



GLENFIELD NEWSLETTER

16th January 2026

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our children and families! We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break, filled with special moments together.

It has been wonderful to see the children return with smiles, stories, and lots of enthusiasm for the term ahead.

We are looking forward to an exciting new term of learning, growth, and fun as we continue to work together to support every child to be the best that they can be.

This week's highlights

- Diary dates
- Year 1
- Year 3
- Year 5
- Solvers
- Thinkers
- TT Rockstars
- School crossing notice
- Term dates

WELCOME BACK!

Diary Dates

Friday 6th February - EYFS Chinese New Year assembly 9.00am and 2.45pm

Monday 9th February - Wednesday 11th February - Parents' evening meetings

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - School closed for half term

Tuesday 24th February - Year 5 Space Centre trip

Wednesday 2nd March - Year 2 Twycross Zoo trip

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 12th March - Year 3 and Solvers Creswell Craggs trip

Friday 13th March - Year 6 Eid assembly 9.00am and 2.45pm

Thursday 19th March - Year 4 Bradgate Park trip

Wednesday 25th March - EYFS Stonehurst Farm trip

Thursday 26th March - Year 2 Easter assembly

Year 1

Year 1 have had lots of colourful fun in our Art lessons! We learned how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. We discovered that yellow and red make orange, blue and red make purple, and blue and yellow make green. The best part was experimenting by mixing the colours on our hands - it was messy, exciting, and great fun!

In our Writing lessons, we have been enjoying the story The Bog Baby. Bog Baby is a little, blue creature with tiny wings and boggly eyes who lives in Bluebell Woods. We have been practising using prepositions to write descriptive sentences about Bog Baby's home. Look at some of our fabulous ideas!



The moon is in the dark sky.

The lily pad was on the pond and the bluebells were between the trees.

The slimy and wriggly tadpoles were swimming under the water.

Prepositions

beside



behind

between



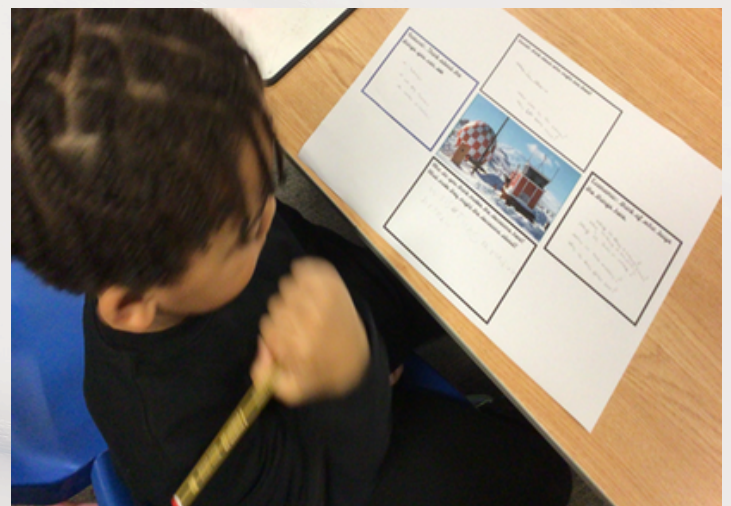
Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start back to the term.

They have been introduced to our new focus in geography 'Antarctica,' where the children generated questions using the compass rose enquiry.

Furthermore, the children have developed their knowledge of the eight times tables and have learnt the relevant multiplication and division facts.

In Science, we have learned about the different nutrients needed for a healthy diet.



Year 5

Year 5 have blasted off into our brand-new science topic: Space! 🚀
The children have been exploring the universe and discovering all the amazing things inside it - planets, stars, and galaxies galore! They have been learning about the heliocentric model, finding out how planets orbit the Sun and how everything moves in our solar system. To show their understanding, the children even used drama to act out the solar system, taking on the roles of planets and the Sun to bring the motions of space to life. The children have loved imagining the vastness of the universe, thinking about distant worlds, and dreaming about what might be out there beyond our own planet! ✨

Thursday 8th January

What is the Universe?

neptune ✓

uranus ✓

milky way ✓



mercury
mercury ✓

Sun ✓



moon

Saturn ✓

Jupiter ✓

Mars ✓

Earth ✓
satellites ✓

Venus ✓

Wednesday 14th January

Orbits in Our Solar System

What word describes the way planets move around the Sun?

