GPP Federation
Glebe & Picklenash
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Is it the end of term 1 already? It certainly is and what a busy first term it has been.

Let's start by celebrating our children in Reception. Starting school is such a big step and the children in Oak and Ash Class have been amazing. It feels like they have been with us so much longer than 7 weeks. When I pop into class, it's delightful to see them all getting along together and enjoying their learning. Recently, they have started joining the other children for assembly. They walk confidently into the hall, full of smiles. I'm so proud of them all!

The children in Year 3 have also settled well into life at Picklenash. During the first week, their teachers did lots of activities to help them get to know their new classmates. The aim was to build friendships and to develop their confidence. It has certainly worked. They have grown up so much, in such a few short weeks. Well done to them all.

Last week, we celebrated National Poetry Day. All of the children had been working hard learning poems by heart. During assembly, they performed these to a captive audience. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm with which the children took part. The range was amazing some new and some much older. There were even a couple I remember learning when I was at school too.

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale for Macmillan. We raised an amazing £229.65 which will go to support this amazing charity.

We still have lots to look forward to next week. On Monday, the children will be learning all about Diwali. There will be lots going on, including a dance session for the children at Glebe. We will also be holding our first Open Morning, on Tuesday, for our 2026 Reception starters.

Autumn is now upon us. When we return from the break, November will be upon us. Please ensure that children have coats in school as we will still be outside at break and lunchtime. As the saying goes; "There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing."

A reminder that school finishes next Thursday and return on Monday 3rd November. Have a wonderful half term break.

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

Pupil Absence

If your child is ill then you must contact the school office to let them know by 8.40am. You need to text/email or phone in. If your child has a contagious illness e.g. chicken pox, sickness bug then please advise us which date you think your child will return.

Attendance:

As we reach the conclusion of our first term for the academic year, I have been analysing the attendance data for both Glebe and Picklenash Schools. It is crucial that children attend school every day.
I encourage you to visit the schools' websites, where you can find information under the attendance tab, including the latest Attendance Policy for your review.

Introducing the 100% Attendance Jar
This term, I have launched a 100% attendance jar for each school. At the end of each week, if your child maintains perfect attendance, their name will be added to the jar. At the conclusion of each half term, one name will be randomly selected, and the winner will receive a £10 Amazon gift card.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please feel free to reach out to me. You can either call the school office or send me an email at:

attendance@gppfed.org
Warm regards,
Mrs. Sleeman

First Aid Update from Mrs Gough

At The GPP federation, keeping our children safe and well is always a top priority. Our trained first aid team is on hand every day to support children who are unwell or injured.

As we head into the colder months, please remember to:

- Let us know about any medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, or diabetes.
- Make sure any medication or inhalers your child needs are in school and clearly labelled.
- Keep your contact details up to date so we can reach you quickly if needed.
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As well our emergency asthma kits, our schools now have anaphylaxis (EpiPen) kits on site. Trained staff are ready to respond quickly if a child experiences a severe allergic reaction—helping us keep everyone safe and cared for.

As a reminder, school staff can only give medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. Please make sure any prescribed medicines your child needs are kept in school, clearly labelled, and up to date.

Thank you for helping us look after our school community!

Gloucestershire Health & Care School Nursing Service Parent Survey

Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.

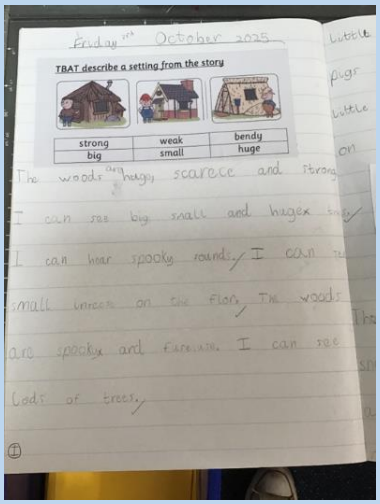
https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school

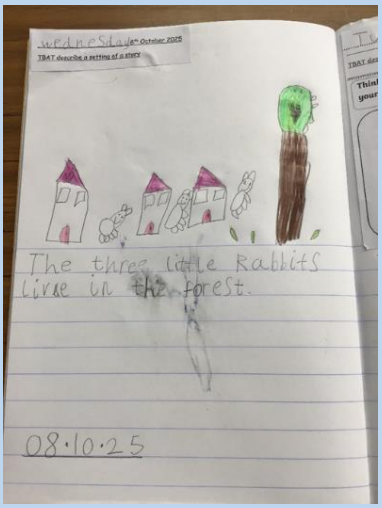
Poppy Appeal

Our Year 6 children will be selling poppies after Half Term in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

The Poppy Appeal aims to raise funds to support the Armed Forces Community, including veterans and their families. The campaign is particularly significant this year as it commemorates the 80th anniversaries of key battles for World War II.

