Autumn Term

GLENFIELD NEWSLETTER

26th November 2026

It has been a busy few weeks at school, and the children have been working incredibly hard. We have recently marked Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'. Throughout the week, children took part in thoughtful conversations in their classrooms and during assemblies about the importance of speaking up if they are experiencing bullying or know someone who is being bullied. We encouraged everyone to remember that their voice matters and that speaking out can make a real difference.

Last Friday evening, we also had the pleasure of attending the Flying High Trust Staff Awards. This special event recognises and celebrates the hard work, dedication and commitment of staff across the Trust, with a number of individuals receiving awards for their outstanding contributions. We are incredibly proud to share that our school had five winners! We are sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Elkington, Mrs Rudkin, Mr Robinson, Mrs Woolman and Mrs Gibson on this fantastic achievement.

An extra special mention goes to Mrs Rudkin, who was not only a winner for our school but was also selected as one of the overall winners across the whole Trust! This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to her hard work and dedication. A huge well done to Mrs Rudkin and to all of our winners! We are very fortunate to have such dedicated members of staff as part of our school community.

This week's highlights

- Diary dates
- EYFS
- Thinkers
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Solvers
- School Council
- Poppy Appeal
- Reminders
- Term dates



Diary Dates

Monday 30th November - Year 4 Djembe drumming performance
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 and Thinkers 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

EYFS

This term, as part of our Enquiry Question, 'What do others and I celebrate?', we have been exploring different celebrations and learning about what makes them special to different people.

The children have been learning all about the Christmas story and have been busy practicing their very own Christmas performance! We have talked about why Christians celebrate Christmas and how families celebrate this special time of year, sharing some of our own experiences too.

The children have also enjoyed getting creative by making and painting their very own salt dough Christmas decorations. It has been lovely to see their excitement, creativity and enthusiasm as they brought their decorations to life.

We are so proud of all their hard work.







Thinkers

Over the last few weeks in Thinkers, our pupils have been developing important life skills with a focus on increasing their independence. We have been practising how to use a knife and fork safely and correctly during mealtimes, helping children build confidence in managing everyday tasks for themselves. The pupils have shown great determination and have been working hard to improve their coordination, table manners and independence while eating.

We have also been learning about the importance of good oral hygiene and why brushing our teeth regularly is essential for keeping our teeth and gums healthy. Through practical activities, discussions and visual resources, pupils explored when and how to brush their teeth, as well as the role that good dental care plays in maintaining overall health and wellbeing.





