



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2 WEEK 7

Dear families,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to thank every one of our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

Together, we have achieved so much, and we are incredibly proud to share a 2% increase in our Reception Good Level of Development, a 6% increase in our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check outcomes, and an outstanding 92% of our Year 4 pupils achieving a score of 22 or above out of 25 in the Multiplication Tables Check. This year has also seen us successfully launch our Gladstone Park Pledge, giving children more memorable experiences and educational trips than ever before. We proudly introduced our Glad Times newspaper, established our fantastic Eco-Ambassadors, who already have exciting plans to open an Eco-Refill Shop in September, and welcomed more families into school through workshops and events than ever before, strengthening the partnership between home and school.

We are immensely proud of everything our children, staff and families have achieved together this year, and we cannot wait to build on this success as we look ahead to September. We are also eagerly awaiting our Year 6 SATs results, so please keep an eye on our Instagram page, where we'll be sharing and celebrating them as soon as they are released.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of our staff, whose unwavering dedication, care and hard work make Gladstone Park such a special place to learn and grow. We wish all of our families a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Before then, please take a moment to carefully read our uniform policy below to ensure your child is ready for a brilliant start to the new academic year.

Have a great summer!

Ms Green & Ms Hussain



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



@gladstoneparkprimary - here's where you'll find snippets of school life & information you need!

YEAR UPDATES

RECEPTION

What an Incredible Year In Reception!

We cannot believe that the school year has come to an end! It has been an amazing year, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved.

Over the year, the children have grown into fluent readers, confident writers, talented mathematicians, and creative artists. They have shown curiosity, resilience, kindness, and a real love of learning. We couldn't ask for more!

One of the highlights of the year was our visit to the zoo. Seeing the children's faces filled with excitement, wonder, and joy made it a truly memorable day for everyone.

It has been a privilege to watch each child grow in confidence and independence, and we know they are ready for the exciting challenges that Year 1 will bring.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership have made such a difference. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and every success for the year ahead.

YEAR 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time becoming smoothie designers in their DT lessons this term! The children carefully planned their smoothies, selected their favourite fruits and helped add the ingredients to the blender. The best part was tasting their delicious creations... they were amazing!

YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 have been practising crossing the roads safely as part of the Gladstone Park pledge. The children enjoyed practicing looking left and right to see if any cars were coming before crossing different roads around the local area. Check out these road safety experts!

NURSERY

What a Wonderful Year at Gladstone Park Nursery!
What a fantastic year it has been at Gladstone Park Nursery! It has been a joy to watch the children grow, learn, and develop throughout the year.

The children have made amazing progress, especially in their social and communication skills. They have grown in confidence, built wonderful friendships, learned to work and play together, and become enthusiastic learners. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

As they prepare to begin their next adventure in Reception, we wish them every success and happiness on their learning journey. We know they will continue to shine, and we look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things they accomplish.

Thank you to all our families for your support and partnership throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer break!



YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to work hard until the very end of the school year! They have taken part in their summer concert, written exciting tales and participated in exciting maths projects. Look how the children used peg boards and elastic bands to create quadrilateral and polygon shapes. The summer concert was a huge success and the children performed confidently and with a huge amount of talent! We are so proud of the Year 4 children!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been practising incredibly hard for the Summer Concert - learning lyrics, mastering dance routines, and developing their instrumental skills. Their dedication and enthusiasm shone through in a fantastic performance that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. It has been wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new skills, and learn so much throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have certainly packed a lot into their final few weeks at primary school! From stepping into the shoes of reporters during their fantastic visit to the Imperial War Museum, to enjoying a fun-filled picnic in the park with friends, they have created memories to last a lifetime. The highlight, of course, was their Graduation Ceremony, where there were plenty of smiles, laughter and more than a few tears. As we say our final goodbyes, we are incredibly proud of everything our Year 6 pupils have achieved and wish them all the very best for their exciting next chapter. 🎓 ✨ ❤️



ATTENDANCE



Thank you to all of our families who have ensured their children are in school, on time, every day! We have done an incredible job at improving our attendance this year.

Next year will see the continuation of the half termly non uniform day for the classes with the highest attendance AND we are running a competition for the class with the highest attendance on the first 3 days of term to win an afternoon at Gladstone Park! We start back on Wednesday 2nd September - so we shall see you then!