Orbiting ✓

What force keeps the planets travelling around the Sun?

gravity ✓

How many days does it take the Earth to orbit the Sun once?

365 days and $\frac{1}{4}$ ✓

Why do we have leap years?

to Because the $\frac{1}{4}$ resembles the year so it extra time x

What do all moons and artificial satellites do?

→ Try again use the word

light up the earth x

What is the name of the moon that orbits the Earth?

natural satellite x moon ✓

How long does it take the Moon to orbit the Earth?

28 days ✓

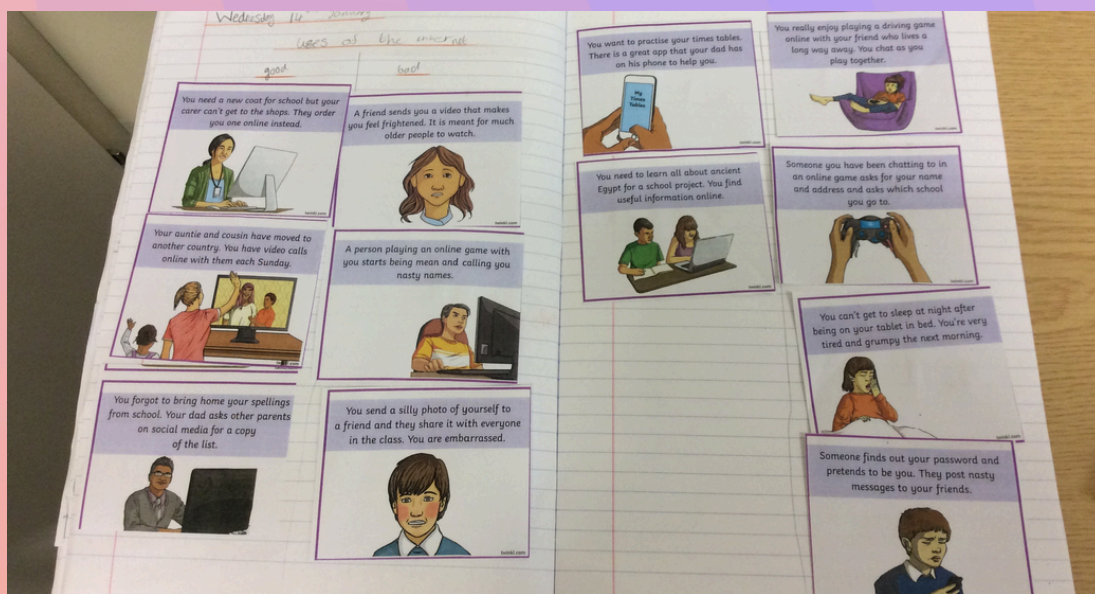
The ISS is the International Station. It is a satellite that works
★ How long does it take?