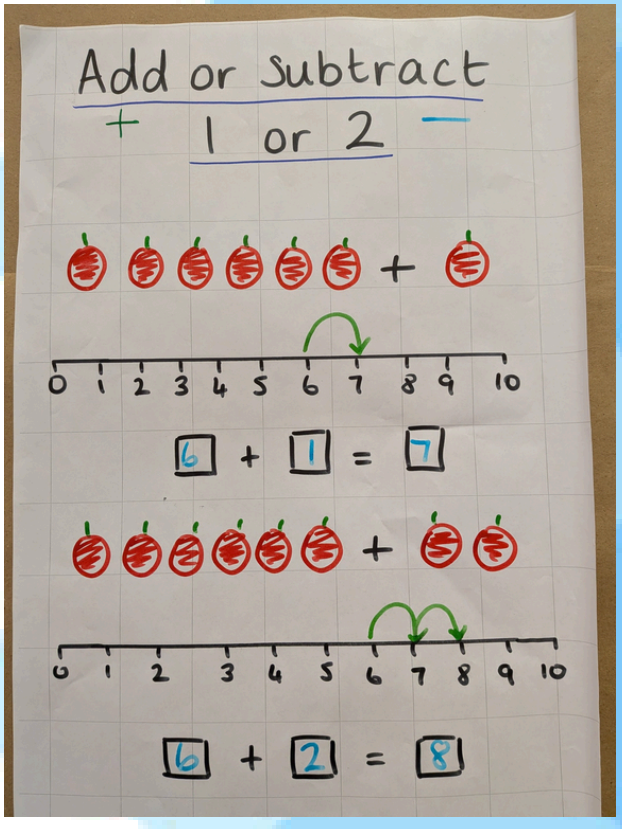


Year 1

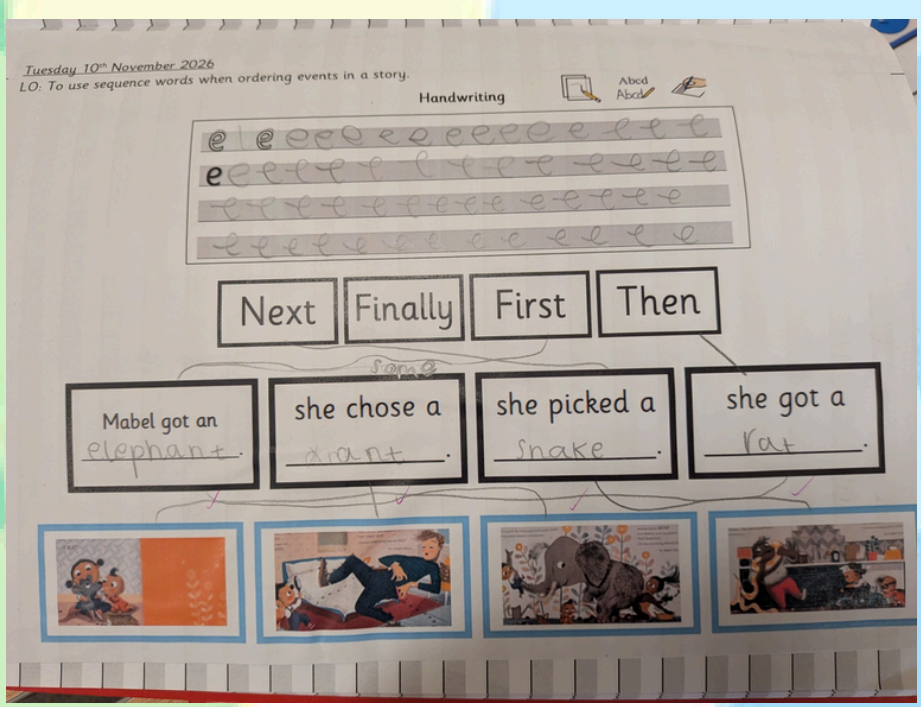
Maths:The children have really been getting to grips with adding and subtracting numbers to 10 using a number line.

We've been practising adding and subtracting 1 and 2 from a given number, and they've been doing a super job!

It's been wonderful to see their confidence growing.



Writing: We've been using sequencing words such as 'first, then, next and finally' to help us begin constructing sentences for our narrative retell of 'Not That Pet!' The children are becoming really confident at putting events in the correct order and using these words to help their writing flow.



Year 2

Year 2 have blasted off on an exciting writing adventure into space!

The children have been busy writing diary entries, imagining what it would be like to explore the galaxy. From discovering new planets to spotting mysterious aliens, their imaginations have been out of this world!

They have been developing their writing skills by using exciting adjectives, expanded noun phrases, past tense verbs and time adverbials to bring their space adventures to life.

We have loved reading their fantastic diary entries - what a bunch of superstar astronauts!







Year 3

The children in Year 3 have been working really hard this week.

They have completed lots of experiments in Science. We have been learning about how water travels through a plant.

The children have also been enjoying presenting their own assemblies to the class.

They have worked very hard in Maths, learning how to do column addition and subtraction.

