



GLENFIELD NEWSLETTER

18th September 2026

It has been another busy and exciting couple of weeks at Glenfield Primary School.

We have held our Welcome Meetings for each year group, giving parents the opportunity to find out more about what to expect during the year and how they can support their children's learning. The PowerPoint presentations from these meetings will be available on the school website from today, so if you were unable to attend, please do take some time to look through the information.

Some of our Year 6 children have also started their swimming lessons, while Bikeability took place for a number of our Year 6 pupils, helping to reinforce the importance of staying safe when cycling on the roads.

Our Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic toy workshop linked to their topic, 'Is New Always Best?', providing a hands-on opportunity to explore their learning.

We were also very proud to have 10 of our Year 6 pupils attend the Youth Conference at Blaby District Council offices, where they had the opportunity to speak with local councillors and share their ideas about how Glenfield could be further developed.

It has certainly been a busy few weeks, with lots of exciting learning opportunities and experiences for our children!

This week's highlights

- Diary dates
- Year 1
- Year 3
- Year 5
- Thinkers
- Solvers
- Year 6 Blaby Council visit
- Christmas performance dates
- GPPA
- Reminders
- Stay and play sessions
- Harvest
- Book fair
- Term dates

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September - Year 6 Warning Zone trip

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes - introductory meeting for parents 5.00

Thursday 24th September - Year 6 assembly to parents 9.00 and 2.45

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September - Year 1 Phonics workshop for parents 9.00

Wednesday 30th September - Year 6 Residential to Condover - introductory meeting for parents 5.00

Monday 5th October - School photographer in - individual and sibling photos

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October - EYFS Phonics workshop for parents 9.00

Thursday 8th October - Year 1 Harvest assembly to parents 9.00 and 2.45

Thursday 8th October - Year 4 and Solvers Hindu Temple trip

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

Year 1

It has been a busy and exciting start to Year 1, with lots of new learning and new experiences!

We have begun our Enquiry: 'Is new always best?', by exploring how toys and transport have changed over time.

In Science, we've been researching materials used to make objects and how these have developed to make them more suitable for their purpose. For example, we found that Victorian toys were often made from wood, while metal was later used to create moving parts and mechanisms. Today, many toys are made from colourful, durable plastic and use batteries and electronics to make them move and work.

We've also been lucky enough to take part in an 'Old Toys' workshop this week, exploring and playing with old toys and participating in games that children in Victorian times used to play. It was great fun and we showed real curiosity by asking thoughtful questions linked to our learning.



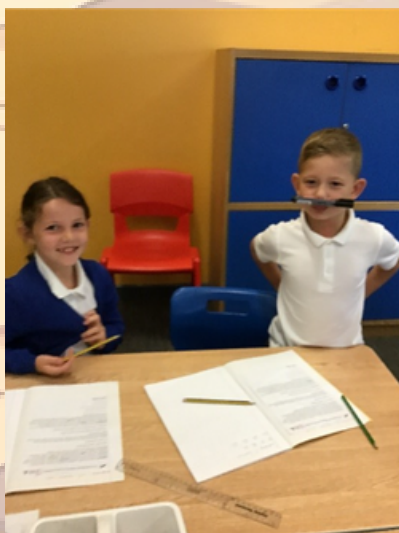
Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy and brilliant start to the year!

We have transported ourselves into the Mesolithic Stone Age to find out how people lived, what they ate and how they made cave art! We made a human timeline out of paper to understand just how long ago Stone Age people lived and what BC and BCE mean.

We have been exploring The Wolf's Story in writing and have conducted interviews, as journalists would, on the characters to infer emotions!

In Science, we have been exploring rocks, particularly the different types of rock and tested to investigate permeability!



