



GLENFIELD NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

It has been a busy and exciting first half term at Glenfield Primary School! As always, the children have worked incredibly hard and have thoroughly enjoyed their new learning. This year, we have introduced a new approach to teaching some subjects through an enquiry-based curriculum. Rather than teaching subjects separately, learning is built around a key question, with different subjects linked together to help the children explore the topic in greater depth. The children are really enjoying this approach and have told us that making these connections helps them to remember their learning more effectively.

Today, the children have taken part in Express Yourself Day. A huge thank you to the GPPA, our wonderful parent association, for organising this event. As with all GPPA events, the money raised goes straight back into school to fund educational resources and equipment that benefit our children.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parents' evening meetings, and to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey. We are always looking for ways to improve, and your feedback is invaluable in helping us reflect on what we do well and identify our next steps. We are delighted that the survey results have been very positive. We will spend some time analysing the responses and look forward to sharing the findings with you after half term.

We can hardly believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term — how quickly it has flown by! We would like to wish all our children and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 26th October.

This week's highlights

- Diary dates
- Harvest Festival
- Thinkers
- Year 1
- Year 3
- Year 5
- Solvers
- Christmas performance dates
- Reminders
- Stay and play sessions
- Term dates



Diary Dates

Friday 30th October – Flu Immunisations

Friday 13th November – Year 4 Diwali assembly to parents 9.00 and 2.45

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November – Anti Bullying week

Harvest Festival

We would like to say a big thank you for all your kind donations, it really helps us teach our children the true value of community and sharing.

This year we have split donations to help support local families between our Glenfield school pantry, which is located in the reception area, and to Glenfield food bank hub based next to Morrisons car park.

Sadie, our year 6 prime minister and Emily, our year 6 deputy prime minister, handed over donations at Park House where they were very grateful.

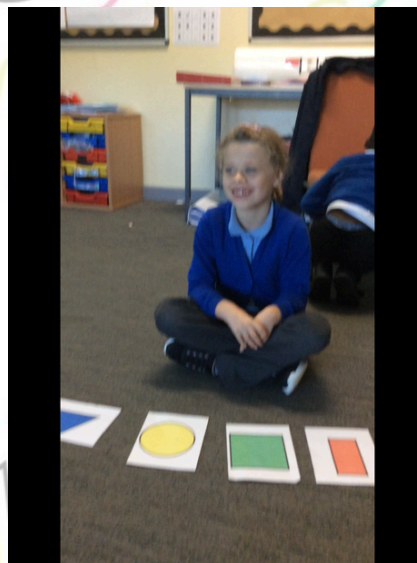
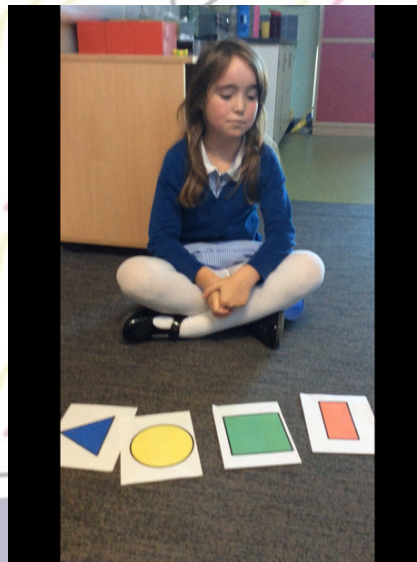
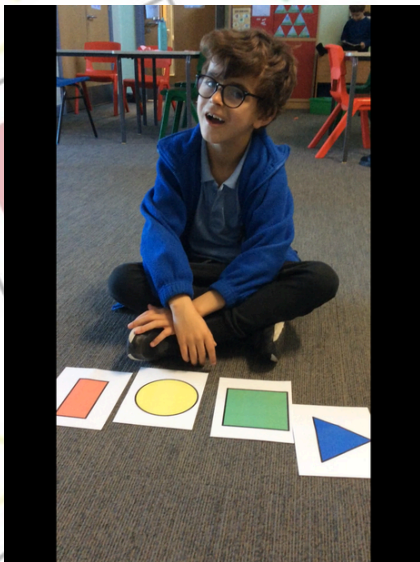


Thinkers

In Thinkers this week, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children have enjoyed exploring different shapes, learning their names, and talking about their properties. We have been identifying the number of sides, corners, faces, edges, and vertices, as well as sorting shapes into groups.

The children have shown great enthusiasm when investigating shapes in the classroom and spotting them in the world around them.

