



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2 WEEK 2

Dear families,

Welcome back to Spring 2! We hope you all had a restful half-term break. It has already been a fantastic and busy start to the term at school, with lots of exciting learning and memorable experiences taking place across the week.

This week we celebrated World Book Day, where children came dressed as their favourite book characters and even worked together to write our very own Gladstone Park school book – a wonderful way to celebrate our love of reading. We were also delighted to welcome Dawn Butler MP, who visited the school to speak with our pupils about her career and answer their thoughtful questions. Check out the interview on Instagram @gladstoneparkprimary

Our students have been out and about too: Year 4 enjoyed an inspiring visit to Wembley Stadium, and we were thrilled to host a brilliant World Book Day theatre performance from Big Foot Education. It has also been lovely to welcome parents into school to watch Year 1 and Year 5 showcasing their reading, which our children were incredibly proud of. Meanwhile, our choir has been busy performing, representing the school brilliantly at the Young Voices concert and the West London Business Awards.

A couple of quick reminders for the term ahead:

- Jewellery: Only stud earrings should be worn to school.
- Attendance: The class with the highest attendance this term will win a non-uniform day on the last day of term, so we would love to see all of our children in school every day where possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to another fantastic half-term of learning together.

Warm 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

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What a lovely start to the Spring 2 term! We can all see and feel that nature is beginning to wake up. Daffodils are starting to bloom around our garden, and we are getting ready to plant some vegetables with the children. It's such a wonderful time of year for exploring and learning outdoors. Our topic this half term is Healthy Eating / Healthy Me, and we will be learning all about how to look after our bodies through food, exercise and good habits. Our focus artist is Giuseppe Arcimboldo, and we are excited to explore his unique artwork, creating our own masterpieces inspired by fruits and vegetables. We have planned many exciting and engaging activities linked to our theme. On 18th March, we will be welcoming Mini Picasso into school to lead a special art project with the children — we are very much looking forward to this creative experience. Our big WOW moment this week was a visit from the firefighters! The children had the incredible opportunity to sit inside the fire engine and even spray water across the playground. What fantastic fun it was — and such a memorable experience for everyone! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead.



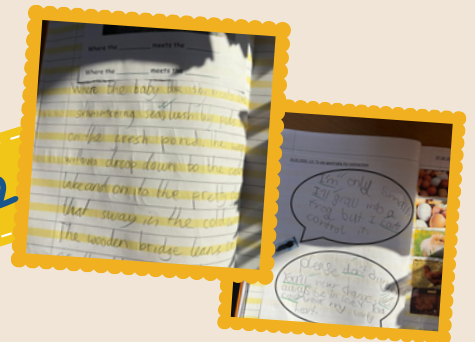
YEAR 1



Year 1 had a wonderful visit to the Camden Art Centre to continue developing their artwork and explore new creative techniques. During the session, the children experimented with printmaking using a variety of natural materials, including different leaves and sticks, discovering the beautiful patterns and textures they could create. They also explored printing on fabric, carefully transferring their designs onto material using paint and crayons.

In addition to this, we were so excited to welcome in our families to our live Phonics lesson. We really enjoyed having you all in to see how we teach our children to read and hope that you had some great takeaways to apply at home.

YEAR 2



Year 2 have made a wonderful start to Spring 2. In English, we have begun exploring our new book, Tadpole's Promise, and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. We have been focusing on using apostrophes correctly for possession and contractions, as well as developing our creativity through writing detailed setting descriptions.

In Maths, Year 2 have been consolidating their multiplication and division skills, building confidence and fluency in their understanding.

We are all very much looking forward to our upcoming visits to the Camden Art Centre this week and next week!

YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

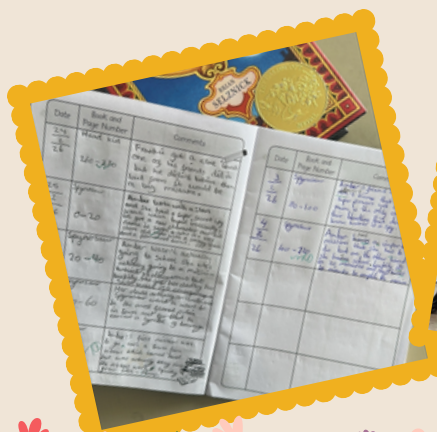
As part of our Gladstone Park Pledge, Year 4R and 4A visited Wembley Stadium this week on a music and sports experience. The children took part in making their very own hip hop beats by adding various instruments to a track! They sounded so cool! The children then went on a tour around Wembley Stadium! They went in the England dressing room, had pictures in the press room and even walked out of the tunnel in teams like they were playing in a cup final! What an amazing day!