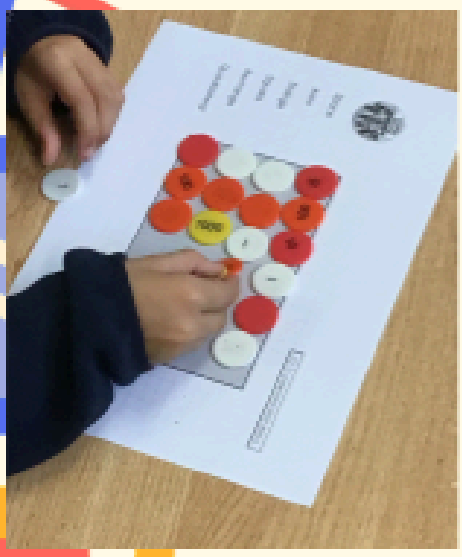
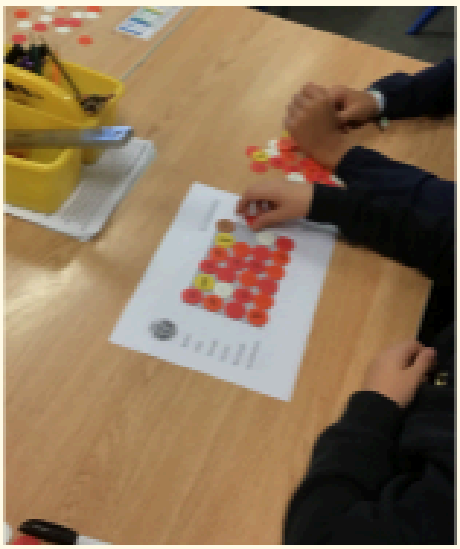
We also created a wreath for Remembrance Day.



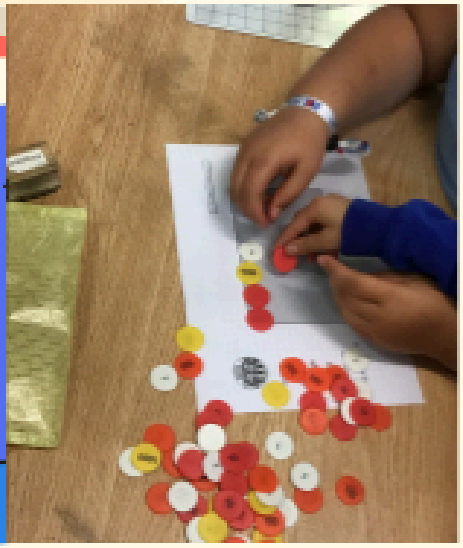
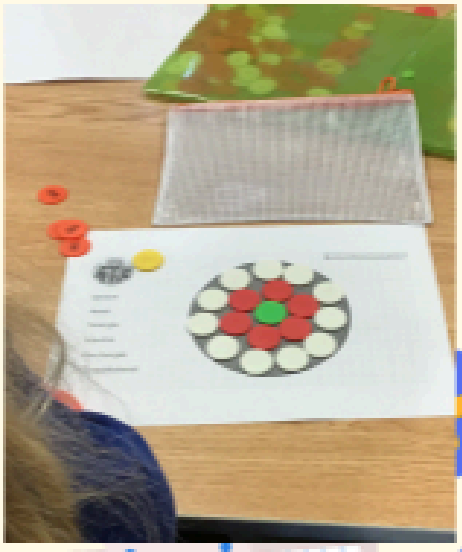
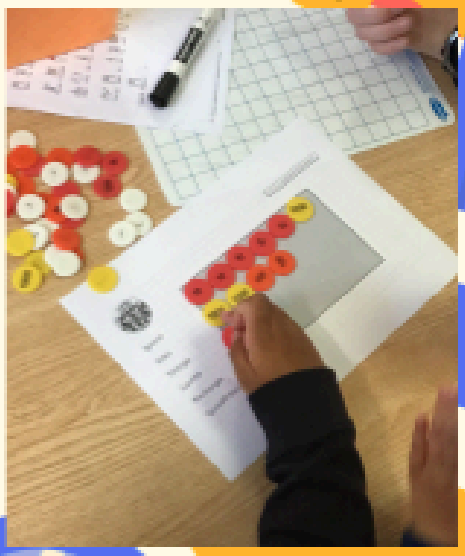




