to The Gladstone Park Pledge. The first half of the Spring term has already seen us embark on exciting visits to Willesden Library, Camden Arts Centre and Pizza Express and there is so much more planned for the next 5 weeks after half term!

GPPS Spring 2: Pledge commitments

| Year Group | External visit | Pledge commitments |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| EYFS | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the fire brigade (April)• Look after chicks |
| 1 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Log in to a computer• Take part in a charity event |
| 2 | Central Masjid of Brent | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to count to ten in a different language |
| 3 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to recycle |
| 4 | Wembley Stadium (Brent learning zone) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play in a team sport• Tie-dye a t shirt |
| 5 | Willesden Library | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow DIY instructions• Cook a basic meal• Learn to travel independently |
| 6 | | |

Alongside our exciting external visits, we have mapped out our other commitments to the pledge for Spring 2. Take a look at the enrichment opportunities we have planned for our children after the half term break!



OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

Our school leaders are having a huge impact on the way our school is managed. The librarians have been responsible in keeping our reading spaces looking tidy and inviting for our keen readers. We know that our library isn't a place for show - we want our library to be a place where books are taken from the bookcases regularly with an excitement for reading! Our librarians are the people behind making sure that books are put back onto the correct bookshelf and under the appropriate heading. The children love their library work so much that the joy of this responsibility has sparked others across the school to want to join them. Our librarians have are empowering and inspiring!

Our Sports Captains have been committed to a very similar job outside of the school building. They have taken on a huge responsibility to make sure that all of the school's playground and sports equipment is available for our children's break and lunch time. When the whistle goes to end playtime, the Sports Captains leap into action to make sure that everything goes back into its rightful place - protecting equipment for further use and saving the school's budget! The Sports Captains have been huge role models this half term, helping the coaches to set up the PE lessons and showing all of the school values in every aspect of the school day!





EARLY READING



At Gladstone Park, we teach early reading using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme. This systematic phonics approach helps children to build strong foundations in reading by learning letter sounds, blending to read words and developing fluency.

We know that children make the most progress when school and home work together. To help you feel confident in supporting your child, we recommend visiting the Engaging Parents section of the Little Wandle website.

This area includes:

- Short videos showing how we teach phonics
- Guidance on pronouncing pure sounds correctly
- Information about reading practice and books coming home
- Practical tips to support reading at home



You can access it here: <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

Spending just 5–10 minutes a day practising reading together can make a significant difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident, enthusiastic reader.



THRIVE - OUR SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR APPROACH



This half term we were excited to hold our first Thrive parent workshop — thank you to everyone who joined us! At the session, we explained what Thrive is, how it supports children’s emotional wellbeing, and how it works across school. For families who could not attend, the presentation slides have been shared via MCAS so you can access the information easily.

Thrive is an evidence-based, whole-school behaviour and wellbeing approach that helps us understand and support children’s social, emotional and behavioural development. At Gladstone Park, we know that behaviour is a form of communication, and Thrive equips us with tools to interpret this and respond in ways that help children feel secure, confident and ready to learn.

You can read more about Thrive on our school website:

<https://www.gladpark.anthemtrust.uk/page/?title=Thrive&pid=83>

Thrive in Action

This half term we have begun rolling out Thrive interventions in KS2, using Thrive-Online assessments and tailored activity planning to support pupils’ emotional development. These sessions can be individual or small group, and help children build confidence, emotional regulation and positive relationships.

In Spring 2, we will extend Thrive support into KS1 and EYFS, ensuring every year group benefits from this important work to bolster children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Our Thrive Licensed Practitioners

Thrive at Gladstone Park is led by our licensed practitioners,
Vilani Marcis-Burog (Assistant Headteacher & DSL)
Sonia Rea (Assistant SENDCo & Deputy DSL).



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE



Our Student Council have been incredibly busy this half term and continue to be fantastic ambassadors for our school community. They have been working hard to master and promote our RIDER values, actively looking out for children who demonstrate these values during playtimes each week. Their focus has been on recognising positive behaviour, kindness and responsibility across the playground. Working alongside Mrs Marcis, the Student Council have proudly introduced a brand new weekly award:

🏆 The Playtime RIDERS Award

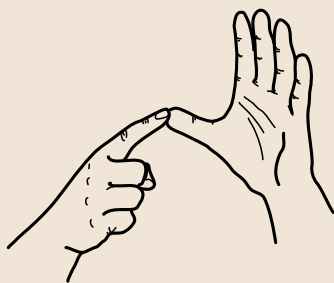
Each Friday during Celebration Assembly, the Student Council select one child from each year group who has shown exemplary behaviour in the playground. These children are presented with a certificate by the council themselves — a wonderful way to celebrate positive choices and role modelling.