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting visit from Big Foot Theatre, celebrated World Book Day, and began our final mock SATs. It has been a busy week full of sunshine and lots of learning. We are very proud of how hard this group continues to work.

We have seen an increase in our Y6 children completing fantastic entries in their reading diaries - check out a fab example here:



YEAR 3

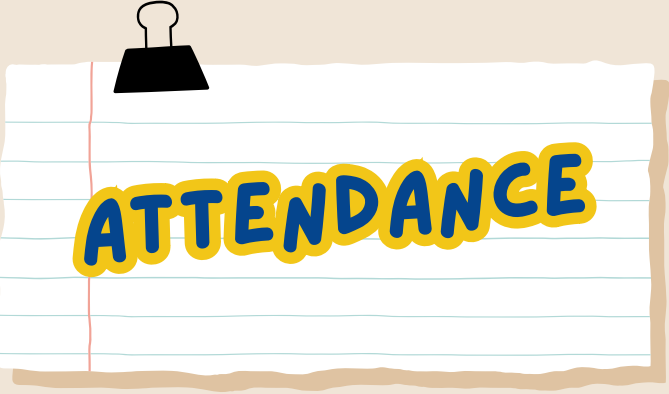
Children in Year 3 have fully immersed themselves into World Book Day. On Wednesday, they witnessed Goldilocks on Trial. Goldilocks was accused of trespassing and stealing food from The Three Bears. Children were given a lot of evidence and had to decide on a verdict. Some children were chose to be the jury on the case! They found Goldilocks guilty! Year 3 also had a great time taking part in World Book Day activities in their classrooms - helping design and create our own school book!



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 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

Welcome back, everyone! It's been lovely to return and be greeted by a bit of sunshine – something we know makes those early morning starts just that little bit easier. A bright start to the day certainly helps set a positive tone for the week ahead!

This half term we're also adding a little friendly competition across the school. We'll be keeping an eye on attendance to see which class can achieve the highest attendance overall. The class that comes out on top will earn a special reward: a non-uniform day on the last day of term.

Every day in school counts, so let's see which class can rise to the challenge.
Good luck everyone!

Reception

94%

Year 1

98%

Year 2

96%

Year 3

95%

Year 4

97%

Year 5

97%

Year 6

97%



NOTICES



Follow us on Instagram:
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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!

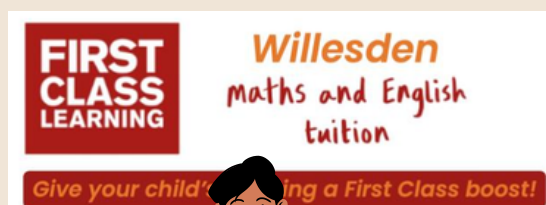


Tutoring Club!

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

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Rock Steady Music School

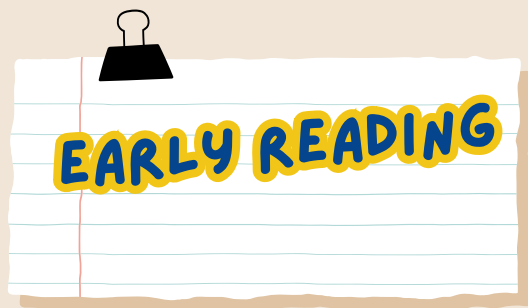
We only have a small number of places left for students in Years 1-3 to sign up for RockSteady! Please see the letter sent out via MCAS to sign up.



READ ANYWHERE!

Thank you all so much for your contributions to the Read Anywhere competition. It has been a delight seeing so many children reading their favourite books in such creative places. Mr Maddock will be looking through all of the entries and choosing some winners next week! In the meantime, have a look at some of these amazing photos!





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

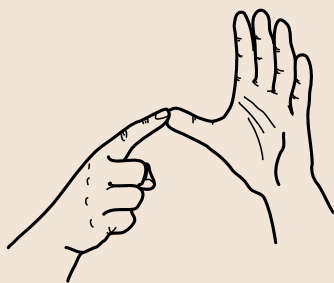


You can access it here: <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

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.



