



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 WEEK 4

Dear families,

It has been another busy and brilliant week at Gladstone Park! With our rules and routines now firmly established, we are fully settled into our curriculum learning. Whether designing and creating in DT, reading fantastic books or learning how to recognise and regulate our emotions, there has been lots happening across the school.

Our adults have been learning too! Ms Green has been in school a lot this week, spending time in classrooms and working alongside our team. Our teachers have been learning Latin and continuing their professional development around assessing what children have understood and adapting lessons in response – all part of our commitment to getting 1% better every day.

A reminder that we expect children to be in full school uniform each day and, as always, every day at school matters. Being here and on time gives children the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and enjoy everything Gladstone Park has to offer.

Finally, this year we want to work even more closely with our families. If you need support with something – even if it isn't directly related to school – please come and speak to us. We may not always have the answer, but we will always listen and do our best to help or point you towards the right support. We are here for our children and our families.

Don't forget to sign up for parents' evening and complete our parent survey - we really appreciate your feedback.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Hussain
Head of School



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

This week in Nursery, the children have been busy learning through lots of fun and creative activities. They enjoyed planting flowers and learning how to care for them. They had great fun taking part in a drama lesson, where they used their imaginations to become superheroes! We also started exploring the lovely story Owl Babies and enjoyed listening carefully and talking about the characters. To finish the week, we danced, moved and twirled with colourful scarves, exploring different ways to move to music.



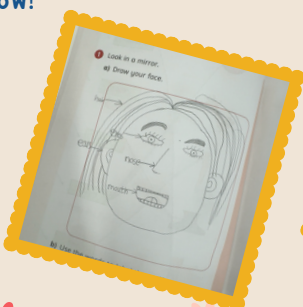
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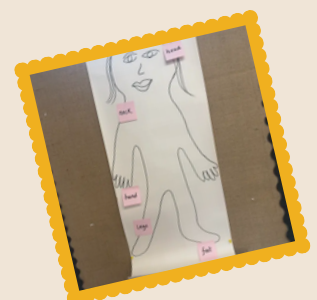
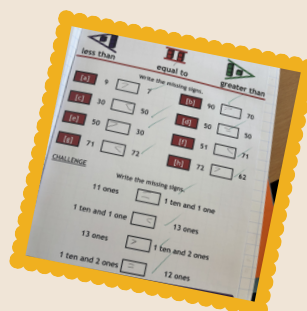
YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about naming and labelling different parts of the human body. The children have been so excited to use their new Science books and have already created some amazing work! Together, we outlined a child and worked collaboratively to identify and label different body parts, including the head, neck, hands, legs and feet. The children have really enjoyed developing their scientific vocabulary and showing what they know!



YEAR 2

Our year 2 children have settled nicely and are nearly finished with their first maths unit, place value. They have learned how to use base 10 blocks to represent double-digit numbers up to 100. They have been comparing numbers using the 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' symbols. The year twos have also learned how to place double-digit numbers on a number line, practicing their skip counting skills. This unit has set them up nicely for the rest of the year in maths!



YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working hard on their mechanical cars using a range of different materials including paper straws, wooden dowels, rubber bands and more. Each week, they've been working hard to improve their cars so that it can move further than the last.

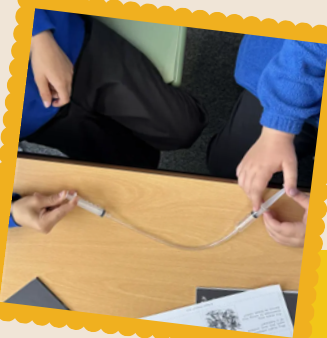
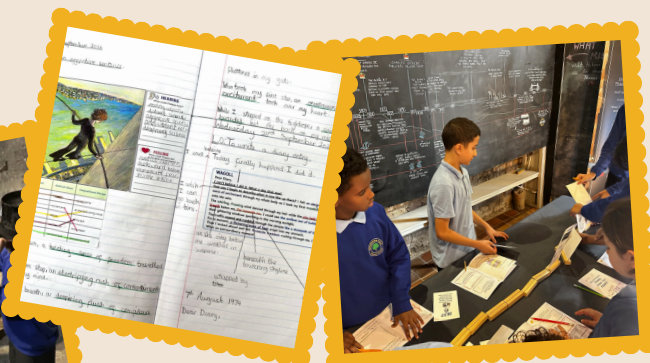


YEAR 5

Year 5 have had another fantastic week of learning! We have been learning all about the incredible achievements of Philippe Petit and exploring the fascinating story of his high-wire walk between the Twin Towers. The children have enjoyed writing formal letters to Philippe, carefully considering their choice of language, tone and structure.