In addition, the Student Council have been monitoring how our new playground routines are working and observing how equipment is being used. Their feedback has helped us ensure playtimes remain safe, fun and purposeful for everyone.

Keep an eye out next half term, when our Student Council will be leading a whole-school assembly on staying safe online — we are very proud of their leadership and initiative!



MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



We have been learning the Makaton Signs of the Week as part of our commitment to supporting every child's communication. Each week, we introduce a new sign and model this to our students. This has been particularly helpful for our children with speech, language and communication needs to understand key vocabulary and express themselves.

The sign of the week this week is heart.

See the Makaton video using the link here:

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Cold.aspx

CLUBS UPDATE



After school Clubs

We still have spaces in the following clubs

- Sewing
- Dance Club
- Basketball
- Archery
- Multi-sports
- Badminton Club.

Please send us an email on admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk if you'd like to sign your child up!

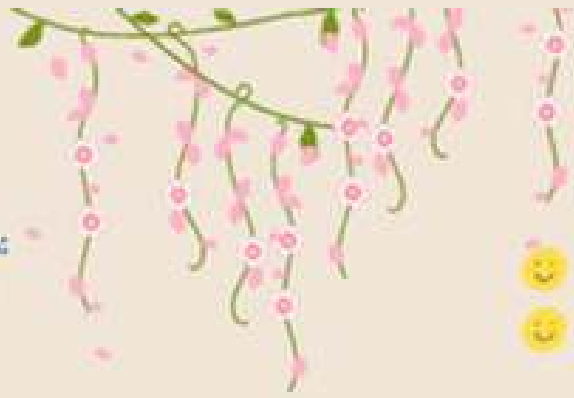




ANTHEM ASPIRE



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We are delighted to introduce Anthem Aspire, a new trust-wide campaign that will give children at Gladstone Park access to life-changing experiences that build confidence, resilience and self-belief.

We believe that every child, regardless of background, deserves opportunities that help them discover who they are and what they are capable of. Anthem Aspire is designed to make that belief a reality.

Anthem Aspire is not about turning every child into a professional musician, athlete or writer. It is about opportunity and transformation.

- It is about the quiet child who finds their voice.
- The anxious child who discovers resilience.
- The overlooked child who realises they matter.

And when this happens across a school community, the impact is powerful. Classrooms become more ambitious, relationships more positive, and the learning environment stronger for every single child.



Delivered in partnership with sector-leading artists and charitable organisations, including Gareth Malone, Anthem Aspire creates moments that children remember for the rest of their lives, moments that often become turning points.

We are inviting our school community, alumni and partners who are able to, to "pay it forward". A donation, whether it's the cost of a theatre ticket, a music lesson or travel to an event, can open a door for another child and create a truly lasting impact. Support Anthem Aspire and fund a life-changing experience:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/anthemschoolstrust>

Together, we can ensure that every child at Gladstone Park has the chance to believe in themselves because confidence really does change everything.



Personal Development at Anthem

Our commitment to the personal development of every Anthem student



Our vision is to equip all Anthem students with the knowledge, skills and cultural, social and economic experiences to be able to progress independently to their next stage of education or employment as confident young people who are proud to contribute positively to society.

SIX PILLARS...

- A** **Ambition**
Be ready for the future!
- S** **Student leadership**
Be a voice for ourselves and each other!
- P** **Participation**
Say yes to opportunities!
- I** **Inspiration**
Be inspired by books and research!
- R** **Relationships**
Be a great communicator, be respectful!
- E** **Empathy**
Work hard, be kind, be proud of your community!

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Our ambition

Recognising that many of our students face challenges, from limited cultural capital to socioeconomic barriers, we want to enhance our programme of trust-wide initiatives to enrich students' experiences beyond the classroom.

Four partnerships...

For 2025-26, in addition to enhancing our curriculum, we are looking to develop trust-wide opportunities for participation in reading, writing, oracy, sport, expressive arts and the outdoors through four key projects and partnerships.



MUSIC WITHOUT LIMITS

A trust-wide approach to music inclusion. We want every student to experience high quality music provision. Social disadvantage limits access to instrumental tuition and experiences. Our ambition is to close that gap for Anthem students.



LORD'S TAVERNERS PARTNERSHIP

This partnership will provide schools with inclusive and impactful cricket programmes. It will empower students with disabilities and from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop the capabilities and confidence to overcome the challenges of inequality and reach their potential.



LITERATURE AND ORACY

Literacy empowers and liberates people. As well as it being part of the right to education, literacy improves lives by expanding capabilities which in turn reduces poverty, helps prepare our future workforce and has positive effects on health and sustainable development.



