

Glenfield Infant School

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We now have Poppy Appeal merchandise available in the office.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

The only way to know what events/trips are happening at school is to visit our **Dates for your Diary** page available on our website. This page is being updated daily and is the place to find out what's coming up. Please go to: **NEWS & EVENTS** and then **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (or scan the QR code). This will be updated regularly with upcoming events and you will find letters concerning the event/trip below the dates. There are links here also to find terms dates and inset days. Please make a point of checking this page each week for updates.

Year R Motor Skills & Writing Workshop & Stay & Play

Wednesday 15th November 2023, starts 2:30pm

This will start with a short meeting about how you can support your child to develop their gross and fine motor skills and how to have them feeling happy and ready to write. You will come in through the hall door (as previously).

After this there will be the chance to come down to your child's class and play with them. If you are unable to attend it might be worth letting your child know in advance so they don't get upset when they see other parents. Due to space constraints, we can only admit one adult per child. Younger siblings can come along if you cannot get childcare for them.

Help the Glenfield team...

We are looking for a cover cleaner and a midday assistant.

Email the office (info@glenfieldschool.co.uk) or pop in for more details.



Glenfield Handbook If you are finding your feet within the School and not sure of our procedures and expectations among all elements of school life, there is lots of information in our Glenfield Handbook. You will find it on our website under OUR SCHOOL and click PROSPECTUS.

PE DAYS 2023 Children should wear their kit to school:

Year R - Monday 😊 Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday 😊 Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday 😊

HEADS UP! >>

From Mrs Stamper



We have had a busy half term with children settling into routines and classes really well. Thank you for not sending rucksacks into school, it is a small thing but helps so much in keeping our corridors clear and free from tripping hazards.

Year 2 have had a visit from Buddy the NSPCC mascot and know all about how to Speak out to Stay Safe. For more information and support visit: [Glenfield Infant School - Dates for your diary \(glenfieldschool.co.uk\)](http://glenfieldschool.co.uk) at the bottom you will find an NSPCC letter.

Year 1 have walked to the local library this week and had a story time. Reading is so important for children's learning. Please look at the Booktrust's 'take 10 to read' tips (details on next page) and try and read every day with your child.

Year R have been working so hard with phonics and have been having fun on the way. They made **milkshakes** when learning the letter **m** and had **cupcakes** when learning the letter **c**!

We are really hoping that following our AGM, Friends of Glenfield (FOG) gains some momentum once again so that we can raise money for the school to improve our playground equipment. The planned film nights and Christmas fair will really help to boost funds. Do let the office know if you would like to be involved.

We have some exciting news to share... congratulations to Miss Collins who is expecting her first baby in February! **Welcome back** to Mr Farminer who returns as our Site Manager in November - he just couldn't stay away! **Welcome to the team** Esther Jonas and Aimee Kempton who join us as Learning Support Assistants.

Do have a lovely half term and keep safe if you are out trick or treating!
Best wishes, Mrs Stamper

PARKING ON THE ZIGZAGS IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL!!!!!!

Unfortunately we have an unprecedented number of parents parking in the turning circle outside the school's entrances. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas of zig-zags clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS (including the turning circle) between the hours of 8am and 6pm - this is illegal and you will incur a fixed penalty notice if you are caught by the CCTV car.

Park considerately of our neighbours - don't block driveways, dropped kerbs only use disabled bays if you hold a blue badge exemption card.

Don't park on the pavement/verges - this makes it unsafe for pedestrians who may be forced to walk on the road to get round your vehicle.

We appreciate your support in setting down or picking up your children away from the school boundary so that the entry or exit from school is safer for our children, their parents and our staff. Please allow enough time to park further away sensibly.

We have some families who have permission to use our car park for various reasons, if you don't have permission do not enter the car park.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We were delighted to welcome Joyce from Southampton City Mission who gave an assembly to Year 1 and Year 2 children.