Willow Class:





This term Willow Class have been reading The Three Little Pigs. The children have participated in role play, house building and character description.

They know the story word to word now!!

Over the weeks, they have been learning skills in the English lessons that has led them to start creating their own characters and settings to then write their own story loosely based on the Three Little Pigs. We cannot wait to read their finished stories at the end of the term!

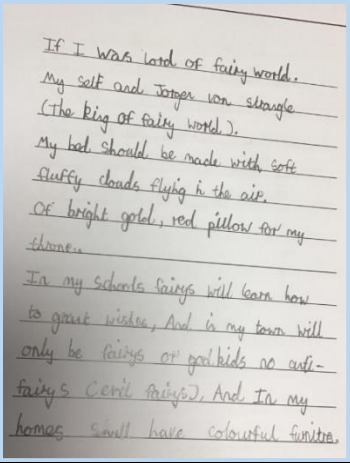
Maple Class:

Bonjour! It's been a busy but wonderful start to the new year in Maple class. We've been getting to know each other and settling into our new classroom and new routines.

In Maths we have spent lots of time looking at the Place Value of numbers and using the manipulatives to demonstrate our understanding.

We've produced some wonderful harvest artwork, learnt how to greet each other in French and found out what a remarkable woman Rosa Parks was.

Elder Class:



If I was lord of fairy world.
My self and Jasper von strangle
(The king of fairy world).
My bed should be made with soft
fluffy clouds flying in the air.
Of bright gold, red pillow for my
throne.
In my schools fairys will learn how
to grant wishes, And in my town will
only be fairys or goblids no anti-
fairys (evil fairys). And in my
homes shall have colourful furnitre.

What an amazing start to the year!!!! I cannot believe that we are 6 weeks into the year already!!!

The children have worked ridiculously hard on a variety of projects from baking autumnal recipes in Curriculum Kitchen with the generous support of some grown-up helpers; creating some stunning artwork on dreams and memories including some dream catchers; putting their D&T skills to the test with a diorama based on our book of that week 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'; some wonderfully written poems about a land they would rule over, learnt CPR and a narrative of the Three Little Pigs. They have dazzled staff with the pride they have in their books and the effort they have put into presentation. They have dazzled staff with super sitting in class and using the correct seating position to write with the most beautiful handwriting. We planted lots of different seeds to grow flowers to attract pollinators and are researching the perfect classroom pet for us to get. I cannot wait for next term...

Elm Class:

Elm class has really enjoyed reading a variety of fairy tales. We have discussed the stories together, answered questions about them, and written sentences using our best handwriting—staying on the lines and forming our letters carefully. Fairy tales are truly magical because they take us to enchanted worlds, teach us important lessons, and spark our imaginations. We explored Rapunzel by Sarah Gibb, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Hortense and the Shadow by Natalia O'Hara.

Birch Class:

Birch class have enjoyed learning a poem off by heart this term by coming up with actions and learning some Makaton to help us remember it. We have practised using the atlases in geography and learnt our harvest songs in music. We particularly enjoyed learning about the different types of teeth in science and making some 3D teeth ourselves!

Sycamore Class:

Sycamore Class have had a fantastic and creative half term! Apart from enjoying the space in the library, we've spent valuable time getting to know one another and developing our sense of teamwork, learning how to support, listen, and work together as a class community. Our English lessons have taken us on a journey through poetry, fairytales, and fables, as well as powerful stories like *The Journey* and Tom Percival's picture books, which have helped us explore emotions, identity, and what makes each of us unique. We've also travelled across the world in our geography learning, discovering the fascinating wildlife and landscapes of Australia. Music has filled the classroom with energy as we've learned to play *Harry Potter* on the glockenspiels, while PE has given us the chance

to build our football skills and show great teamwork, communication, and fair play. It's been a wonderful start to the year, full of creativity, connection, and curiosity.