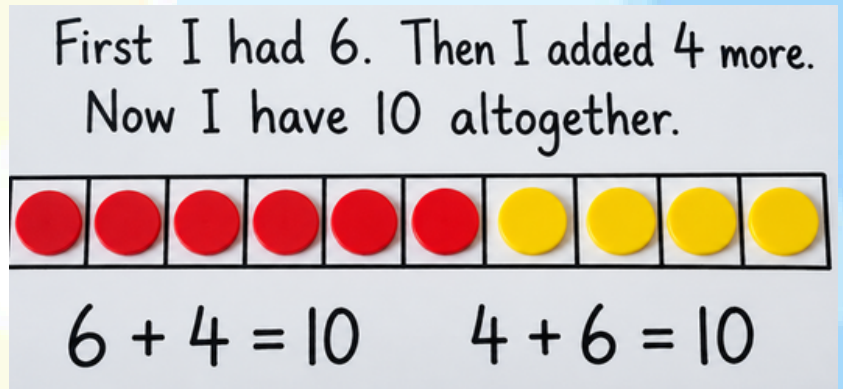
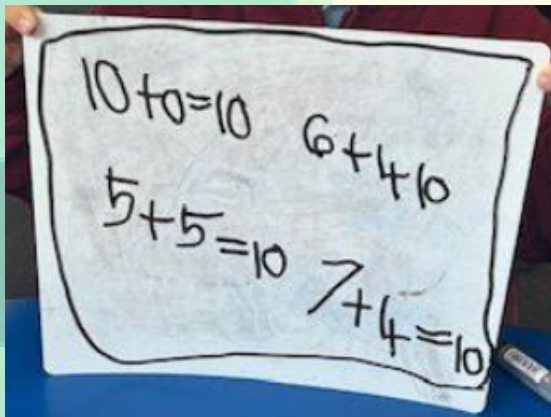
We are very proud of their hard work and growing confidence with mathematical vocabulary.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 concluded our first enquiry topic, 'Is New Always Best?', with a fun Kahoot quiz! We showed off our knowledge of historical artefacts, reliable memories, and how toys and transport have changed over time. To round off our learning, we reflected on everything we had discovered and summarised our thoughts to answer our big enquiry question.

In our maths lessons, we've been getting really good at adding numbers to 10 and writing the matching number sentences. We've been discovering that when we add two numbers together, it doesn't matter which order we put them in – they still make the same total! We've also been using number lines to practise making jumps up to 10, helping us to add with growing confidence.



We've been working hard on our self-regulation strategies, particularly when we might be feeling a little in the yellow zone after lunch. We've been enjoying musical tracing to help us feel calm, focused and ready to learn. Using ribbons to trace the musical patterns has been a lovely way to combine movement, music and mindful focus, helping us to settle our bodies and prepare for the next lesson.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant time exploring history through our artwork when we created our own paint from natural materials, such as turmeric, soil and charcoal. We investigated what people in the Mesolithic Stone Age would have used to make their own paint to paint the cave walls and we created our own 'rock face' to create on!

We also have had fun learning in Black History week and have studied an artist called Sonya Boyce. We emulated her style of using geometric shapes to create a background and put images of what is special to us layered on the top, just as she does. We investigated how black culture is celebrated in Leicester and then we really enjoyed learning about South African gospel music and performed our own version of 'Ndikhokhele'!

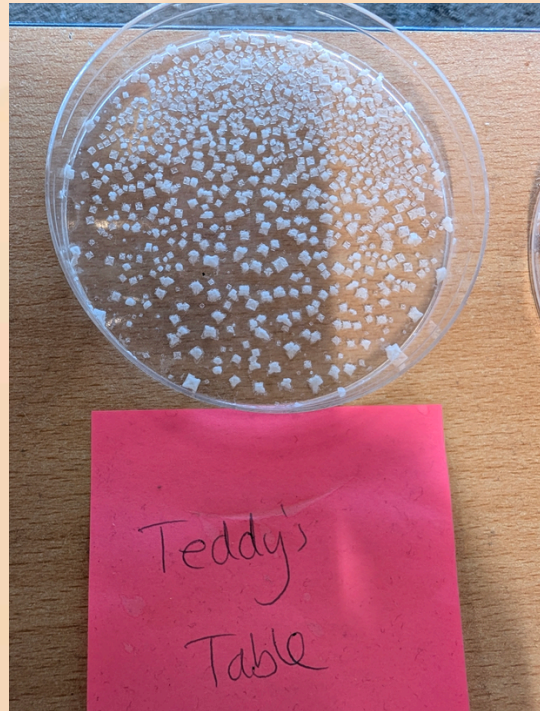


Year 5

As we approach the end of a very busy first half-term for Year 5, we just wanted to say how proud we are of the children for all their hard work and their perseverance, determination and kindness across so many areas of the school. We have drawn to a close our work on The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad in writing, producing some amazing letters and finishing with some exciting drama activities, and the children have really impressed teachers with their improving handwriting and composition skills.