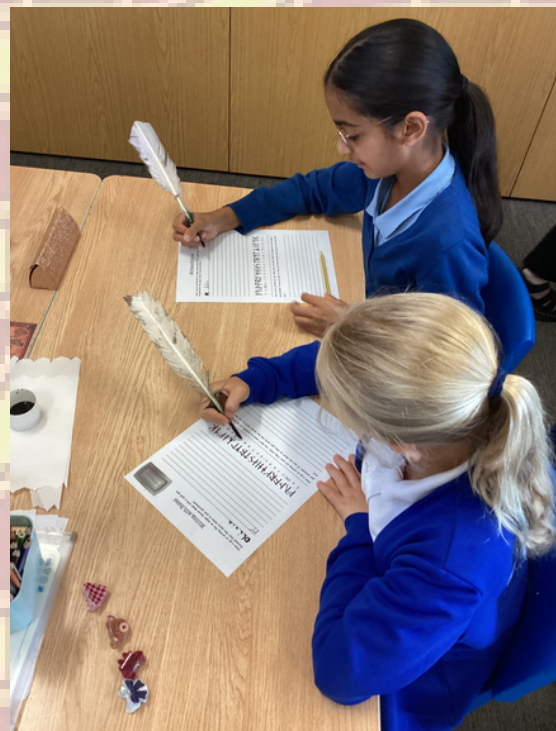
Year 5

We can't quite believe we are already 4 weeks into the term here in Year 5 – it has flown by!

We recently welcomed in a history expert who led our fearless enquirers into the time of the Anglo-Saxons. As well as experiencing life as an Anglo-Saxon warrior, complete with much dressing up and sword – swinging, the Year 5s also spent time learning about how they settled disagreements with a 'folk mute'. It would seem that 'trial by fire' was a popular way to settle an argument!

Back in the classroom, children experimented writing Saxon runes using a quill and ink and trying their hand at a popular Anglo-Saxon game: Nine-Men's Morris.

A wonderful start to our enquiry and our year of learning!



Thinkers

In Thinkers, we have been sharing Little Red Riding Hood for our guided reading lessons. This was a story that most were familiar with and allowed them to really discuss elements of the story. We have thought about the vocabulary used within the story, what some of the key vocabulary means and answered some key questions about the story.

As a part of our My Creativity lessons, we have also been acting the story out, with Thinker's pupils taking on the key roles in the story! They really enjoyed this element of their learning, sharing some our best howls from the Big Bad Wolf.

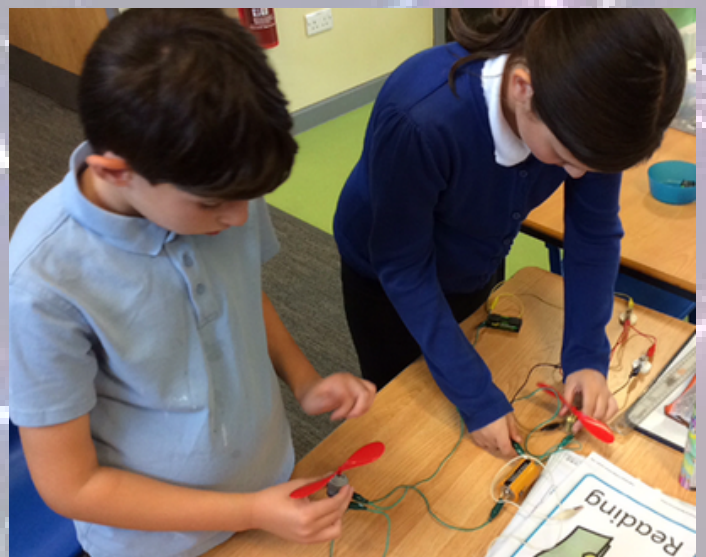
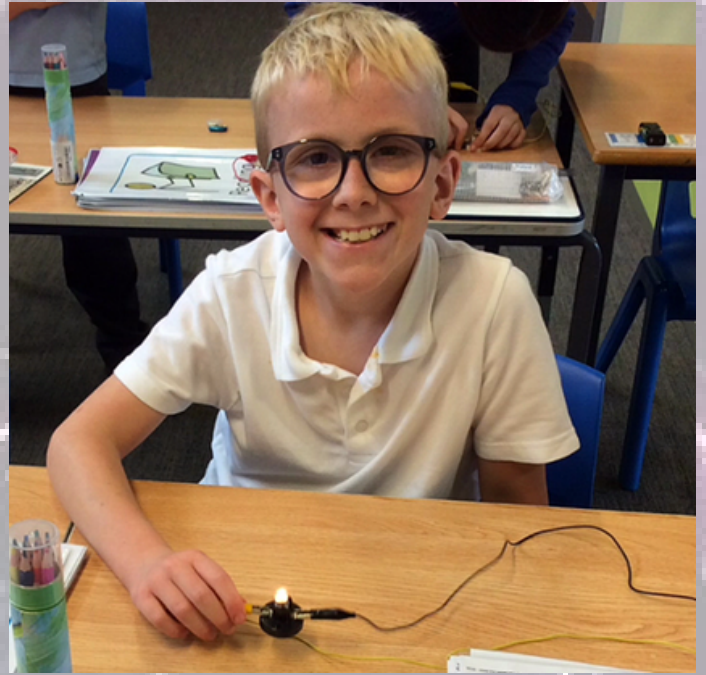
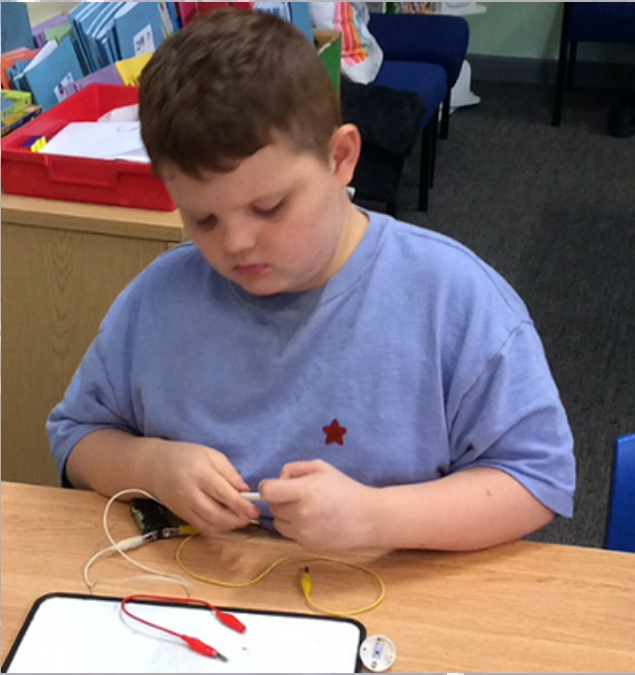
Well done Thinkers.