Rowan Class:

This term Rowan class has learned all about first aid and CPR. We learned DR ABC - Danger - check the environment is safe, Response - call out and tap a person on the shoulder to see if they wake up, Airway - gently tilt the head backwards so the casualty can breathe, Breathing - check for breathing and if they're not breathing, call 999, CPR - start compressions on the chest to a depth of 5cm until help arrives.

We practiced on rolled up jumpers , making sure our arms were straight and taking it in turns when we got tired. Now we call all help save a life!

Cedar Class:

What a start it has been to the new academic year in Cedar class. We have had some great fun building relationships in order to get the year off to a really solid start. We have immersed ourselves in a range of activities from class circles (including plenty of fun games), to exploring maths manipulatives, to beginning our learning in PE, PSHE and French. In English, we have tried to put our own twist on the fairytale #Goldilocks as well as try our hand at writing a poem for the inside of a greeting card. The highlight of this half term was most certainly our science experiment to make lemon volcanoes. The children really enjoyed seeing the effect that bicarbonate of soda had on lemon juice!

Ash Class:

In Ash class we have been very busy with settling into our first term at school! We've been making lots of friends, taking part in lots of learning and having lots of fun!

The children have particularly enjoyed their Forest school sessions where we have been getting muddy and making conker worms. We've also loved drawing club where each week we have been reading a new story and making our pictures come to life with our wild and wonderful imagination! We've also been busy learning our phonics sounds and finding lots of ways to make remembering them fun - including fishing for them in slime!

Oak Class:

What a busy start to the school year it has been? We can't believe that Autumn 1 is nearly done! We are so proud of all the children in Reception across both classes as they have settled so well to their new learning environment. They have learnt the routines well and are making lovely new friendships.

They are working hard on learning their sounds and I can't wait for them to start blending and reading words and begin to bring blending books home. Thank you all so much for practicing the sounds at home, it makes such a huge difference.

We have been so lucky with the warm Autumn days and have loved being outside everyday. As I write this, we still have lots to look forward to this half term, including a trip to the allotments. Well done to everyone in Oak and thank you all for your support. Have a relaxing half-term 😍

Hawthorne Class:

This half term we have spent getting to know each other, which has been so lovely! We have been able to create some lovely artwork collaboratively to create our beautiful door display. This shows all the members of our class,

and our values. It has been a smashing start to our year! We have enjoyed a range of activities such as flag football, Van Gogh style paintings of May Hill and making lava lamps in a bottle.

We are really looking forward to making our Halloween slime and chocolate apples, and getting into the autumnal spirit!

Poplar Class:

A huge well done to Poplar class this half term. Miss Palfrey has been so impressed with your teamwork and determination to succeed. It is always tricky starting a new class but Miss Palfrey and Mrs Malone think you should be so proud of yourselves. Our value this half term was friendship, and it has been so lovely to see new friendships blossom since starting back at school. Well done Poplar

Beech Class:

Beech Class have been busy exploring their creative side this term, taking inspiration from the beautiful autumn season. The children have loved using a range of leaves and to capture the colours of the changing leaves, crisp air, and the cosy feeling of autumn. Their finished artwork looks fantastic and really brightens up our classroom — well done, Beech Class!

Breakfast Club:

A reminder that Breakfast Club is from 7.45am onwards in Glebe Hall. Parents can drop off anytime at Glebe reception and there is no need to book. Breakfast Club costs £4 a session and includes breakfast and activities run by a sports coach and our breakfast team.

School Dinner Menu

There will be a new School Dinner Winter Menu starting after Half Term. More information including allergy information will be on the school website.

