



**Glade  
Academy**

RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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## Newsletter ~ 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### **Last Week's Attendance...**

for the whole school was **94.9%**.

The class with the winning attendance was  
Ravens Class.

Congratulations to Evie Sheppard (Owlets Class) and  
Artur Majchrzak (Finches Class) for winning the £5.00 gift cards  
for having 100% for a whole week.

Congratulations to Jacob Hardy (Ravens) for winning the  
£10.00 gift card for having 100% for a whole half term.

**Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 78.3%**  
**Swans Class Attendance for last week = 98.1%**  
**Robins Class Attendance for last week = 96.3%**  
**Blue Jays Class Attendance for last week = 94.8%**  
**Flamingos Class Attendance for last week = 96.9%**  
**Finches Class Attendance for last week = 98%**  
**Ravens Class Attendance for last week = 98.8%**

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child isn't at  
school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress and  
their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will  
win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each  
half-term will win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100%  
attendance will win a £20.00 gift card.

### **Our Stars of the Week**

**Owlets Class Stars** = Melita Butkeviciute,  
Arabella Steed and Evie Sheppard

**Swans Class Stars** = Dominic Valter, Meadow Poile  
and  
Ezmae Rickard-Fitzgerald

**Robins Class Stars** = Elsie Carrick,  
Jobi Loveridge and  
Arthur Killingworth

**Blue Jays Class Stars** = Austin Ormrod, Ember-Ann  
Ford and  
Matilda Arnold

**Flamingos Class Stars** = Alfie Briston, Emily Randall  
and Erin Jameson

**Finches Class Stars** = Marcel Paszek, Artur  
Majchrzak and Anthony Lach

**Ravens Class Stars** = Marcel Marcjan, Emily-Julia  
Rayner and  
Sophia Potschul

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for  
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and  
Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for  
Learning.





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## Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic last couple of weeks of term! Early Years, Year One and Year Two performed their nativity, 'How Little Angel Got her Wings', and laid down the gauntlet for our older children...they were amazing. I still can't believe that some of our youngest children sang solos in front of so many people! Well done and thank you to all the children and adults involved in the production; your performance will be talked about for a long time, for all the right reasons, and you should feel very proud of yourselves!

On Monday afternoon, Years Three and Four walked to St. Peter's Church in Brandon and held a lovely Carol Service ~ beautiful singing and well-read readings and prayers; well done and thank you to everyone involved.

On Wednesday morning, a small group of carefully selected KS2 children (children who we knew would represent Glade Academy well, and would put effort into their beautiful singing) accompanied me and Mr. McDonald to Heathcote House to sing carols to the residents. The children were a credit to our school, sang beautifully and brought big smiles to lots of faces. We have been asked to go back more regularly and I'll talk to the staff team in the New Year about our plans for this.

We've had lots of lovely feedback for our Christmas Cracker Event yesterday evening ~ parents and members of the community letting us know how much they and their children enjoyed all the activities and the atmosphere of the event as a whole. A huge THANK YOU to the school's CoGS team (Community of Glade School) for all their hard work...there aren't many of them, but they make a real difference. Every penny of the money they raise gets spent on the children. If you'd like more information about joining our CoGS Team please speak to Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office, or catch me or Mrs. Peck on the gate in the morning...we will put you in touch with Kim and Katie 😊

Just a reminder that we do still have some vacancies for local governors on our Academy Council...we meet once each half-term (once every six to eight weeks) and in return for gaining your thoughts and voice as part of the management of the school, you would gain an overview of how the school runs, e.g. the school finances, staffing, future plans etc. Please let me, Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White (in the office) know if you would like more information about this.



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*Also, a reminder that we have a group of parents and carers which meets (usually on a weekly basis) to find out more about how children develop, reasons why they might behave the way they do, and what we can do as adults to best support the children in our lives. The parents and carers who have already been coming to these sessions have said that they find them really useful, and enjoyable and interesting! Please phone or message me or the school office if you are interested in joining us, or in finding out more about the group and what we do.*

*Please check the 'Dates for your Diaries' at the end of this newsletter for events which might be of use to you, or any events involving your children.*

*As always, many thanks for all your encouragement and support; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office if you have any questions or concerns, and they will ensure that the right member of staff gets back to you.*

*On behalf of Team Glade, have a wonderful Christmas break everyone! 😊*



Tracey McCarthy  
(Headteacher)



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## Dates for your Diaries:

### January:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term.  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 9am: Ravens Class Sharing Assembly.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 9am: Finches Class Sharing Assembly.

### February:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Owlets Parent Café.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 9am: Flamingos Class Sharing Assembly;  
2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café.  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly;  
2pm: Ravens Parent Café.  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Swans Parent Café.  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Finches Parent Café.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café.  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Robins Parent Café.

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.





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## March:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Blue Jays Class Sharing Assembly.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Robins Class Sharing Assembly.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Interim Reports go out; 9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am: Swans Class Sharing Assembly.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2pm: Ravens Parent Café.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2pm: Finches Parent Café.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Owlets Class Sharing Assembly; 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly; 2pm: Robins Parent Café.

## April:

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm: Swans Parent Café.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm: Owlets Parent Café.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Break.**