In Maths, we have been learning how to find intervals on number lines and developing our understanding of how numbers are positioned and spaced. The children have worked hard to explain their reasoning and apply their skills independently.

Swimming has also been going really well! The children are becoming increasingly confident in the water and are showing great perseverance as they develop their swimming skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week.



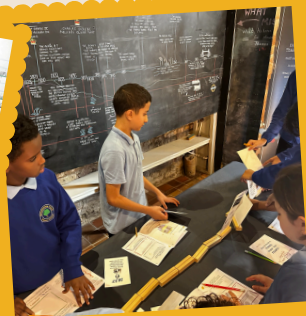
YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy getting creative! In DT, they have been exploring pneumatic devices using syringes and tubes. The children were amazed to discover how compressed air can create movement—pushing one syringe to make another move!

In Music, Year 3 have enjoyed their first two lessons with the BMS service. They have loved making music together, developing their skills and having plenty of fun along the way. We can't wait to see where their musical journey takes them next!

YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time visiting the Brunel Museum, where we explored fascinating underground tunnels and discovered more about the local area. The trip brought history to life and sparked lots of curiosity and great questions! Back at school, we are getting ready for our first Mock SATs next week and have been fully immersing ourselves in some brilliant writing. It has been wonderful to see so much creativity, determination and enthusiasm in the classroom. A huge well done to all of Year 6 for their strong effort and positive attitude throughout the first term. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6! 🌟📚✏️



ATTENDANCE

What an incredible week for attendance across the school!

A huge well done to Year 4, who achieved a fantastic 99% attendance, making them our attendance champions this week! 🌟 Closely behind were Year 6, who also did an amazing job with 97% attendance. We are so proud of both year groups for showing such commitment to their learning.

At school, every day really does count. Children learn new knowledge, practise important skills and build upon previous learning every single day. When a child misses school, they miss much more than a lesson or two. They miss discussions, explanations, opportunities to work with their friends and those vital moments that help learning stick.

Research shows that even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on achievement. The Department for Education highlights a clear link between attendance and attainment, with pupils who attend school regularly achieving better outcomes than those who miss more learning time. Children with attendance between 95% and 100% are significantly more likely to meet expected standards than those with lower attendance.

To put attendance into perspective, 95% attendance means around 10 days of school missed across the year, which is the equivalent of approximately 50 lessons. If attendance drops to 90%, this increases to around 20 days, or 100 lessons missed.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day and arrive on time. Together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunity to succeed. Let's see which year group will take the attendance crown next week! 🏆📚🌟



Nursery

80%

Reception

96%

Year 1

92%

Year 2

92%

Year 3

92%

Year 4

99%



Year 5

93%

Year 6

97%





ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

2026/2027

Gladstone Park Primary School

Every day matters. Every minute counts. ♥

LEARN • BELONG • ACHIEVE



Brighter Futures Together ♥

1 Why Attendance Matters

Good attendance and punctuality help children feel settled, keep up with learning and make the best possible progress.

- ✓ Keep up with learning
- ✓ Build confidence and friendships
- ✓ Develop good routines
- ✓ Achieve their full potential

Small steps make BIG futures ♥

Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

2 If Your Child Is Unwell

Please let us know ♥

Please contact the school promptly and follow the usual absence-reporting procedure.

When your child returns to school, you may be asked to provide an explanation for the absence in line with school procedures.

We're here to help and support you ♥

3 Be On Time!

Arrive between **8:30am and 8:40am**

Registers close at approximately **8:45am**

Children arriving after the register closes may be recorded as an unauthorised absence and this can affect attendance percentage.

Persistent lateness will be monitored.

Just 5 minutes late every day = around 3 DAYS of lost learning over a school year!

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

4 Term-Time Holidays

Please arrange family holidays during official school holiday periods.

Leave during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised term-time absence may lead to further action, including a possible penalty notice/fine.

HOLIDAYS BELONG IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Taking children out of school during term time can affect learning, progress and achievement.

Memories are special, but so is their education ♥

SAME LESSONS BRIGHTER FUTURES

LATIN

Salve! Latin has arrived at Gladstone Park! 🇮🇹📚

This year, we're excited to be introducing Latin as part of our curriculum. Learning Latin gives our children a fascinating window into the ancient world, while also helping them to understand where many English words come from and strengthening their vocabulary and understanding of language. It's another way we're building our children's knowledge, curiosity and love of learning – and we're looking forward to hearing plenty of Latin around school! Optime! (Excellent!)

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



On Thursday 1st October, we'll be celebrating National Poetry Day across the school!

Over the weekend, we'd love for families to choose a poem to read, practise and enjoy with your class on the day.



You might choose something funny, powerful, rhythmic or thought-provoking – or even have a go at writing your own!