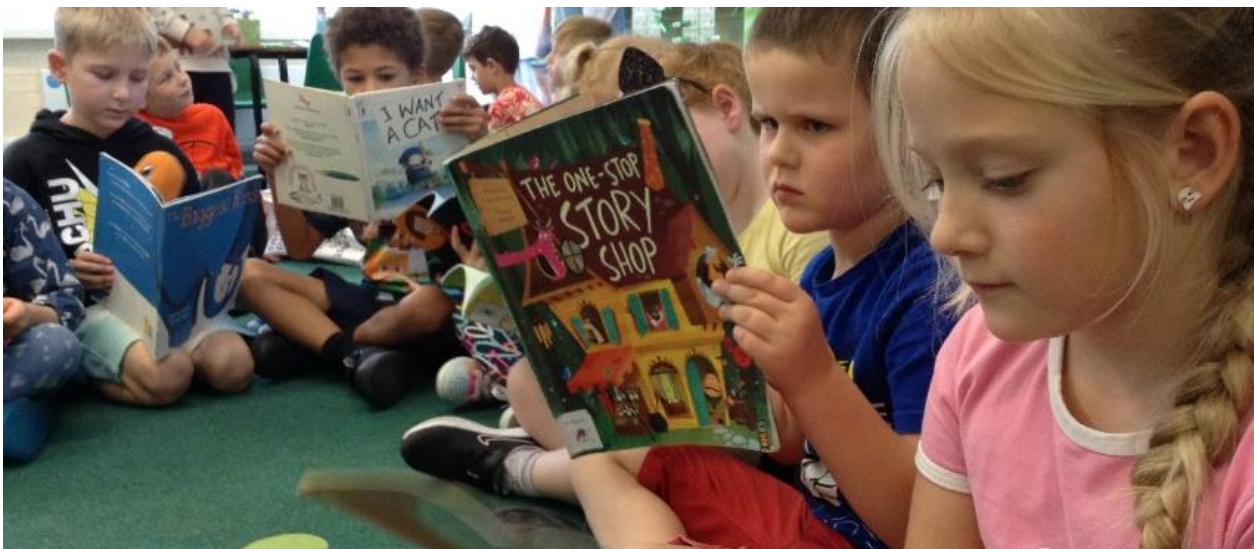
They gave us a message to pass on to our families:

We're so grateful that you have chosen to donate food for Southampton City Mission's food projects. With the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are especially grateful for the donations you have made this year. All of the food you give us goes to ordinary families and individuals in need in Southampton.

So, a heartfelt THANKYOU for helping people who are struggling in our city!



Southern Daily Echo If your Year R child was at school on Monday 2nd October (and you have granted consent) your child's class photo will be in the Southern Daily Echo on Friday 17th November.



Take 10 to read - Booktrust

To inspire everyone to get reading, calm their mind and boost their mood, Booktrust are encouraging the nation to grab their favourite book and read for 10 minutes every day. This is what Year 1 tried on World Mental Health Day. Find out more here: [Take 10 minutes to read every day | Words for Life](#)

PARENT'S MEETINGS

We are delighted to be returning to face-to-face Parent and Teacher meetings. You will have received a letter by now with details and the opportunity to choose a time range.

If you haven't received the information, you can find it on our website on the DATES FOR YOUR DIARY page. You will find the dates on this page and below the dates are relevant letters. Please contact your child's teacher via the class email if you haven't already completed a slip. It is really important to meet with your child's teacher to keep up-to-date with their progress and with any concerns you or the teacher may have. If you have a child in Year R and you've missed the meetings, please contact your child's teacher via the class email to arrange a convenient time.



APPLICATIONS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR 2024

If you pay your council tax to Southampton City Council you will need to go to:
[Apply for a school place \(southampton.gov.uk\)](https://southampton.gov.uk)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: ONLINE ONLY by no later than 15th January 2024.



MESSAGE FROM BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

If you have a child in Year 2 and would like to find out more about Beechwood Junior School we would like to invite you to our open evening on Wednesday 8th November at 5pm. You will have a chance to meet the senior leadership team, tour the school and ask any questions. If you would like to attend please complete the Google form below.

<https://forms.gle/5sWeX9mueyuLfbuL9>



Thanks to a very kind donation of wallpaper from a parent, Rabbit's class enjoyed practicing their 'Three Friend Hold' (pencil grip to you and me!) on Wednesday afternoon.

Macmillan Cake-Away

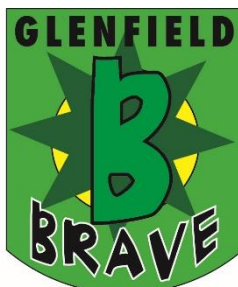
Mrs 'Wonderful' Webster and everyone at Glenfield send their heart-felt thanks for your kind donations towards our very successful CAKE-AWAY in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. **We managed to raise a whopping £602! WOW! THANK YOU!**



We had a fantastic CRICKET FESTIVAL last Friday, some of which we managed to get out in the playground for, albeit in a light drizzle. Here are the scores for our Sporting Houses this term so far!

1ST PLACE

3639 points



2ND PLACE

3420 points



3RD PLACE

3140 points



4TH PLACE

2997 points