OUTWARD BOUND TRUST PARTNERSHIP

There is a proven link between access to the outdoors and mental health and social and emotional wellbeing. Many of our students do not have access to truly remote, wild environments and to be personally and collectively challenged within them.

Working in partnership with



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Empowering young people through cricket



THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST

SPRING 2 PARENT EVENTS



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

**Tuesday 24th
February**

Watch a live Year 5 reading lesson 8:45

**Thursday 26th
February**

Open Day Tours - come for a walk around!
8:45

**Tuesday 3rd
March**

Mental Health Coffee Morning with Place2Be
9:00 -10:00

**Tuesday 3rd
March**

Watch a live Year 4 reading lesson 8:45

**Tuesday 3rd
March**

Watch a live Year 1 phonics lesson 8:45

**Tuesday 17th
March**

Mother's Day tea party for Nursery 10:00

**Tuesday 17th
March**

Watch a live Year 3 reading Lesson 8:45

**Tuesday 17th
March**

Watch a live Year 2 reading lesson 8:45

**Thursday 26th
March**

Rocksteady Concert 13:15 – 15:00

**Thursday 26th
March**

Open Day Tours - come for a walk around! 8:45



First day of Spring 2: Tuesday 23rd February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 27th March



SPRING 2 KEY DATES



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

**Wednesday 25th
February**

Young Voices Concert for the School Choir

**Thursday 5th
March**

World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character!

**Tuesday 17th
March**

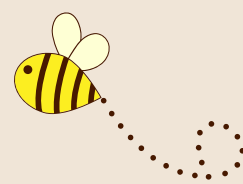
St. Patrick's Day Celebration - wear something green

**Friday 20th
March**

Red Nose Day - wear something red

**Monday 13th
April**

INSET Day - No school for the children



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Gladstone Park Primary Parent Questionnaire

Welcome families, parents and carers,

**We'd love for you to share your thoughts and
feedback with us.**

**We're keen to learn how we can improve more
to support you, our families and our
communities.**



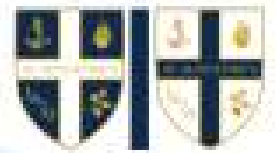
**Thank you for taking time to
complete our survey!**



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HIGH SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE DAY



AT ST AUGUSTINE'S
FOR YEAR 4 & YEAR 5



SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER
THE DAY WILL INCLUDE, BUT WON'T
BE LIMITED TO:

-A RANGE OF INTERACTIVE AND
PROBLEM SOLVING ACTIVITIES FROM
VARIOUS DIFFERENT SUBJECTS

-AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH
OUR YEAR 12 STUDENT LEADERSHIP
TEAM

-PARTICIPATE IN OUR REWARDS
ASSEMBLY AND SHARE YOUR
LEARNING FROM THE DAY



DATE: 09/07/2026

From 9:30AM until 2:30PM

For any queries contact us on
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to REMEMBER*



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Dress to Remember:

An intergenerational discussion on dementia

Thursday 26 February, 11am – 1.30pm,
Conference Room, Brent Civic Centre,
Engineers Way, Wembley Park, HA9 0FJ

This forum will include interactive discussions, video screenings and a monologue performed by Marsha Millar (Top Boy). The forum is aimed at Families and Carers, Young People, Community Leaders and Councillors, Dementia care organisations, Brent residents and the wider community.



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KILBURN LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

**Saturday
28 February
11am- 4pm**

**AFRICAN
STORYTELLING**

LIVE MUSIC

FACE PAINTING

CIRCUS SKILLS

REFRESHMENTS

**BRENT HEALTH MATTERS
HEALTH CHECKS AVAILABLE**

**Explore our
newly refurbished
library!**

**Kilburn Library,
42 Salusbury Road,
Kilburn, NW6 6NN**

**Welcome
to
Kilburn
Library**



NHS

Brent

Catering Survey

We're inviting parents to share their feedback on the school food offer by completing a short survey. Your views will help shape future improvements and ensure the offer continues to meet the needs of our school community.

As a thank you for taking part, all responses will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a **£100 Amazon voucher**, and a further £100 Amazon voucher for the school.

The survey is open until the Easter break. Survey:

<https://285qfq1abg1.typeform.com/ParentSurvey>

PRIMARY CATERING SURVEY!

WIN A £100 AMAZON VOUCHER FOR YOU & A £100 VOUCHER FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Simply complete a 5 minute survey and share your thoughts about your school food to enter the prize draw for a chance to win.

Please Note: The survey will remain open until the Easter break.