We will continue with our enquiry - Does Everyone Leave a Legacy - after half-term, and it has been great to see the children enjoy finding out about inspirational figures such as Mother Teresa and William Booth (who founded the Salvation Army). Our focus will now shift more towards the history of the Anglo Saxons and their impact on Britain.

Finally, in science, we have been experimenting with materials and their properties, conducting a range of experiments to answer questions such as 'can you recover a substance once it has dissolved in a solution?'. The pictures show the results we found with a solution of salt and water...



Solvers

This term in RE we have been learning about Hinduism. We have recently been learning about the story of Diwali. We retold the story of Rama and Sita and have made our own Diya lamps out of clay. The children then looked at some designs and decorated their diyas with bright colours and beautiful patterns. They are looking forward to showing them off in our Diwali assembly in November.



Christmas performance dates

Please see below for the dates and times of our Christmas performances this year. We look forward to welcoming parents and families into school to enjoy the children's performances.

Wednesday 2nd December
EYFS Christmas Performance
9.30am & 2.15pm

Thursday 3rd December
Year 1 Christmas Songs
9.15am & 2.30pm

Friday 4th December
Year 2 Christmas Songs
9.15am & 2.30pm

Monday 7th December
Year 4 Christmas Songs
9.15am & 2.30pm

Tuesday 8th December
Year 5 and Solvers Christmas Carol performance at St. Peters Church
9.30am

Thursday 10th December
Year 3 Christmas Songs
9.15am & 2.30pm

Friday 11th December
Year 6 Christmas Songs
9.15am & 2.30pm

Further information about how to book tickets and arrangements for each performance will be shared with parents nearer the time.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children perform and getting into the Christmas spirit!

Reminders

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.30 in the morning and close at 8.43. If you arrive after this time, you must walk around to the main office and sign your child in on the electronic sign in screen.

A reminder that our school is nut-free. For parents/carers providing packed lunches for their child, please ensure that none of the food items contain nuts or nut products.

This is important to help keep all of our children safe.

A gentle reminder to EYFS parents/carers that when you are waiting for the EYFS classroom doors to open in the morning, please ensure that your child remains standing with you while you wait.

Children should not be using any of the equipment in the Early Years playground during this time or after school. This is to ensure that everyone remains safe. The equipment is for use during the school day under the supervision of staff.

Stay and Play sessions

Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?

We are delighted to be offering Stay and Play sessions for children who will be starting school in September 2027 and their parents/carers.

These sessions are a great opportunity for you and your child to come along, explore our school, meet staff and find out more about starting school.

Please see the poster below for further details, including session dates and how to book.



Glenfield Primary School

Learn together, achieve together and be the best we can be.

Starting school in 2027?

We offer a modern, secure environment with dedicated staff to nurture your child's learning journey? Please come along to one of our sessions.

Come along to one of our 'Stay and play' sessions with your child all at 14:30:

1st October

6th October

4th November

9th November

We also offer a school tour:

29th October at 9.30

16th November at 16.00

24th November at 14.00

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit.

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Welcome

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Half term break: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2026

School opens: Monday 26th October 2026

School closes: Friday 18th December 2026 at 3.15pm

Spring Term 2027

Inset Day (closed to children): Monday 4th January 2027

School opens: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term break: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

Inset day (closed to children): Monday 22nd February 2027

School opens: Tuesday 23rd February 2027

School closes: Friday 19th March 2027 at 3.15pm

Summer Term 2027

School opens: Monday 5th April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday (closed to children): Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset day (closed to children): Friday 28th May 2027

Half term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

School opens: Monday 7th June 2027

School closes: Friday 9th July 2027 at 3.15pm

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Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @Glenfieldprim

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have concerns about the welfare of any child, then you have a responsibility to call the First Response Children's Duty Team on 0116 305 0005.

Further advice/support on this can be obtained from the school's designated safeguarding officers: S Tibbles, A Thomson, Z Elkington, N Squires, & L Foster.