Glade Hill Primary & Nursery School
Family Newsletter
Autumn 1 2026

Self Motivated

Polite

Ambitious

Resilient

Kind and Caring

Learners

Enthusiastic

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Message from Mrs Stapleton

Welcome everyone to the 2026 - 2027 academic year at Glade Hill Primary and Nursery School.

As I shared on my letter, our three Priority Areas this year are:

- **Improving the attendance for <u>all</u> children**
- **Ensure all children develop strong foundations in their learning in their first years of school**
- **Further develop our Inclusion Strategy**

One important way that you can support us with these goals, is **making sure that your children are in school as much as possible**. Research shows that children with over 95% attendance achieve better grades, achieve their best and are happier and more settled in school.

Another way that you can support us with these goals, is by making sure that you **read with your child <u>at least</u> three times a week**. Regular practice is essential for building strong foundations early on and also ensuring this progress in reading continues, and reading is essential for improving achievement in writing and other subjects.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support in helping all our children be the best they can be! Kind regards,

Mrs Stapleton - Headteacher

Goose Fair day.

Friday 25 September

Children are invited to take part in our special Goose Fair day! Children can come to school wearing non-uniform and will take part in activities & games throughout the day
We will also be offering a special Goose Fair lunch!



School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting on **Wednesday 14 October** to take individual pupil and sibling photographs.

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Flu Immunisations

Flu vaccinations for children in years F2 to year 6 are taking place on **Monday 12 October**. Further information on how to register your child has been emailed to parents.



Harvest festival

The children will be celebrating HARVEST FESTIVAL on **Friday 2 October**.
We will be supporting The Bulwell and Bestwood Food Bank.
The food bank is in urgent need of the following items:

- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Long life fruit juice
- Instant mashed potato
- Jam, instant coffee and tea bags

Please send in your donations from Monday 28 September and ensure they are unopened and in date. Please note, we are unable to accept any fresh fruit/vegetables. Donations must be received by,
Friday 2 October

Bestwood & Bulwell foodbank

After School Club

After school clubs are now available to book via the Arbor.

Our clubs are very popular and places are limited, so **children who are allocated a place are expected to attend every session**.

If your child regularly misses sessions or chooses not to attend, their place may be given to another child on the waiting list**.**



Stay and Learn sessions

To support your child's learning and give you an opportunity to see how you can be involved in their education, we would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our **Stay and Learn sessions**.

The sessions will take place in your child's classroom on the dates listed below and will run from **9.00am to 9.30am**.

We ask that you continue to bring your child to school for **8.30am**, as usual. This will allow us time to register the children and ensure they are settled and ready to begin the session.

Parents and carers are asked to wait on the playground. Once the teachers are ready, they will invite you into the classroom.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **Monday 28 September** – Year 6
- **Tuesday 29 September** – Year 4
- **Wednesday 30 September** – Year 3
- **Tuesday 6 October** – Year 2
- **Tuesday 13 October** – Year 5
- **Thursday 15 October** – Year 1
- **Tuesday 10 November** – F2



Important Points To Remember



No dogs are allowed on the Glade Hill site with or without a lead, **this includes being carried.**



The Glade Hill site is a no smoking zone.



When parking outside school please be considerate of other road users and allow enough space for buses to pass. Please also ensure that you do not block any driveways.



Please remember to ring the school office to update any addresses or mobile phone numbers.

Wear Non uniform on your birthday!

At Glade Hill we want you to have the best birthday ever! This year we are letting children come to school in non-school uniform on their birthday. They will stand out and everyone will be able to make them feel really special.

If your child's birthday is on a school day send them in non-school uniform on the actual day only.

If your child's birthday is on a Saturday or Sunday send them in non-school uniform on the Friday before only.

If your child's birthday is in the holiday send them in non-school uniform on the Friday before we break up only.

Please make sure your child is in school uniform at all other times so it keeps it special for the Birthday Children.



Contacting Class Teachers

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, parents can email the teacher using the class email address.

Class email address are the class name (Oaks, Olives, Willows, Saplings etc) followed by @gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk

classname@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk

We ask that all parents follow our email guidelines:

- Emails must be polite and respectful.
- Emails should relate to classwork or class-related matters.
- If you have a complaint, please contact the school office in accordance with our complaints policy.
- Please do not use the class email to report your child's absence or to provide information about who will be collecting your child. These messages must be communicated via the school office.
- Teachers will not respond to emails while they are teaching. If you need to get an urgent message to the class teacher, this must be communicated through the school office.
- Teachers will aim to respond to emails within 48 hours.

Breakfast Club & After School Wrap around Care

We are delighted to offer a **FREE Breakfast Club**, starting at **8.00am** each morning.
We invite all children to attend. The Breakfast Club gives children the opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast, play games, chat and socialise with their friends, and get settled and ready for the school day.

We do still offer a paid breakfast club which starts at 7.45am at a cost of £1.00 per session.

We also offer wrap around care after school sessions running from 3.00pm – 5.30pm. The cost is £8.50 per child per session and children are offered a light snack.
The club takes places in our new SEN building, 'The Nook'
Bookings for all of these clubs must be made via the Arbor App at least 24 hrs in advance.

Attendance

We have had a great start to the year with attendance, we have already rewarded a class with 100% and a number of classes have already won the best attendance class trophy.
We will be sharing some other rewards with the children soon.

⏰ The School Day Starts at 8.30am

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is ready to start the school day at **8.30am**.

Gates open at 8.25am and all children should be in school for the start of the school day.

Once the gates have been closed you will need to come to the School Office and they will be marked as **'LATE'**, which may affect their attendance record.

🏖 Holidays During Term Time

Please be aware that **holidays taken during term time are not authorised**.

If we believe that a child has been taken out of school for an unauthorised absence, we will write to parents/carers and **a fine may be issued**.

🏠 Absence from School

In line with our school attendance policy, if your child is absent from school for **3 days or more**, we may:

- Carry out a **home visit**, and/or
- Request **medical evidence** to support the absence.

This may be required **even if you have informed the school of your child's absence**.

Diary Dates

Friday 25 September	Goose Fair Day
Friday 2 October	Harvest Festival
Monday 12 October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 14 October	Individual school photos
Thursday 5 November	Year 4 Leicester Museum Trip
Friday 27 November	Years 3, 4 & 5 Panto
Thursday 3 December	Year 6 Harry Potter Trip, London
Tuesday 8 December	Years 1 & 2 Snowdome
Tuesday 15 December	F2, Bluebells, Buttercups & The Nook Lakeside Theatre
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Craft day
Friday 18 December	Christmas dinner & Party Day

Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026
- **Starts:** Wednesday 2 September
- **Half term:** Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October
- **Ends:** Friday 18 December

Spring term 2027
- **Starts:** Monday 4 January
- **Half term:** Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
- **Ends:** Thursday 25 March

Summer term 2027
- **Starts:** Monday 12 April
- **Half term:** Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
- **Ends:** Wednesday 28 July

INSET DAYS

Friday 12 February 2027
Friday 28 May 2027
Friday 9 July 2027
Monday 12 July 2027