Attendance 26/27

Working together to Improve School Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for students' We know that children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve their potential, build strong friendships, and feel confident and secure in their learning environment. educational progress, wellbeing, and achievement.

At Gladstone Park primary school Attendance Policy places a strong responsibility on parents and carers to ensure that children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day, with a target attendance rate of 95%–100% wherever possible.

Parents should notify the school promptly if their child is unable to attend due to illness and maintain regular communication regarding any absence. If a child is absent and the school has not received notification, staff will attempt to contact parents. Where no contact can be made for three consecutive days, the school may undertake a home visit and/or contact the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to ensure the child is safe and well.

By working together and maintaining good communication between home and school, families can help prevent unnecessary concern, support safeguarding responsibilities, and ensure every student has the best opportunity to succeed.



How To Report Absence Nursery – Year 6 Students

If you know your son or daughter is going to be absent, please use one of the following methods to inform us.

- Option 1 - Call the Attendance Line by 8:35am each morning of your child's absence.
- Call: 0208 452 1350
- Option 2 – Contact the Admin team via email admin@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk
- Option 3 – MCAS report absence.

If leaving a Telephone or Email Message, Please Include the Following:

The name of child / Class / Year group

Reason for absence

Please inform us daily for any absences.

Please do not report any absence through class teacher.

If your child is absent and the school has not been informed of the reason, the school will try to contact you. If the school cannot reach you for three consecutive days, it may carry out a home visit and/or involve the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to check that your child is safe and well. Regular communication between parents and the school helps avoid unnecessary concern and additional follow-up actions

Please Remember - The school gate opens at 8.30am, 8.35am class door will open Gate will closes promptly at 8:40am all students should be in class for 8:40am, it is essential that children arrive within this time so they can start the day calmly and full prepared for learning. Arriving late means pupils may miss crucial teaching, instructions and early leaning activities which can impact their progress and confidence.

Anything after 8:40am is considered as late.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2026/2027

- **HIGH ATTENDANCE EXPECTATION:** PARENTS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAXIMISE ATTENDANCE AND AVOID UNNECESSARY ABSENCES.
- **ILLNESS PROCEDURES:** IF A STUDENT IS UNWELL AND UNABLE TO ATTEND, PARENTS MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL PROMPTLY AND FOLLOW THE SCHOOL'S ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURES.
- **TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS:** HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME ARE GENERALLY NOT AUTHORISED EXCEPT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND UNAUTHORISED LEAVE MAY RESULT IN FURTHER ACTION.
- **RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE:** ON A STUDENT'S FIRST DAY BACK, PARENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE ABSENCE AND COMPLY WITH ANY SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR CONFIRMING THE REASON FOR ABSENCE.
- **MONITORING AND INTERVENTION:** ATTENDANCE IS MONITORED, AND THE SCHOOL MAY WORK WITH FAMILIES OR TAKE FURTHER ACTION WHERE ATTENDANCE FALLS BELOW EXPECTED LEVELS

PUNCTUALITY

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD

- ARRIVE 8:30 AM AND 8:40 AM, WITH REGISTERS CLOSING AROUND 8:45 AM. ARRIVING AFTER THE REGISTER CLOSING OFTEN COUNTS AS A LATE ABSENCE. MISSING JUST 5 MINUTES A DAY EQUALS 3 DAYS OF LOST LEARNING OVER A YEAR, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.

CLEAR GUIDELINES AND LEGAL PROTOCOLS FOR MANAGING STUDENT PUNCTUALITY TYPICALLY INCLUDE:

- **LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY:** PARENTS HAVE A LEGAL DUTY TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ON TIME. PERSISTENT LATENESS CAN LEAD TO LATENESS TO BE MONITORED.
- **CLASSIFICATION OF LATENESS:**
- **PRESENT / LATE BEFORE REGISTER CLOSING:** USUALLY CODED AS 'L', THIS HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD ARRIVES AFTER THE DOORS OPEN BUT BEFORE THE REGISTER IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED.
- **UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE AFTER REGISTER CLOSING:** USUALLY CODED AS 'U', THIS APPLIES IF A CHILD ARRIVES AFTER THE REGISTER CLOSING (E.G., AFTER 9:15 AM OR 9:30 AM). IT NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THEIR OVERALL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE.

HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

SCHOOLS HAVE A LEGAL DUTY TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY. TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR LEARNING AND PROGRESS. PERMISSION FOR A HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME CAN ONLY BE GRANTED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IF YOU TAKE YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION, THIS WILL BE RECORDED AS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE AND COULD RESULT IN A FINE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO PLAN YOUR HOLIDAYS AROUND SCHOOL BREAKS, SO YOUR CHILD DOESN'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE



School Council: A Year of Pupil Leadership

As another successful school year draws to a close, we would like to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment shown by our School Councillors. Throughout the year, they have worked together to represent the views of their peers and make a positive difference to school life.

One of their key projects was organising a Tidy School Poster Competition to promote pride in our environment and encourage everyone to help keep our school clean and welcoming. Councillors also designed and carried out a Playground Safety Survey, gathering the views of hundreds of pupils across the school. The results were overwhelmingly positive, with the vast majority of children saying they feel safe at school, while also providing valuable suggestions that will help shape future improvements.



Looking ahead to next year, we will be electing a new team of School Councillors. They will continue to build on the successes of this year's projects while also helping to lead new initiatives linked to our School Development Plan. This will ensure that pupil voice continues to play an important role in shaping the future of our school.

We would encourage parents and carers to talk to their children about standing for election. School Council is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to take part in democracy, represent the views of their classmates and contribute to decisions that make a real difference. It helps children develop confidence, leadership, communication and teamwork skills, while ensuring that every pupil's voice can be heard. We look forward to welcoming a new team of councillors in September and seeing the ideas, energy and passion they bring to the role.



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 cow.

See the Makaton video using the link here:

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



PARENT HANDBOOK



Attention parents! Please refer to our Parent handbook found on our website for any school policies, uniform guidelines, absence procedures etc.

<https://www.gladpark.anthemtrust.uk/our-school>

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Polo shirt	Pale Blue	
Trousers/ Skirts	Black/grey	
Tights/ Socks	Black/grey	
Closed toe shoes (trainers can be worn but must be all black).	Black – there must not be any coloured detailing or sole. The shoe must be completely black.	
Hijabs/religious wear	Black/white	
*Leggings are not permitted * If thermals or undershirts are worn, they should be white or black *Jewellery is not permitted apart from a pair of small studs		



OUR THRIVE JOURNEY MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE!



We are incredibly proud of the progress we are making as a Thrive School and wanted to share some of our successes with our families.

Throughout this year, Thrive has become an increasingly important part of our school community. By placing children's emotional wellbeing, relationships and personal development at the heart of school life, we are seeing a positive impact across the school.

Our staff have embraced the Thrive approach, ensuring that children feel valued, understood and supported. Through targeted Thrive sessions, nurturing relationships and a consistent focus on emotional development, children are becoming more confident, resilient and ready to learn.

We have seen significant improvements in children's engagement in learning, their ability to regulate their emotions and their confidence in managing challenges. Pupils who previously found aspects of school difficult are now able to participate better in lessons, build positive friendships and are beginning to demonstrate greater independence.

The Thrive philosophy is not only supporting individual children but is helping to strengthen our wider school culture. Classrooms are calmer, relationships are growing stronger and children are building the confidence to recognise and talk about their feelings. This creates a positive environment where everyone can flourish.

We are particularly pleased with the way pupils are using the language and strategies they have learned through Thrive to solve problems, manage emotions and support one another. These are vital life skills that will benefit them both now and in the future.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our staff, the support of families and, most importantly, the enthusiasm of our pupils. Together, we are creating a school community where every child feels safe, connected and ready to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue this exciting journey. We look forward to building on these successes and helping every child reach their full potential.