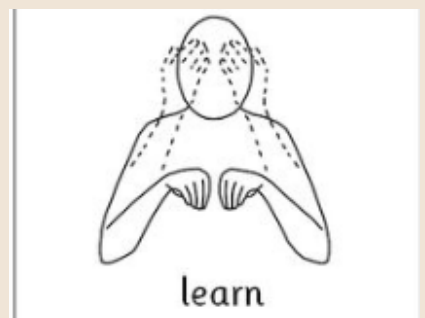
There are also lots of brilliant National Poetry Day resources and ideas available here: <https://forwardartsfoundation.org/national-poetry-day/>



Let's fill the school with poetry and give our children the chance to enjoy playing with words, rhythm and performance!

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 learn

See the Makaton video using the link here:

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Teddy.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

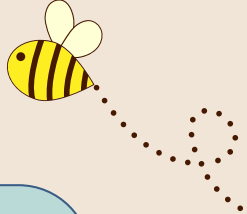
Polo shirt	Pale Blue	
Trousers/ Skirts	Black/grey	
Tights/ Socks	Black/grey	
Closed toe shoes (trainers can be worn but must be all black).	Black – there must not be any coloured detailing or sole. The shoe must be completely black.	
Hijabs/religious wear	Black/white	
*Leggings are not permitted * If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





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



Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 16th October 2026

**WE'RE
COMING
TO TAKE
YOUR
PICTURE
ON...**



.....13th.....DAY

.....October.....MONTH

'STRIKE A POSE'



JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT

PARENTS EVENING

14 & 15
OCT

BOOK YOUR SLOT VIA MCAS APP

- Choice of either 14th October from 15.30 to 19:00 or 15th October 2026 from 15:00 to 17:00 for your slot.
- Bookings go live on 24th September at 9:00
- Deadline to book is 12th October at 15:00
- As we are due Ofsted, we'd love for you to complete the Ofsted Parent Review Survey and share with us what you're most proud of at Gladstone Park and your feedback.





- ✓ Small, Structured STEM Classes
- ✓ Safe, Fun, Social, Active and Educational
- ✓ For All Boys & Girls Aged 5-11 Yrs
- ✓ The No.1 Holiday Camp - as Voted by You

OCTOBER HALF-TERM STEM HOLIDAY CAMP

Week A: Mon 19 to Fri 23 Oct 2026 (5 Days)

Week B: Mon 26 to Fri 30 Oct 2026 (5 Days)



FUN, Hands-On, Spooky Science Experiments with Take-Homes In Every Activity Week!

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Information: Autumn Half-term October 2026

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 19-Fri 23 Oct 2026 (5 days)

Week B: Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct 2026 (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>)

Halloween Science! - New 2026 Activities

Day 1> Atomic Monsters!

Getting To Know You!
Viral Viruses!
Pumpkin Life Cycle!
Haunted House!

Day 2: Gory Genius!

Eerie Eruptions!
Spooky Slime!
Witch's Cauldron!

Day 3: Trick or Treat!

Blood Making!
Skelly, the 3D Skeleton!
Witchcraft Illusions!

Day 4: Witchcraft Science!

Flying Bats!
Spooky Spider Webs!
Broom Zoom!

Day 5: Toil & Trouble!

Brain Building!
Manic Bone Hand!
Dancing Franken-Worms!

and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!...

Early Bird
and
Multi-Book
DISCOUNT!

Haunted School Venues this Halloween Serving:

NW London

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon
- Westminster

NE London

- City of London
- Enfield
- Haringey
- Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

SW London

- Kensington
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

See online for full list...

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Or call us today:
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"Science camp has inspired my child to learn more and he adores it, which says a lot about the teaching. It was incredibly reassuring to know he was in good hands. Highly recommend it. We will definitely be back for more!"



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Child's Centres &
Family Hubs

AGE RANGE

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SESSION LENGTH

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- ✓ Fun, engaging and age-appropriate sessions
- ✓ Delivered by qualified, DBS-checked coaches
- ✓ Supports the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- ✓ Builds physical confidence and social skills
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- ✓ Regular progress updates and feedback

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Jumping



Ball Skills &
Mini Games



Obstacle
Courses



Music &
Movement



Teamwork &
Cooperation



Throwing,
Catching &
Kicking



Coordination
& Balance



Fun Games
& Challenges

DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES



Improves Gross
Motor Skills



Enhances Balance
& Coordination



Builds Confidence
& Self-Esteem



Encourages Social
Interaction



Supports Listening
& Focus



Creates a Love
for Physical Activity

LET'S GET ACTIVE TOGETHER!

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- ☎ 020 3371 8615
- 🌐 www.motion4kids.co.uk
- 📍 London & Surrounding Areas

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