Solvers

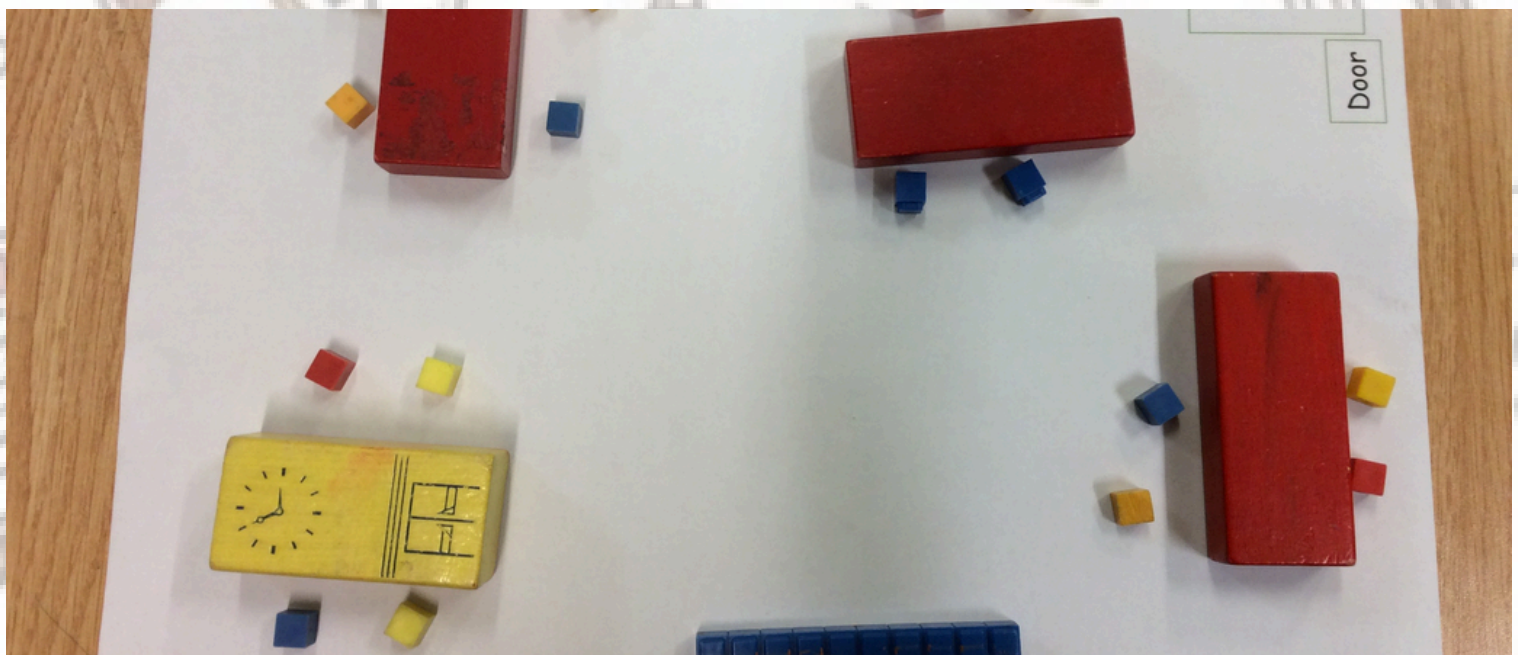
This week in Solvers' PSHE lesson, we have been talking about the safe uses of the internet. We started off by discussing the amazing ways in which the internet can help us but also how there are a lot of negative sides and risks associated with the internet.

The Solvers were good at talking about the ways that we can stay safe on the internet and how we can still enjoy the games and websites that we can access, if we ensure that we are safe. If there is anything that happens that we don't like, we know that we can talk to our trusted adult, at school or at home, who will always do their best to help us out.



Thinkers

This week in geography, Thinkers have been learning about different types of maps. We have been creating messy maps and ariel views of our school using a variety of resources in the classroom. We have also been on a walk around our school grounds which we will be writing a recount of in our English lessons.



TTRockstars

We've had a fantastic start on TTRS and NumBots this term, and we'd like to say a big well done to all the children who have already been busy playing and practising their maths skills 🖐️⭐ It's been great to see such enthusiasm and commitment!

This term, most year groups will be learning multiplication and division, so regular practise on TTRS is especially important to help children build speed, accuracy and confidence with their times tables $+$ \times \div

Our focus this term is on earning the most coins 🪙, so the more you play, the more you earn. Coins can be spent on fun and exciting items to personalise your avatar 🧢, which is always a great motivation. Let's keep up the great effort and get playing as much as possible this term! 🚀



NUMBOTS
Glenfield Primary School
LEADERBOARD

1. **Jake**
2. **John**
3. **Harry**
4. **Borsa**
5. **Amelia**



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
Glenfield Primary School
LEADERBOARD

1. **Olivia**
2. **Krish**
3. **George**
4. **Veer**
5. **Olta**

School crossing notice



Please be advised that there is no crossing patrol in operation. We kindly ask parents and carers to take extra care when travelling to and from school and to ensure children can cross safely.

Term Dates

School closes for half term break

Friday 13th February 2026 at 3.15pm

School opens

Monday 23rd February 2026

School closes for Easter break

Friday 27th March 2026 at 3.15pm

School opens

Monday 13th April 2026

May day Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026

School closes for half term break

Thursday 21st May 2026 at 3.15pm

School opens

Monday 1st June 2026

School closes for summer break

Friday 10th July 2026 at 3.15pm

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 Stretton.

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