AUTUMN 1 KEY DATES

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



**Tuesday
1st September**

INSET DAY - No School for Children

**Wednesday
2nd September**

First day of school - Gates open at 08:30

**Thursday
17th September**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

**Tuesday
13th October**

Individual School Photos

**Wednesday 14th
October**

Parents' Evening

**Thursday
15th October**

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Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 16th October 2026



AUTUMN 1 PARENT EVENTS



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

**Thursday 3rd
September**

Curriculum meeting EYFS @ 3.30pm

**Friday
3rd September**

Curriculum meeting Y5-6 @ 3.30pm

**Tuesday
8th September**

Curriculum meeting Y3-4 @ 3.30pm

**Wednesday
9th September**

Meet the head coffee morning @ 8.45am

**Thursday
10th September**

Curriculum meeting Y1-2 @ 3.30pm

**Tuesday
15th September**

Phonics Workshop @ 8.45am



**Tuesday
22nd September**

MTC Workshop @ 8:45am

**Tuesday
22nd September**

Y6 Workshop @ 3.30pm

**Tuesday
29th September**

Secondary School Workshop @ 8.45am

**wednesday
30^h September**

SEND Coffee morning @ 8:45am

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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Tutoring Club – Keep Learning on Track!

Did you know that children can lose significant learning over the summer holidays? You can help your child combat the “summer slide” through regular practice throughout the year helping build confidence, strengthening key skills and maintaining their progress.

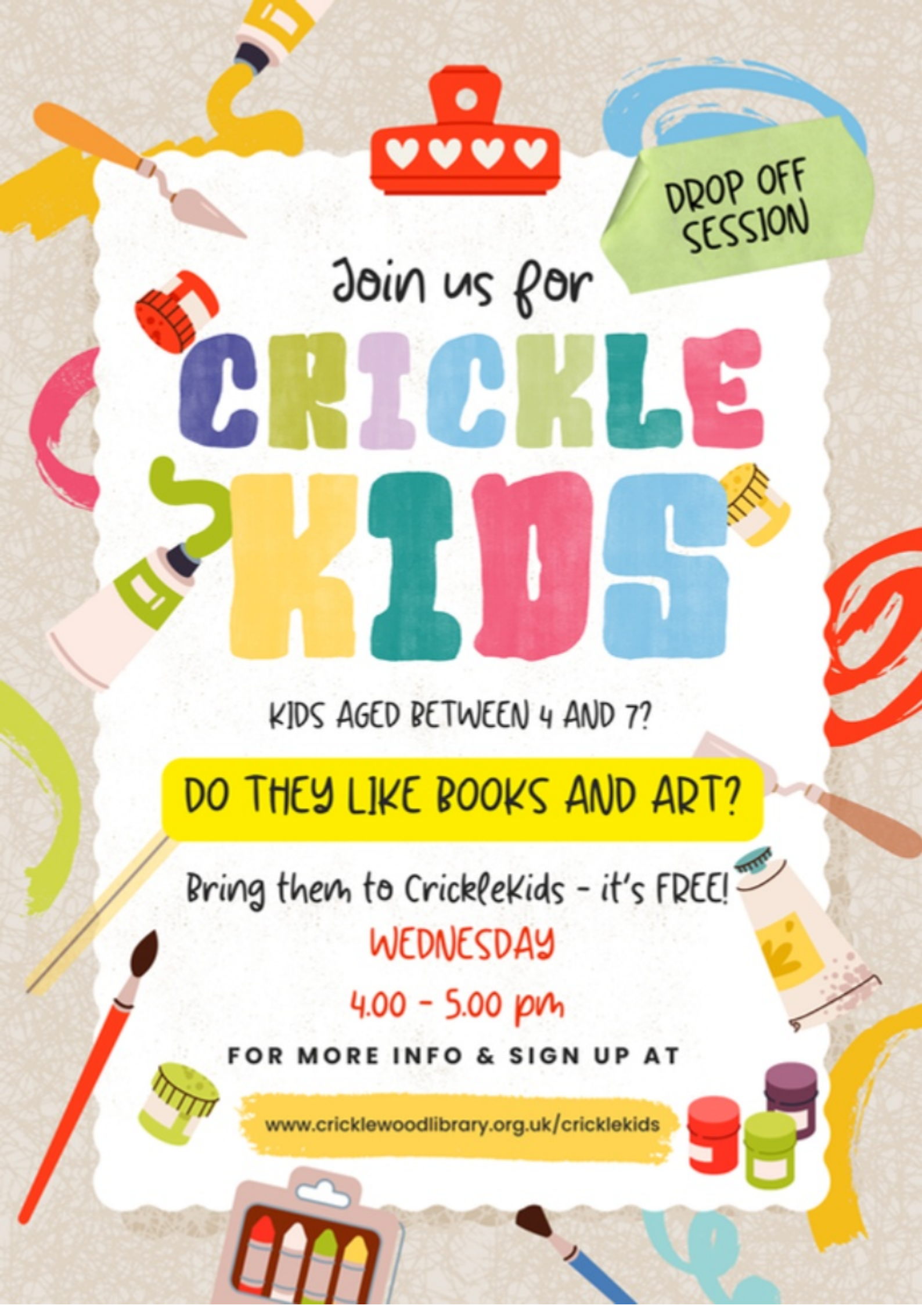
We're working with **First Class Learning – Willesden** to offer a **Maths Tutoring Club** at Gladstone Park. For just £50 per month, children will develop their maths skills through a personalised lesson plan while learning in a small-group class, giving them targeted support at a pace that's right for them.