Solvers

This week in Science, we have been exploring electricity and creating circuits. The children had a lot of fun experimenting with different numbers of batteries and bulbs to see what would happen.

They most enjoyed making the fans rotate and the buzzers beep. It was lovely to see them so engaged and thinking critically about how to make their circuits work effectively.



Year 6 Blaby Council visit

On Thursday, Mr Robinson took a group of ten Year 6 pupils to visit the Blaby District Council offices as part of their inaugural Primary Youth Conference. Here, children from different schools across the Blaby district took part in a series of activities linked to British Values and Protected Characteristics, staying safe, building personal skills and how we are all responsible for shaping our local community.

They had the chance to speak with a local councilor and share ideas for how they could make the Glenfield area a better place, as well as take part in the democratic process by voting for the issues they felt were of the highest importance.

The children were fantastic all day and represented the school at the very highest level - we can't wait to go again next year!



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 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!



What a fantastic year of fundraising we had last year!

Thanks to the incredible support from our parents, carers and wider school community, we were able to raise funds to provide a fantastic range of resources and opportunities to support all of our children with their learning and school experience.

We are now getting ready for another exciting year and are holding our first GPPA (Glenfield Primary Parents Association) meeting of the new academic year. Whether you have been involved before or this is your first time, we would love to see you there!

Please see the details below.

We hope lots of you can join us and help us make another fantastic year for our children!

GPPA Meeting



Tuesday, 6 October 2026



18:30



At the school

The official agenda and annual report pack will follow shortly.

Everyone is welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!

Reminders

Please ensure you have registered to our new communications system, Arbor. Our current system will stop working at the end of the school day on Friday 25th September. If you are struggling to get logged in, please come to the school office and a member of staff will be able to help you.

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

The poster features a dark background with a decorative border of various autumn-themed illustrations, including pumpkins, gourds, and flowers in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The text is centered within a dark rectangular frame.

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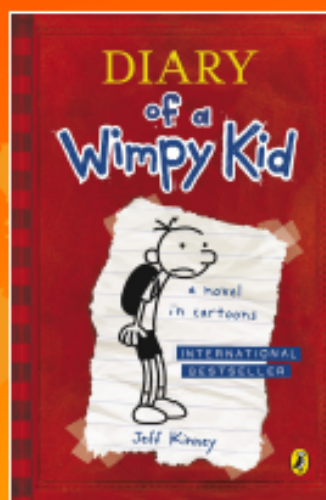
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DATE:

12th, 13th and 14th October

TIME:

During parents evening

LOCATION:

Glenfield Primary Reception

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.