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 book.

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!



SPRING 2

PARENT EVENTS



Friday 6th
March

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

Thursday 12th
March

Open Day Tours - come for a walk around! 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

Monday 23rd
March

RSHE Workshop @ 8:45am

Monday 23rd
March

Year 6 SATs Workshop @ 3.20pm

Tuesday 24th
March

Learn Calculation Strategy Workshop @ 8:45am

Tuesday 24th
March

Meet the Head Coffee Morning @ 8:45am

Thursday 26th
March

Rocksteady Concert 13:15 – 14:15

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First day of Spring 2: Monday 23rd February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 27th March

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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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Early Years Open Days 2026

26.2.2026 @ 8:45am

12.3.2026 @ 8.45am

26.3.2026 @8:45am

Please register your interest by clicking link below or
scanning QR code

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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.





Gladstone Park Primary
School



Watch a Live Reading Lesson PARENT WORKSHOP



Reception -Friday

6th March @ 2.30pm

Year 4 -Friday

6th March @ 8:45am

Year 1 -Tuesday

3rd March @ 8:45am

Year 3 -Tuesday

17th March @ 8:45am

Year 2 -Tuesday

17th March @ 8:45am



COME AND JOIN US





ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MONDAY **17** MARCH

✿ GET YOUR GREEN ON! ✿

Join us on Monday, March 17th,
and wear your best green outfit
to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Let's fill our school with the luck
of the Irish! 🌈💚





Children, wear something **red**
and bring £1 for





Mother's Day Tea Party



10AM FOR NURSERY AM, 2.00PM FOR NURSERY
PM, AND 2.00PM FOR RECEPTION | TUESDAY
THE 17TH OF MARCH

*We warmly invite mums to join us in
celebrating Mother's Day with a special tea
party. Enjoy time with your child while
taking part in fun activities and creating
lovely memories together*

Come along to

Year 6 SATs Workshop

Please join us to find out about what SATs are, what you can expect during SATs week and how to help your child at school. Please note all Y6 students will be taken to the PA Hall and will need to be collected from there - no home alones on this day if possible.

MONDAY
23RD MARCH
@3:20PM



RSHE Parent Workshop



 Monday 23rd March
 8:45am - 9:30am
 School PA Hall

This workshop is an opportunity for parents and carers to see the content that will be taught across the school, so you have a clear understanding of what RSHE entails and how it supports children's personal development.

During the session, we will:

- **Provide an overview of the statutory RSHE curriculum**
- **Explain what is taught at different stages across the school**
- **Share examples of teaching resources and materials**
- **Clarify how lessons are delivered in an age-appropriate and sensitive way**
- **Answer any questions you may have**

We believe that strong communication between school and home is essential, and we hope this session will provide reassurance and clarity around the curriculum.

We hope to see you there.



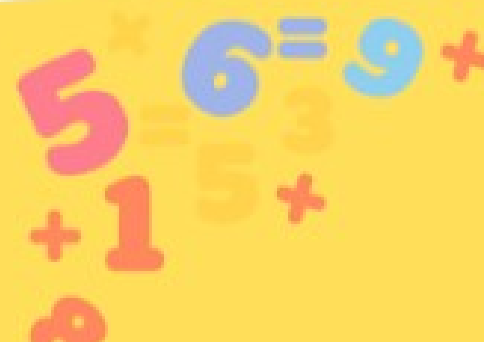


TEACHING TUESDAY

LEARN CALCULATION
STRATEGIES TO HELP
YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME!

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH
@8:45AM
IN THE PA HALL

• WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE
CALCULATION STRATEGIES WE USE ACROSS
THE SCHOOL SO YOU CAN FURTHER SUPPORT
YOUR CHILD? COME ALONG AND GET STUCK IN
WITH US!



MEET THE HEAD TEACHER



MS GREEN

ABOUT ME

POP IN FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT WITH MS GREEN TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK, HEAR OUR REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR SO FAR AND OUR OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM.