Sessions: Fridays, 2:15–3:00 pm. There will be a short break on 14th and 21st August, with sessions continuing from September onwards as an After School Club (3.10 – 3.50pm) during term time.

Location: Gladstone Park Primary School

If you would like to register your child, please complete the booking form [here](#).





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SESSION

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

VENUE: THE CREST ACADEMY
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NW2 7SN

WEEK ONE: MONDAY 27th JULY to THURSDAY 30th JULY 2026

WEEK TWO: MONDAY 3rd AUGUST to THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2026

WEEK THREE: MONDAY 10th AUGUST to THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2026

Every day, 10am-3pm



PLATFORM
CRICKET Developing London's children
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IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 3 to 6.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- **AGES:** 7-11 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket.

He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Ben Ralph (Highgate CC; Level 2 Coach).



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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:

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SCAN HERE

PARENT SURVEY





GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER OF LITERACY!



FUN READING, WRITING AND TALKING ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Keep reading, writing and talking all summer long!



READ

Every day, try to read for **15-20 minutes**.

You could read:

- Novels
- Comics
- Magazines
- Audiobooks
- Information books
- Recipes
- Blogs and websites



While reading, talk about:

- ♥ Your favourite character
- ♥ The best part of the story
- ♥ What might happen next
- ♥ Whether you would change the ending

WRITE

★ SUMMER JOURNAL

Keep a diary of your adventures. Write or draw about:

- A favourite memory
- A trip or visit
- Something funny that happened
- Something new you learned



♥ GRATITUDE JOURNAL

Each day write:

- ★ 3 things you are grateful for
- ★ Why they made you happy

"WHAT IF?" STORIES

Get creative and write or tell a story!

What if...

- Animals could talk?
- You woke up in a video game?
- You discovered a treasure map?
- Your school was on the moon?
- You had a time machine?

CREATE

SCRIPT WRITER

Write and perform a short play with family or friends.



STORY IN A BOX

Pick 5 random objects from around your house and create a story using them all!



MUSEUM MAKERS

Create a piece of artwork. Add a title, description and your inspiration. Turn your home into an art gallery!



STORY STONES

Paint or draw pictures onto stones and use them to create new stories.



CAN YOU COMPLETE THE SUMMER CHALLENGE?

- ☐ Read 6 books
- ☐ Visit your local library
- ☐ Keep a diary or journal
- ☐ Write a story
- ☐ Read and follow a recipe
- ☐ Create a bookmark
- ☐ Design a new book cover
- ☐ Have a story picnic
- ☐ Write a book review
- ☐ Share a book recommendation

Tick them off as you go!

READ AND MAKE

READ A RECIPE

Help with cooking or baking.

Then...

Rewrite the recipe in your own words.



BOOK OR FILM?

Read a book and watch the film version.

Compare:

- Characters
- Settings
- Favourite scenes
- Different endings



STORY PICNIC

Take books, a blanket and a snack to the park or garden and enjoy reading outdoors!



VISIT BRENT LIBRARIES!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge and take part in Brent Libraries' Summer Fun Festival featuring:



Storytelling



Arts & Crafts



STEM Activities



Comic Creation



Treasure Map Challenges



Creative Workshops

Activities available across Brent libraries including: Wembley, Kingsbury, Willesden Green, Harlesden, Kilburn and Ealing Road.

Check out the latest events and times at:

www.brent.gov.uk/libraries



IT'S FREE!
Everyone welcome!

OUR SUMMER PROMISE



READ



TALK



WRITE



CREATE



HAVE FUN



See you in September!

HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER AND KEEP YOUR IMAGINATION GROWING!