Year 4

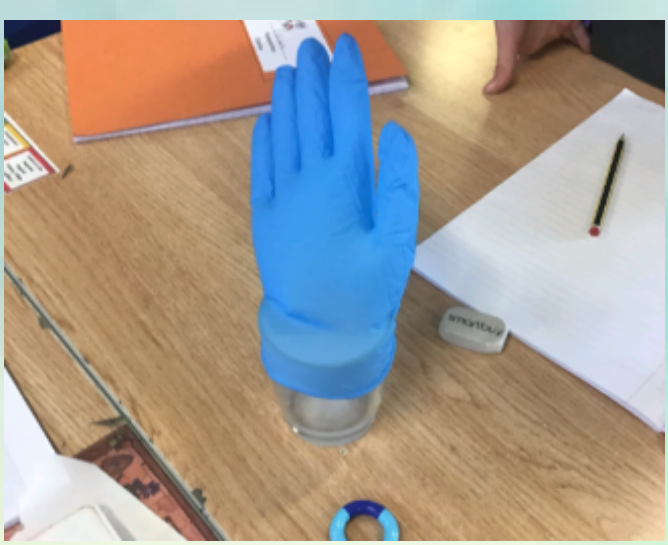

Year 4 have completed their maths unit on area! The children enjoyed a practical activity using counters to estimate the area of rectangles and circles, applying their knowledge and developing their mathematical reasoning skills.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been continuing our learning with our Enquiry 'Does Everyone Leave A Legacy?' and the children have been using their historian skills to study sources and answer the question 'Was King Alfred actually great?'. They thought critically about information they had read and were able to argue points clearly, holding group debates about each bit of information.

Elsewhere, we have been wrapping up our science unit on Materials and their Properties, but not before carrying out a fun experiment involving irreversible changes...and rubber gloves! See for yourselves in the pictures! Safe to say this was a very fun session and the children enjoyed talking about their observations.







Year 6

During Anti-Bullying Week, Year 6 have been celebrating what makes us unique and exploring how we can stand up against bullying.
From designing our own odd socks to creating exciting school projects aimed at tackling bullying, the children have been thinking about how we can make our school an even kinder, safer and more inclusive place. Ideas included introducing help hubs where children can seek support, alongside playground workshops and activity zones to encourage positive friendships and bring everyone together.

We also were lucky enough to have some special visitors, who delivered a workshop all about anti-bullying; we got to role-play different scenarios to show the impact of and how we should respond to bullying behaviours.

All of these activities have linked beautifully to our enquiry question, 'What impact does conflict have?', helping us to consider the impact of bullying and conflict, and the positive difference we can all make by showing kindness, respect and standing up for one another.





Solvers

In our Enquiry lessons, we have been looking at the question How do past decisions shape the future? We looked at how Roman technology and engineering has helped us solve different problems.

We created our own underfloor heating system using coloured tissue to show we are lighting the furnace below the Roman baths to heat them up. Then we created an aqueduct to transport water from one town to another. Lots of team work was needed here but they worked together brilliantly.

Finally, we explored how Romans built roads using layers of mud, gravel and flat stone. We tested a muddy road and couldn't get our toy car across.

The children had a great time being Roman engineers.





School Council

This term in School Council, we have linked our efforts to the school value of 'Respect'.

During the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, the children of school council - including our Prime Minister and Deputy - were selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion. They did a fantastic job to raise support for such an important cause and it was lovely to see so many children wearing their poppies with pride. The school raised a total of £281.26.

At 11am on the 11th November, Glenfield Primary School held our 2 minutes silence to show our respect for those who gave their lives for freedom.



The School Council also supported our Children In Need appeal. They helped to collect money from the classes and counted it up.
We raised just over £430 which is amazing!
Thank you to everyone who donated!



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit **rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal**

To Glenfield Primary School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Registered charity number 219279

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.

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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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.