DATE & TIME

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
AT 8:45AM
IN PA HALL
ENTRANCE THROUGH
SCHOOL OFFICE





Junior
Adventures
Group

HOLIDAY



HQ

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



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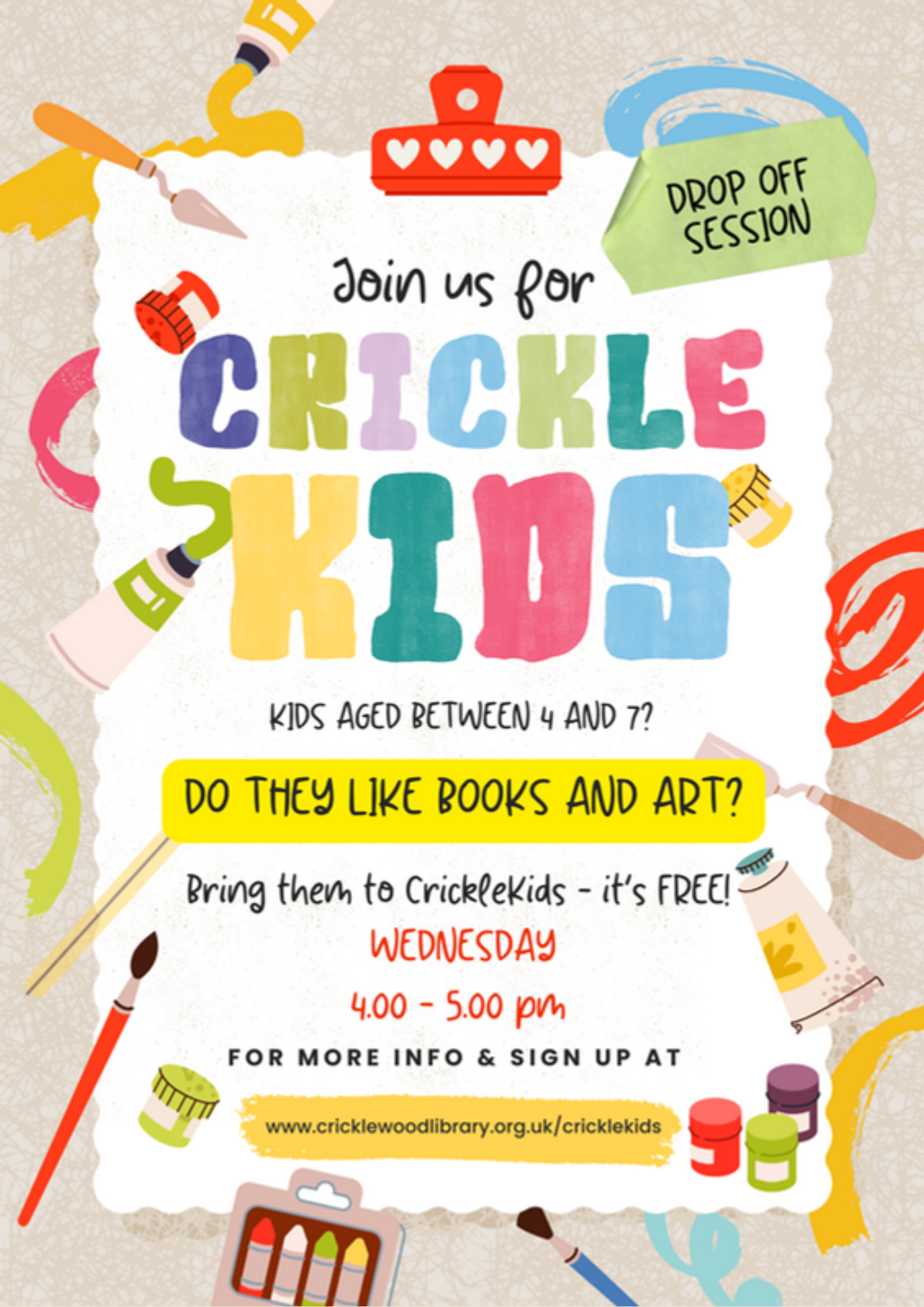
WOODLAND
CRAFTS

MULTISPORTS



**FREE EASTER HOLIDAY
HAF SPACES**

SCAN TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT



DROP OFF
SESSION

Join us for

CRICKLE KIDS

KIDS AGED BETWEEN 4 AND 7?

DO THEY LIKE BOOKS AND ART?

Bring them to CrickleKids - it's FREE!

WEDNESDAY

4.00 - 5.00 pm

FOR MORE INFO & SIGN UP AT

www.cricklewoodlibrary.org.uk/cricklekids