THE GPP FEDERATION

LUNCH MENU

Week one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Beef Bolognaise & Pasta Or Tomato & Pepper Pasta	Pepperoni Pizza & Wedges Or Jacket potato (Beans, Cheese or Tuna)	Chicken & Gravy Pie Or Quorn & Gravy Pie	Cottage Pie Or Jacket Potato (Beans, Cheese or Tuna)	Salmon Fish fingers Or Cheesy baked bean slice
Sides/ veg	Broccoli Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Pea's Baked Beans	Mash Potato Farmhouse Mixed veg Yorkshire puddings	Broccoli Cauliflower	Penne Pasta Mixed Vegetables
Pudding	Chocolate orange crunch	Rhubarb crumble slice & Custard	Cinnamon buns	Strawberry Jelly	Assorted puddings
Week two	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Main	Hunters chicken & Potato bake Or Macaroni Cheese & Garlic bread	Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan bread Or Jacket Potato (Beans, Cheese or Tuna)	Roast Gammon Or Veggie Burger	Cowboy Pie Or Jacket potato (Beans, Cheese or Tuna)	Battered fish Or Cheese & tomato Pinwheels
Sides/Veg	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots Pea's	Roast Potatoes Farmhouse mixed veg Yorkshire puddings Gravy	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pea's
Pudding	Banana Cake	Apple Crumble slice	Chocolate rice crispy Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Assorted Puddings

Annual Parent Carer Survey for SEND Families:

Alongside our "You Said, We Did" Local Offer Report, the SEND and Inclusion Partnership (SILAP) were pleased to launch an Annual Survey for parents and carers on Monday, 6 October and the survey is open until Friday, 5 December 2025.

If you are a parent carer of a child or young person aged between 0 to 25 years old with special educational needs and/ or disabilities (SEND) who is receiving education or support in Gloucestershire then this survey is for you. If you know a family with SEND, do please pass it on for them to complete too.

Help us improve SEND services
(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

The Annual Parent Carer Survey is now open

from 6 October 2025 to 5 December 2025

NHS Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum

Gloucestershire County Council

Your views matter and will help us shape services

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To read our **'You Said We Did Report 2025'** and see what has changed in response to what you told us last year please visit:

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

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Gloucestershire's Local Area Partnership wants to hear your views on services for children and young people with SEND

Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement for children and young people aged 0-25 years

The survey will open on 6 October 2025 and close on 5 December 2025

NHS Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum

Gloucestershire County Council

Key Dates:

Monday 20th October 2025	Flu Immunisation at Glebe & Picklenash
Tuesday 21st October 2025	New Starters 2026 Open Morning at Glebe
Thursday 23rd October 2025	School closes at 3.10pm for October Half Term
Friday 24th October 2025	Inset Day at Glebe and Picklenash – school closed
Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	School re-opens at 8.40am
Thursday 6th November 2025	Year 5/6 swimming begins
Monday 10th November 2025 – Friday 14th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need
Wednesday 26th November 2025	New Starters 2026 Open Morning at Glebe
Monday 1st December 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025	Year 6 Bikeability – Details to follow
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	PTFA Christmas Fayre – After School
Tuesday 9th December 2025 AM	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 9th December 2025 PM	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 10th December 2025 AM	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 10th December 2025 PM	Reception Nativity
Monday 15th December 2025	Carols at St Mary's Church – Picklenash Only. Parents Invited
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Christmas Lunch – Children invited to wear Christmas Jumpers
Thursday 18th December 2025	Christmas Parties in Classes
Friday 19th December 2025	School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	Inset Day at Glebe and Picklenash – school closed
Tuesday 6th January 2026	School re-opens at 8.40am for Spring Term

Key dates are subject to change

MUSIC LESSONS

with Mr Dexter

Music is an important part of our lives today and learning an instrument can be both a fun and rewarding experience. Some of the positive benefits of this include improved co-ordination and focus, encouraging perseverance, discipline, and self-expression, and building self-confidence.

This term Mr Dexter will be offering 20min individual lessons in school on the following instruments:

Piano - Guitar - Clarinet - Flute - Saxophone

If you would like to encourage your child to learn an instrument please contact the school or Tim Dexter for further details.

Email: timdexter@hotmail.com

🎅 Santa's Grotto at Coinros Nursery 🎄

Great Oaks Hospice is excited to announce that our **Santa's Grotto** will be open at **Coinros Nursery** from the **end of November right up to Christmas!**

For just **£5 per child**, you'll receive:

✅ A fun **activity sheet**

✅ A **small gift from Santa**

✅ A little treat for **Rudolph** too!

✨ **All profits go directly to support Great Oaks Hospice.**

Bookings are by appointment only and can be made on weekdays.

📞 Call us on **01594 811910**

✉️ Email: **events@great-oaks.org.uk**

We can't wait to welcome you and make this Christmas magical!

Fully Funded School Support Course

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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.